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# Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad

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## *MBA-PGPX Admissions Guide*

Post Graduate Programme in Management for Executives

## IIM Ahmedabad — MBA-PGPX Admissions Guide

## Who Can Apply?

The MBA-PGPX is designed for seasoned professionals who are ready to make a significant transition in their careers. The programme targets individuals who bring depth of experience and are prepared to engage in a rigorous, peer-led academic environment. To be considered, applicants must meet the following criteria.

Criterion	Requirement
Education	Bachelor's Degree or equivalent in any discipline (minimum 15 years of formal education: 10+2+3 or 10+2+4)
Minimum Age	25 years as on March 31, 2026 (born on or before March 31, 2001). There is no upper age limit.
Test Score	A valid GMAT or GRE score from a recognised test centre, taken within the last five years. Online or take-home exam scores are not accepted.
Work Experience	Minimum four years of full-time work experience after graduation, as on March 31, 2026.
Application Round	Candidates may apply in one round only per admissions cycle.

## The Admission Process

Selection for the PGPX 2026-27 batch is conducted across two rounds and follows a structured two-stage evaluation. The process is intentionally comprehensive — it assesses not just academic aptitude but leadership capability, professional depth, and the potential to contribute meaningfully to the cohort and to the programme's legacy.

### Application Submission

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The process begins with the submission of your online application, accompanied by a valid GMAT or GRE score from a test centre. IIM Ahmedabad does not accept scores from online or take-home examinations, so it is important to plan your test date well in advance. Beyond the score itself, the application captures your academic background, professional history, and career intent. Strong applications reflect a clear sense of purpose — why the MBA-PGPX, why now, and how the programme fits into a deliberate career trajectory. Given that you may apply in only one round per admissions cycle, choosing the right round is a strategic decision in itself.

### Shortlisting

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Once applications close, the admissions committee conducts a holistic review of every submission. Shortlisting is not based on GMAT scores alone. The committee considers the overall strength of the profile including the quality of work experience, evidence of leadership in professional or community settings, career progression, and academic background. IIM Ahmedabad has a stated commitment to building a diverse cohort — candidates from non-traditional industries, backgrounds outside management consulting and finance, or those with international exposure often find their profiles valued precisely for the perspective they bring to the classroom. Shortlisting results are communicated directly to candidates by email.

### Essay Submission

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Shortlisted candidates are required to submit written essays on specified topics within a defined time window. These essays serve a distinct purpose from the initial application — they are an opportunity for candidates to demonstrate depth of thought, clarity of expression, and the ability to engage with complex ideas under time constraints. Essay prompts at IIM Ahmedabad typically explore themes of professional decision-making, leadership under ambiguity, and personal values. It is advisable to approach these prompts with specificity rather than generality — grounding your responses in real experience and drawing clear, honest conclusions tends to resonate far more than abstract or overly polished narratives.

### Personal Interview

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The final stage is a face-to-face personal interview conducted in offline mode at IIM Ahmedabad. The interview panel comprises faculty members from the institute who evaluate candidates across several parameters: professional background and the quality of experience, career progression and the reasoning behind key decisions, academic preparedness for a rigorous programme, leadership potential, significant accomplishments, and interpersonal skills. Unlike some other institutions, the PGPX interview tends to be a genuine, in-depth conversation rather than a formulaic assessment. Panels frequently probe beyond the resume — expect to discuss the substance of your work, your professional beliefs, and the thinking behind your career choices. Preparation that prioritises depth of self-reflection over surface-level performance tends to yield the strongest outcomes.

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## Admission Timeline for the 2026-27 Batch

### Round 1

	Application Opens	Shortlisting	Essay and Interview	Final Selection
Date	July 22, 2025	August 5, 2025	September 17 to October 17, 2025	December 18, 2025

### Round 2

	Application Opens	Shortlisting	Essay and Interview	Final Selection
Date	September 22, 2025	November 21, 2025	November 7 to December 2025	January 28, 2026

## Scholarships

IIM Ahmedabad offers merit-based and diversity-linked scholarships to support candidates who may not otherwise be able to pursue the programme. Scholarships are administered by the IIM financial aid committee and are granted at two distinct stages of the programme.

Scholarship	Amount	Awarded
On Admission	25% of Programme Fees	At the time of admission
On Graduation	15% of Programme Fees	At the time of graduation

Scholarships on entry are available to defence personnel, central and state government employees, foreign passport holders, non-male candidates, individuals with significant not-for-profit work experience, and those who have demonstrated excellence in sports or the fine arts. Additional scholarships are offered to applicants with nationally or internationally verifiable disabilities. All scholarship decisions are made at the discretion of the IIM Ahmedabad financial aid committee.

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## Important Notes

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**01 Round Selection**

You may apply in one round only per admissions cycle. Take time to evaluate both rounds against your current profile, test readiness, and professional timeline before committing to a submission date.

**02 GMAT and GRE Validity**

Test scores must have been taken at a recognised test centre within the last five years. Scores from online or take-home examinations are not accepted under any circumstances.

**03 Interview Format**

All personal interviews are conducted face-to-face at IIM Ahmedabad in offline mode only. There is no provision for a virtual or remote interview regardless of location.

**04 Interview Invitations**

Interview invitations are issued exclusively to shortlisted candidates by email. Candidates who do not receive an invitation are not eligible to proceed to the interview stage.

**05 Government Reservations**

The institute follows the Government of India reservation policy for EWS, NC-OBC, SC, ST, and PWD categories. Eligible candidates should indicate their category at the time of application.

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