

Ph. D. Programme

The Ph. D. Programme of IIMA admits students who have a strong academic background, are highly motivated and who have the intellectual curiosity to undertake original research. The programme prepares students for a career in academia or research positions in industry.

Candidates can apply to the following Areas of high levels of specialization: (1) Agriculture, (2) Economics, (3) Finance & Accounting, (4) Human Resource Management, (5) Information Systems, (6) Innovation and Management in Education, (7) Marketing, (8) Organizational Behaviour, (9) Production and Quantitative Methods, (10) Public Systems and (11) Strategy

Students spend generally a little over four years that includes two years of rigorous course work. From the First term onwards students take advanced Ph. D. level courses in the Area of high levels of specialization along with some recommended Post Graduate Programme (PGP) courses which provides a general management overview and develop basic skills for analyzing managerial problems. After completing the course work, students have to pass an Area Comprehensive Examination to demonstrate that they have reached a level of proficiency in the Area of high levels of specialization. Subsequently, students work on their Ph. D. dissertations. These dissertations are expected to make original contributions to an Area of management or to one of management's source disciplines.

Students admitted to the programme receive a comprehensive fellowship that covers all costs and in addition provided a modest living allowance. IIMA has excellent facilities in computing, library, and faculty resources. IIMA faculty members publish actively in scholarly journals and consult with industry and government within and outside the country. Case writing and related research are actively pursued by faculty and students.

Graduates of the Ph. D. Programme are placed in world class organizations in teaching, research and consulting positions. A total of 393 doctoral students have graduated from IIMA so far.

Basic Eligibility Criteria:

The candidate must hold, subject to the condition laid down below:

Entry Qualification	Minimum Duration*
Master's Or Post graduate diploma (2 yrs) Or Professional qualification - CA/ ICWA/CS with B.Com/Degree	3 years
B.Tech./ 4 year Degree with 6.5 CGPA or equivalent	4 years

* Duration for completion of Ph.D.

Condition:

The Master's degree or equivalent qualification/Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification should be: (a) from any of the Universities incorporated by an act of the central or state legislature in India or other educational institutions established by an act of Parliament or declared to be deemed as a University under section 3 of UGC Act, 1956; or (b) recognized by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India or (c) possess an equivalent qualification from an institution approved by AICTE.

Candidates who are in the final year of their Master's/Bachelor's Programmes that would make them eligible, can also apply. Such candidates, if selected, will be allowed to join the programme provisionally only if they submit a certificate latest by May 31, 2021 from the Principal/Head of the Department/Registrar or Director of the university/institute (issued on or before May 31, 2021) stating that they have appeared for the examinations (including practical examinations) in all the subjects required for obtaining the Master's/Bachelor's degree/equivalent qualification. Their admission will be confirmed only when they submit the mark sheets and a certificate of having passed the master's/bachelor's degree/equivalent qualification referred to in the certificate

issued by Principal/Registrar of their college/institute. The deadline for submission of mark sheet and the certificate is December 31, 2021. Please note that those candidates who have applied on the basis of their master's degree will have to submit final degree mark sheet/ certificate, and those who have applied on the basis of their B. Tech /4 year degree will have to meet the 6.5 CGPA (or equivalent) stipulation. Non-fulfilment of these conditions will automatically result in the cancellation of the provisional admission.

Selection Process

Candidates applying to the Ph. D. Programme are required to take the Common Admission Test (CAT) or a standard test in lieu of CAT. For NRIs and Foreign students this standard test is the Graduate Management Aptitude Test (GMAT).

Different Areas of high levels of specialization of IIMA have specified different standard tests that candidates applying to the Ph. D. Programme in their Areas can take in lieu of CAT. These standard tests are given in the following table:

Area of high levels of specialization	Standard Test in lieu of CAT *
Agriculture	GRE/GMAT/ UGC-JRF (Economics/ Development Studies/Development Economics/ Business Economics/ Management) ICAR-SRF (PGS – merit list for award of SRF)
Economics	GRE/GMAT/GATE/UGC-JRF in relevant discipline
Finance & Accounting	GRE/GMAT
Human Resource Management	GRE/GMAT/GATE
Information Systems	GRE/GMAT/GATE
Innovation and Management in Education	GRE/GMAT/GATE/UGC-JRF in relevant discipline
Marketing	GRE/GMAT
Organizational Behaviour	GRE/GMAT/UGC-JRF in relevant discipline
Production and Quantitative Methods	GRE/GMAT/GATE/UGC- NET JRF in Mathematical Sciences
Public Systems Group	GRE/GMAT/GATE/UGC-JRF (in relevant discipline)
Strategy	GRE/GMAT

** Valid for two years from the date of the standard test and should be valid on the deadline of submission of the application form*

Scores of CAT 2018, 2019 and 2020 are considered valid for application to the Ph. D. Programme in 2021.

Standard Test Score not required if an applicant is:

- PGP Alumni of any IIM
- PGPX/PGP-PMP Alumni of any IIM where such courses are offered

(Part-time/evening/week-end/Distance Learning programmes of IIM are NOT considered)

Candidates will be short listed on the basis of their performance in CAT or the standard test in lieu of CAT, academic background, and experience. The Ph.D. admission interviews will be held during March-April 2021. *IIMA may conduct online or face-to-face interviews depending upon the health advisory issued by the authorities at that time.*

Fellowship and Expenses

IIMA provides a comprehensive fellowship that covers all academic expenses including tuition, computer, library, medical insurance, placement and alumni fees, and in addition includes a monthly subsistence allowance of Rs.32,800/- (Slab A) for first and second years, Rs. 35,400/- (Slab B) after completing comprehensive examination and Rs. 39,300/- (Slab C) after submitting the TAC approved thesis proposal.

A Contingency Allowance of Rs. 25,000 per year (for five years) to cover research expenses, expenses on books, photocopying etc. are also available to all students. Students are entitled to get up to an amount of Rs.1,75,000/- (upper limit) for attending international conference/workshop/summer school during their entire tenure with Ph.D. Programme system (maximum 5 years). (Further details are described in the Ph. D. Programme Brochure).

Since the Ph. D. Programme is a full time residential programme, accommodation is provided to all the students in dormitories. A fixed number of houses for married students are available on campus.

How to Apply

Application Form and Brochure will be available online. Candidates can fill-up the application form online and is eligible to apply for a maximum of two Areas of high levels of specialization. An application fee of Rs.500/- can be paid through IIMA gate way. The last date for submitting the application will be January 21, 2021.

Also please refer to the IIMA's advertisement for Ph. D. Programme that will appear in leading newspapers during **September 2020**.

Important Dates to Note:

Link open for Online Application : **September 23, 2020**

Last date for submitting Online Application : **January 21, 2021**

For further information/clarifications, please contact:

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