

# One Year MBA

PGPX **2026-27** 







# Transformational Journey

# Chairperson's Message

Businesses across the world are transforming at a fast pace. In fact, the ancient saying, popularly attributed to the Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, "The only constant is change," is no longer a cliché in the present circumstances. Be it change in work practices, changes to technology, or sometimes changes in the light of global disruptions (pandemics, for instance), businesses have a constant need to reinvent themselves in order to stay relevant. In order to navigate through these changes, businesses need experienced managers, who can adapt to the ever-changing situations quite fast. Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA) caters to this need with its One-Year Postgraduate Programme for Executives, popularly referred to as PGPX. Next year it should be two decades, the programme is rated among the best in the world for career progression. Several alumni of the programme are making significant contributions as managers, CXOs, thought leaders and entrepreneurs.

We invite applications from high calibre candidates with demonstrated achievements in their professional career and wishing to transform themselves into future leaders. Candidates for this programme are selected through a rigorous selection process involving GMAT/GRE and a personal interview. Interviews are conducted across various locations in India and abroad. The average GMAT score is above 700, and the average work experience is around 6-7 years. Candidates come from a wide variety of industries in their prior work experience, including defence, oil and natural gas, energy, IT and IT services, automobiles, electronics, education, aviation, agriculture, healthcare, finance, government agencies, food processing, etc. This diversity in the class is much needed in order to strengthen peer-to-peer learning. The much needed modern skill of being interdisciplinary in their thought process becomes feasible with such a diverse batch. The profile of the batch is comparable with the top business schools in the world.

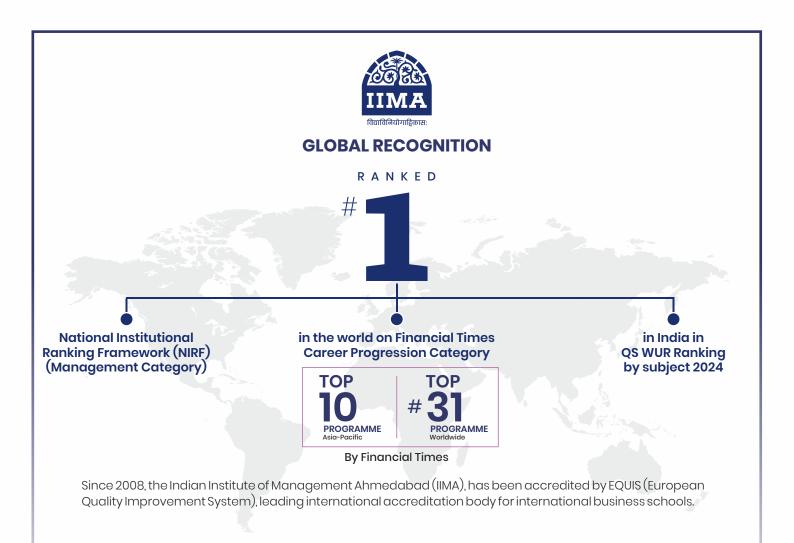
IIMA is renowned globally for its rigor in academics across programmes and PGPX is no exception. Students are expected to put in significant effort towards their classes, both before and after the class. The predominant pedagogical tool at IIMA, namely the case method, also provides students avenues to apply their conceptual learnings to real life problems. The motto of IIMA – Vidya Viniyogad Vikasah (development through application of knowledge) – is a guiding force for design and delivery of the programme. Over the years, corporates have been keen to welcome the PGPX graduates into their organizations in middle to senior management roles. Many students have also started their own enterprises and have been very successful at it.

I feel extremely confident that the programme will continue to offer a transformational journey for the PGPX students and the future batches will continue to add significant value to the organizations across the spectrum and make a mark for themselves in the world!



Chairperson, PGPX





# THE ONE YEAR MBA (PGPX) ADVANTAGE

TRANSFORMATIONAL JOURNEY

With a high calibre peer group selected through rigorous filtering and an intense and contemporary course curriculum, it is a perfect platform to boost your career growth and make yourself C-suite ready.

