

# Indian Institute of Management Bodh Gaya

Magadh University Campus, Bodh Gaya, India, PIN 824234

*Admission Criteria, Admission Process and Selection Process for Ph. D.*

## Admission Criteria

IIM Bodh Gaya's Ph. D. program aims to admit individuals with exceptional academic background, strong motivation and discipline, and potential to become excellent researchers at international level. It is expected that research students will come from a variety of disciplines ranging from social sciences and humanities to physical sciences and engineering. Applicants are evaluated on their past academic achievements, motivation and preparation for the programme, letters of recommendation, scores on standard tests, and a personal interview with the faculty.

### Qualification

Candidates must possess one of the following qualifications to apply for IIM Bodh Gaya's doctoral programme:

Master's degree in any discipline, with at least 60 per cent marks or equivalent grade point average

or

Professional qualifications like CA, ICWA, CS with at least 60 percent marks or equivalent grade point average

or

Five year/four year Integrated Master's degree programme in any discipline, with at least 60 percent marks, obtained after completing higher secondary schooling (10+2) or equivalent.

or

Four Year/Eight Semester Bachelor's Degree in Engineering (B.E./B.Tech./ B. Arch.) with a minimum CGPA of 6.5 out of 10 or equivalent.

Those who are appearing for their final year examination in the current academic year may also apply. However, their admission to the programme will be provisional subject to their successful completion of all requirements for obtaining the relevant degree before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

\*The percentage of marks obtained by the candidate would be calculated based on the practice as followed by the respective University/Institution. In case of grades / CGPA, the conversion to percentage of marks would be based on the procedure as certified by the respective University/ institution. If any University/institution confirms that there is no scheme for converting CGPA into equivalent marks, the equivalence would be established by dividing the candidate's CGPA by the maximum possible CGPA and multiplying the result with 100.

**Age Limit:** Candidate must not be more than 40 years as on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

**Reservation:** IIM Bodh Gaya will follow strictly the Government of India's Reservation Policy.

## **Admission Process**

Candidates who fulfil the eligibility criteria as stated above are required to take Common Admission Test (CAT) held by the IIMs. Alternatively, those who have qualified GATE, GRE, GMAT or JRF-NET(UGC/CSIR) examinations can also apply in the relevant area of specialization. Scores of any of these examinations including CAT taken during the last two years (two years from the date of the standard test and should be valid on the deadline of submission of the application form, i.e., on or after 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2019) will be considered valid. Admission to the programme is open to overseas candidates including NRIs and foreign nationals.

Candidates who have already have two-year full-time PGP completed in last 10 years from IIMs with minimum grade point equivalent to 6.0 out of 10 point scale or equivalent (with no 'F's and not more than two 'D's in the first year of PGP) are exempted from the test score, and can apply directly. It is necessary that candidates applying for exemption from test must attach copies of both side of the grade sheet to ascertain the equivalence between the grading systems of other IIMs, without which, the application for exemption from test will not be considered.

The candidates short-listed on the basis of their academic record and performance in the competitive examinations mentioned above will be called to IIM Bodh Gaya for a personal interview for final selection and the successful candidates will receive offers by end May of that year.

A candidate receiving admission offer from IIM Bodh Gaya and accepting the offer within the stipulated date needs to send a commitment fee of Rs. 30,000 (the date of submission will be mentioned in admission offer letter) along with Offer Acceptance Form which will be adjusted against the amount of first instalment.

If a candidate subsequently wishes to withdraw the offer within the withdrawal date specified in the Offer Letter, Offer Acceptance Amount will be refunded after deducting Rs. 1000/- as processing charges. In the event of withdrawal from the Programme after registration, and if seat consequently falling vacant gets filled by another candidate by the last date of admission, IIM Bodh Gaya will return the fees collected with proportionate deductions of fee and hostel rent, where applicable.

## Selection Process

**1. Test Score (CAT/GRE/GMAT/GATE/JRF-UGC/CSIR) cut-off to shortlist for PI.**

The CAT/GRE/ GMAT/GATE/JRF-UGC/CSIR percentile will be used for shortlisting candidates for PI. The tentative category-wise minimum percentile is as follows:

Minimum Percentile of CAT/GRE/GMAT/GATE/JRF-UGC/CSIR

Test	General/EWS	NC-OBC	SC/ST/PWD
CAT	80	75	65
CAT Sectional	70	65	55
GRE (Sectional)	70	65	65
GMAT	80	75	65
GMAT Sectional	70	65	55
GATE	80	75	65
JRF-UGC/CSIR	All JRF Qualified		

The respective area will decide the number of candidates to be called for PI on the basis of short listed merit list prepared for each category and specialization. However, if the actual number of shortlisted candidates were found to be more than the required number of candidates to be called for PI category-wise, then the overall as well as section wise minimum score would be increased to get the desired number of candidates.

**2. Personal Interview**

Upon being shortlisted as per the score of entrance test the candidate has to appear for a personal interview at IIM Bodh Gaya in front of the selection panel. The selection panel will assess the suitability of the candidates for research work based on the portfolio of the candidate. The committee will look into a consistently good academic record, professional accomplishments, research interest etc.

**3. Preparing the Merit List**

Merit List will be prepared based on Test Score, Personal Interview, Academic Qualification and Relevant Work Experience, Research Aptitude & Publications and Reference Letter.

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## *Financial Assistance to Ph.D. Students*

IIM Bodh Gaya will provide scholarship to full time Research Students (Ph.D.). It will cover all academic expenses (consisting of tuition, computer, library fees) and hostel fee.

### **Scholarship**

- Stipend till Comprehensive Exam: Rs. 32,800/- per month
- Stipend post Comprehensive Exam: Rs. 35,400/- per month
- Stipend post approval of Thesis: Rs. 39,300/- per month

### **Additional Financial Support**

- Contingency Grant: Rs.25,000 per year for four years
- To purchase Laptop: Rs.50,000 per one time grant
- To attend Conferences: Rs.1,75,000 for conferences after completion of Comprehensive Exam (Max within 5 years)

### **Important:**

- Selected candidates need to pay caution deposit of Rs.30,000/- at the time of registration. Caution money is refundable after adjusting dues, if any, at the time of leaving the Institute.
- Insurance premium will be deducted from the Contingency Grant every year.
- Contingency Grant will be available for purchase of books, stationary, journal subscription, professional annual membership fee (student rates) of one national and one international society, and travel related to thesis work.
- The institute reserves the right to charge any other fees from the students or increase the fees if considered necessary. Due notice would be given, while making such changes.
- Teaching Assistance ship for one course per year is mandatory and unpaid.
- If any self-sponsored candidates want to join full time Ph.D., the applicant has to pay full fee as IIM Bodh Gaya Rules.

The Financial assistance has been recommended slightly better based on the financial assistance provided by other IIMs. This may help in attracting good students to IIM Bodh Gaya.