



भारतीय प्रबंध संस्थान बोधगया
Indian Institute of Management
Bodh Gaya

Admission Policy for Ph.D. 2025

1. Admission Criteria

1.1. 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.

1.2. Qualification

1.2.1. 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 percent 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 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 at least 65 percent or equivalent.

1.2.2. 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 30th June 2025.

1.2.3. The percentage of marks obtained by the candidate would be calculated based on the rule as followed by the respective University/Institution. In absence of such rule, all the subjects on the marksheets should be considered while calculating the passing percentage marks. 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.

1.3. Age Limit: Candidate must not be more than 40 years as on 1st June 2025.

2. Admission Process

2.1. 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 (UGC/CSIR/or equivalent) examinations can also apply in the relevant area of specialization. The date

of examination for GATE/GRE/GMAT/JRF must be 1st July 2022 or after and its score/result must be valid on or after 1st January 2025. Score of CAT 2022, CAT 2023 and CAT 2024 will be considered. Admission to the programme is open to Indian citizens only.

2.2. Candidates who have already passed two-year full-time PGP completed in last 5 years from IIMs with minimum 60 percent marks or equivalent 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.

2.3. 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 the end of May 2025.

2.4. Offer Acceptance Amount: A candidate receiving admission offer from IIM Bodh Gaya and accepting the offer within the stipulated date needs to pay a commitment fee of Rs. 30,000 (the date of submission will be mentioned in the admission offer letter). The commitment fee will be adjusted against the caution/security deposit.

2.5. Registration Fee: Registration fee at the time of Admission: Rs. 2000
Annual Registration fee at the time of starting of new academic year: Rs. 1000

2.6. Withdrawal: 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. The withdrawal request date and other details will be notified at the time of result declaration.

3. Selection Criteria

3.1. Test Score (CAT/GRE/GMAT/GATE/JRF(UGC/CSIR)/IIM Bangalore Ph.D. Test) cut-off to shortlist for PI.

3.1.1. The CAT/GRE/ GMAT/GATE/JRF-UGC/CSIR/IIM Bangalore Ph.D. Test Score/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	NC-OBC/EWS	SC/ST/PwD
CAT	Overall	80	75	65
	Sectional	70	65	55
GRE	Sectional*	70	65	55
GMAT	Overall	80	75	65
	Sectional*	70	65	55
GATE**		All GATE Qualified		
JRF(UGC/CSIR)**		All JRF Qualified		
IIM Bangalore	Will be decided by the Admission Committee of IIM Bodh Gaya			

* Verbal and Quantitative sections only.

** Only Relevant Subjects of GATE/JRF will be considered.

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3.1.2. 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. Candidate's academic profile from class X onwards will also be considered at the time of shortlisting.

3.2. 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 PI process will be of two stages. The first stage will be of qualifying nature. Those who will qualify in the first stage, will be asked to appear in the second stage of the process. In the second stage, 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, research aptitude, etc.

3.3. Preparing the Merit List: Merit List will be prepared based on Personal Interview & Research Aptitude (second stage of PI), Academic Qualification and Relevant Work Experience. The following criteria will be applied for preparing the merit list.

- Personal Interview & Research Aptitude: 60%
- Work Experience: 15% (Candidate should have relevant work experience and accordingly marks will be given by selection panel)
- Academic Profile: 25%
 - 10th Standard : 5%
 - 12th Standard : 5%
 - Graduation : 10% (15% for the BE/BTech applicant without PG)
 - Post-Graduation: 5%

Any dispute concerning Admissions for the PhD 2025 batch would be subject to jurisdiction of the competent courts within the territorial jurisdiction of city of Bodh Gaya Only.