WORLD CLASS FACULTY AND RESEARCH

With a combination of experience and talent, our faculty creates top-notch programmes and cutting-edge research that influence businesses around the world.

UNIQUE PEDAGOGY

IIMA offers a rich pedagogy of case method which will encourage you to reflect, analyse, critique, innovate and eventually learn the intricate aspects of present-day businesses, organisations and industry. The course offers a rich mix of simulation exercises, games and role plays, outdoor field trips, projects and written assignments planned for you.

**PEER LEARNING** 

The peer group from a diverse set of industries and roles enrich the case discussions with multiple industry and functional perspectives.

**LIFE ON CAMPUS** 

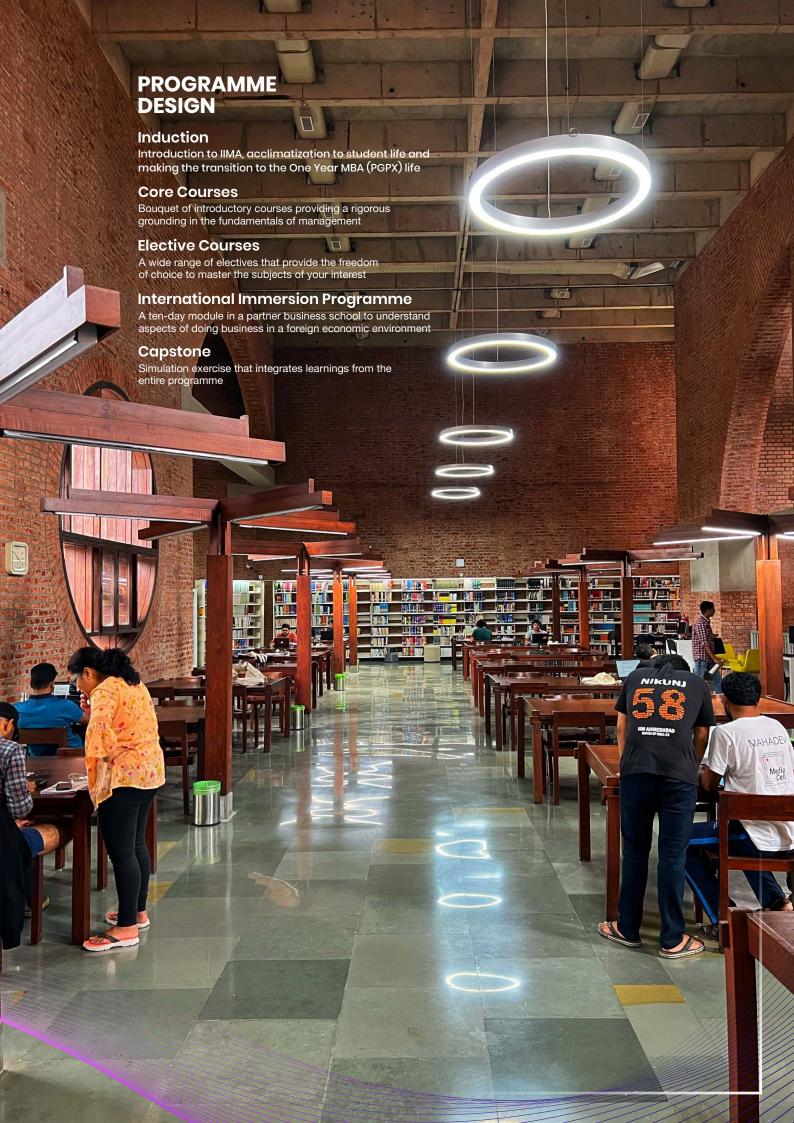
World-class comfortable accommodation with sports facilities, student driven business festivals, clubs and special interest groups.

**AGILITY & RESILIENCE** 

The intensity of a one-year programme equips our students to tackle complex situations in a fast paced and rapidly evolving world.

STRONG INDUSTRY CONNECT

IIMA has eminent faculties with deep industry experience along with a strong alumni network at leadership position across the world.



