

## FAQs

### Q1. What is Doctoral Program in management?

The doctoral program at IIM Bangalore is a five year full-time PhD Program. The main objectives of the doctoral programme in management at IIM-Bangalore are: (i) To provide rigorous training in cutting edge inter-disciplinary management research, and (ii) To train the next generation of academics that inspire business leaders and policy makers. The intent is to train future academics and the programme should not be confused with master's programs such as MBA.

### Q2. Can I complete the course on a part-time basis?

No, it is a full-time program.

### Q3. Who should do the Doctoral Program?

Students/professionals who want to pursue a career in advanced research and academics (including teaching) are the ideal candidates for this Program. The applicant should have high scholastic ability, aptitude for research and excellent analytical skills. He/She should have enough motivation to withstand the rigour of the Program.

### Q4. What is expected from the Doctoral Program students?

They are expected to complete two years of doctoral course work, pass a comprehensive exam, and high quality research as part of their dissertation.

### Q5. Do I need to be an MBA for doing this Program?

An MBA is not a pre-requisite. The course work for the PhD programme provides specific training in research methodologies, and tools and provides foundations for management research. Different areas prefer students from diverse backgrounds to match the area requirement.

### Q6. What is the level of rigour of the program?

The doctoral program is rigorous. It needs a very high quality of academic commitment and integrity. There are specific requirements at every stage of the Program.

### Q7. Where do the Doctoral Program students get placed?

Doctoral Program is oriented towards training students for academic careers in research and teaching. Such training is most highly valued by academic institutions. But leading Indian companies, MNCs, investment banks and consulting firms also value this program for certain positions requiring specialized research skills.

### Q8. When are these students allowed to take up outside employment?

Students are NOT allowed to seek employment while pursuing their full-time PhD degree.

**Q9. Do these students have a separate placement process?**

Institutes and firms looking for researchers generally contact Doctoral Program students and Doctoral Program office. The students can also avail the services of IIMB's Placement office.

**Q10. I am working in a technical position in my company. I want to switch to a managerial position. However, I have not done any management course. My first preference is a corporate job. Should I apply for Doctoral Program?**

For these kinds of career objectives related to a corporate career, a PhD degree might not be the most appropriate.

**Q11. What is the selection process of Doctoral Program?**

Based on the information provided by the applicants, candidates will be shortlisted (on the recommendation of the respective areas) for a written area test and/or interview. Candidates will be admitted to the Program based on a combination of multiple parameters, as specified by the respective areas. Please see document on Area Specific Admission Process for details.

**Q12. Do I have to take any test for getting admission into Doctoral Program?**

Candidates require a valid test score, from any one of the acceptable tests to the area(s) of specialization they are applying to. Please see earlier section in this document for details of acceptable test for each area of specialization.

**Q13. What is the purpose of Area specific selection tests and the interview?**

We attach high importance to an applicant's motivation and research capability. Interviews of selected applicants allows us to ascertain their motivation for research, and whether their aspirations and preparation are compatible with objectives and expectations of the Doctoral Program. The interview and test also gauge the academic preparation of the candidate for the specific area he/she has applied.

**Q14. How many students get selected per year?**

The selection is area specific and entirely depends on the candidate's performance.

**Q15. Do I apply for a specific area or can I choose my area after getting admission?**

You can apply to two areas but must mention your first and second preference in your application. Once a student is admitted to an area, a student is not permitted to change areas of specialization.

**Q16. Does IIMB allow foreign nationals to apply for the Doctoral Program?**

Yes, the eligibility criteria is the same.

**Q17. What's the degree/title that I get at the completion of the course?**

Students are awarded the degree of 'Doctor of Philosophy' (PhD) in Management.

**Q18. What financial aid is available?**

IIMB provides one of the best financial packages for doctoral students. Currently the students are provided monthly stipend for five years and are exempt from tuition fees. Several grants are available for educational purposes. For details refer 'Financial Aid' section of IIMB website.

**Q19. Do I have the scope to do interdisciplinary research?**

Yes, much of the research work done by our students is interdisciplinary in nature.

**Q20. Do the Doctoral Program students need to teach?**

No, but they are required to work closely with professors as teaching assistants and some may get opportunities to teach a few sessions.