# THE COHORT OF ONE YEAR MBA (PGPX) 2025-26



**157** Students



**31 Years** Average Age



**30%** Women



7-8 Years Average Work Experience Average work experience: 7-8 years, 36% of students with international exposure in terms of work and studies

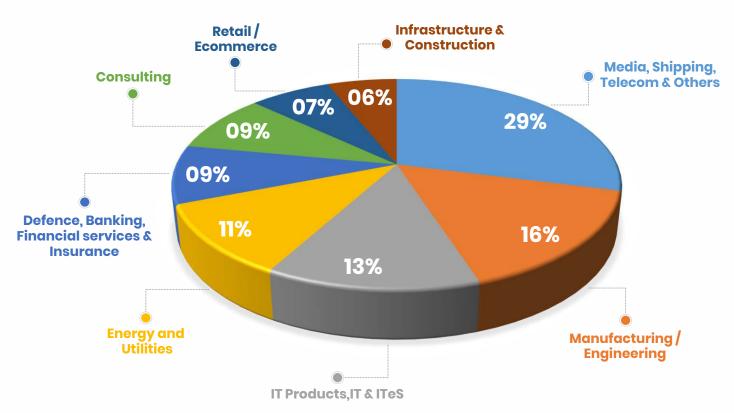


692 Average Score

642 Average Score

**322** Average Score

#### INDUSTRY DISTRIBUTION



# INTERNATIONAL IMMERSION PROGRAMME (IIP)

PGPX programme offers a two-week International Immersion Programme which is integrated with the academic curriculum of the programme with top business school across the world to provide much needed global exposure to candidates.

IIMA had tie-ups with the following international schools for the International Immersion Programme during the past five years.



WU Executive Academy, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

ESCP Business School Paris (France) & Berlin (Germany)





ESADE Business School, Madrid & Barcelona, Spain





ESSEC Business School





PLACEMENT & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

One Year MBA (PGPX) equips candidates to gear up for mid and senior leadership roles and makes them ready for creating enduring value for organizations across the spectrum. The PGPX is ranked No.1 in the Financial Times Global MBA Rankings under the "Career Progress" category. It has also been consistently recognized by the annual QS World University Rankings as the finest one-year residential MBA programme in India.

The PGPX attracts recruiters from various sectors such as consulting, manufacturing financial services, information technology, logistics and diversified business groups prefer to hire business leaders for their middle and senior management roles from the programme.

The career services at IIMA have been designed in a student centric manner. The profiles and aspirations of the batch are kept in mind when the placement office and the student team carries out industry outreach and thereafter facilitates the recruitment process. As the PGPX students come with varied industry experience, the placement process is designed based on the requirements of the individual batches, so as to align it to the middle and senior roles that the participants wish to take up after graduation.

To assist the students, choose the right career path, the placement office and student placement committee organizes workshops, speaker sessions, and individual coaching sessions. These sessions are aimed at providing the students with key inputs that facilitate a focused career progression. There is a dedicated resource for managing corporate relations who works closely with the placement team and the student body to help students onboard recruiters for the campus placement process.

IIMA is one of the only schools that regularly gets its placement reports audited by an independent agency before making them public. Our past reports are available from 2011 onwards at

https://www.iima.ac.in/academics/MBA-PGPX/careers-and-placements

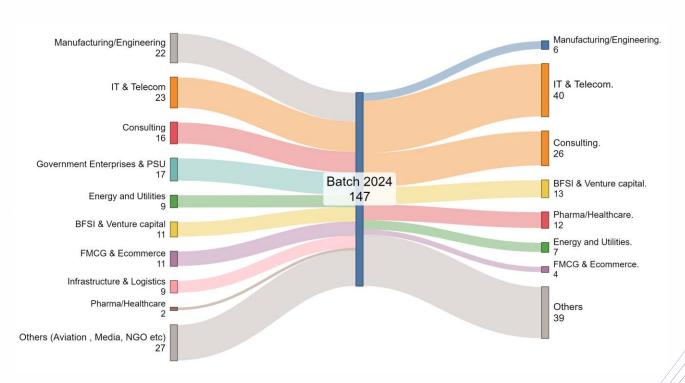
#### **PROMINENT RECRUITERS**

- > Accenture
- > Adani Digital
- > Adani Transmission
- > Amazon
- > Arthur D. Little
- > Bain Capability Network
- > Boston Consulting Group
- > Boston Consulting Group SEA
- > Decimal Technologies
- > Delcaper
- > Deloitte
- > ElasticRun
- > Eques Capital

- > EY-Parthenon
- > FinIQ Consulting
- > Flipkart
- Genpact
- Google
- > Gujarat Gas
- > Gujarat Samachar
- > Indegene
- > JSW
- > Kotak
- > Lenskart
- Magicpin

- > Mahindra Group
- McKinsey
- > Microsoft
- > Near Intelligence
- Ola Electric
- > Persistent Systems
- > Pravaig
- > PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Simplilearn
- > Skit.ai
- > SofTech Engineers
- > UBS

#### TRANSFORMATIONAL JOURNEY



#### **TESTIMONIALS**

GGPX (One-year MBA) has been truly a transformational journey for me. I must acknowledge the programme's role in my professional as well as personal life. Knowledge and experience gained from the course, peers and the professors help at workplace. However, I feel the impact is stronger beyond 8hrs of the day. Faster decision making, multi-tasking, parallel processing and time utilization have immensely impacted my perspectives towards facing new challenges in life. As an individual I have only grown and PGPX (One-year MBA) has a very crucial role to play in this journey.



Puja Chakraborty One Year MBA (PGPX) Class of 2017-18 Head of Product, adidas gaming

(( If I had to describe the PGPX programme in just a short phrase, I would call it a truly transformative journey. Academically rigorous yet fun, this programme allowed me to explore multiple facets of my personality. In my humble opinion, the best part about PGPX was that you could mold your own experience and prioritize the multiple available activities as per your need. The support from everyone here – the Professors, administrative staff, and the cohort – was admirable. I will surely carry the practical learnings from this course throughout my professional career.



Ananya Roy
One Year MBA (PGPX) Class of 2022-23
Senior Product Manager,
Wells Fargo

The PGPX program at IIMA has given me the right pedigree that has helped me grow professionally, academically, and personally. One year at IIMA has enabled me to transform myself and has given me the right set of skills to succeed in the Corporate World after serving my term with the Indian Armed Forces. The experienced and specialised faculty at IIMA has stretched me mentally to help me reach my full potential through continual challenges and support. Looking back, I am a completely changed person.



Manishkumar Pandey
One Year MBA (PGPX) Class of 2021-22
Pathways Operations Manager
Cluster Operations Manager,
Amazon

evolved the most; it would be my one year at IIMA. The experience of living and learning on campus, working with your syndi mates 24/7, developing a rapport with your professors as you try to solve some of the most challenging, yet interesting case studies is invaluable and life changing. Day in and day out, you are taught 'how' to visualise business problems and leverage your cohort's combined skill sets to arrive at solutions together. Every semester makes you grow as a person as well as a team. It is a bespoke offering for experienced professionals looking to explore new pathways as one 'unlearns' to 're-learn' multitudes of business, technical and soft skills.



Akshita Kapoor One Year MBA (PGPX) Class of 2019-20 Program Manager Global Agency Investment Programs Meta

IIMA Ventures (Formerly known as IIMA-CIIE) is the innovation continuum that studies, educates, incubates, accelerates and invests in early-stage startups, aspiring entrepreneurs and investors.

IIMA Ventures has mentored over 7000 founders, accelerated over 1700 startups, provided catalytic capital to over 750 companies, and inspired over a million people with our 400+ publications. It has been a pioneer on multiple fronts including India's first accelerator - iAccelerator, India's largest idea scouting competition - The Power of Ideas, India's first climate fund - INFUSE Ventures, India's biggest platform for inclusive fintechs - Bharat Inclusion Initiative, India's first entrepreneurship bestseller - Stay Hungry Stay Foolish, and many more.

IIMA Ventures is recognised as a Centre of Excellence by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.



#### **ADMISSIONS**

## Eligibility

SCORE: GMAT/GRE

AGE: Minimum 25 years

WORK-EX: Min 4 years full-time work-ex after graduation

3. Shortlisting announcement

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree or equivalent in any discipline

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

2. Submit the final application with application

4. Essay & resume submission 6. Final selection

5. Interview with IIMA faculty members

Application portal opens

Stage 1: Application & Shortlist

**Application Open Application Close** 

Shortlist

Essay submission

Round 1

July 07, 2025 Sep 08, 2025

Sep 15, 2025

Sept 15 - 17, 2025

Round 2

Sept 22, 2025

Nov 24, 2025

Dec 05, 2025 Dec 05 - 07, 2025

Stage 2: Personal Interviews

Ahmedabad & Delhi & Overseas (Zoom)

Mumbai & Bangalore

Oct 3 - 4 - 5, 2025

Oct 10 - 11 - 12, 2025

Dec 19 - 20 - 21, 2025

Jan 9 - 10 - 11, 2026

Final Selection

Result Announcement

Oct 31, 2025

Jan 20, 2026







#### **WEBINARS**

IIMA PGPX Webinar Series provides a preview to the thought-provoking content associated with the PGPX programme. The webinars, held throughout the year, will each feature different IIMA faculty members and students as they discuss content that is critical to the success of today's executives. Register for one or all of these sessions to get a taste of what the PGPX at IIMA is all about.

For more information | CLICK HERE

#### WHAT DO WE LOOK FOR? **IDEAL CANDIDATE**

- Quality and richness of managerial / individual contributor experience, business and industry awareness
- Curiosity and hunger to excel in the world of business
- Social and always keen to meet interesting, mature and well-read individuals
- Interview is an opportunity to showcase one's awareness and curiosity, backed by initiatives and career choices

- Benchmark yourself with achievements of IIMA alumni, potential to excel and a willingness to listen and learn
- Be straightforward in your application
- Strong academic background and test scores are important. Academic performance from undergrad will be considered

#### FEE

The Programme Fee for the 2025-26 PGPX Batch is INR 34.15 lakhs for candidates opting for SSH (Single Accommodation) and 36.20 Lakhs for candidates opting for MSH (Married Student Housing) plus the cost of International Immersion Programme (IIP) excluding travel and stay related expenses. PGPX fee is usually a packaged/bundled fee which includes, for every student—tuition fees, books and course materials, accommodation and other service facilities such as library, computing, network changes etc. However, this does not include the cost of the International Immersion Programme (IIP). Utilities such as electricity, telephone, laundry, and sports/gym subscriptions are additional and to be paid as per usage charges.

#### **FINANCIAL AID**

Loans can be easily availed from the on-campus SBI Branch or all other banks. A maximum of 5 students may get an interest waiver, which may cover one-year loan interest. (subject to a maximum of INR 3 lacs per selected candidate). PGPX is a unique program with participants from varied experiences. For a better classroom experience and more distinct student profiles, the PGPX program has introduced scholarships for entering students. To recognise exceptional performance in the program, PGPX has also introduced awards for students at the time of graduation.

#### Scholarships at entry \*

Entry scholarships are available for defense personnel, Central and State government employees, foreign passport holders, non-male candidates, individuals with not-for-profit work experience, and those with medically verifiable disabilities. Additionally, scholarships are offered to candidates who have demonstrated excellence in sports or fine arts at the national or international level.

25% of Fees

#### Scholarships at graduation\*

Scholarships based on exceptional performance during the academic year of the PGPX program are awarded at the time of graduation.

15% of Fees

#### \* IIMA Financial Aid committee grants the scholarships based on varied criteria









SPONSORED CANDIDATES

IIMA welcomes sponsored candidates (individual or in groups) from organisations looking to groom managers for leadership positions. The Human Resource and Learnings & Development teams are encouraged to get in touch with the PGPX (One-year MBA) office for more details.

#### RESERVATIONS

The Institute will follow Govt of India's reservation policy for EWS, NC-OBC, SC, ST and PWD.

# **STUDENT LIFE AT IIMA CAMPUS**





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