



Indian Institute of Management Bangalore

MBA-EPGP Admissions Guide

Executive Post Graduate Programme in Management

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Who Can Apply?

The MBA-EPGP at IIM Bangalore is a one-year full-time residential programme that awards a Master of Business Administration degree — one of the very few executive programmes in India to grant a degree rather than a diploma. Ranked 34th globally by the Financial Times in 2026 and 3rd globally for career progress, the programme is built for experienced professionals ready to move decisively into senior leadership.

Criterion	Requirement
Education	Bachelor's degree in any discipline with minimum 50% marks or equivalent CGPA (45% for SC, ST, and PwD). Applicants who have completed CA, ICWA, or CS after Class XII are also eligible.
Work Experience	Minimum 5 years of full-time work experience after graduation, as on March 31, 2026. Ideally fewer than 12 years. Sponsored candidates are welcome.
Test Score	Valid GMAT or GRE score from a recognised test centre, valid on the date of submission. Online or take-home scores are not accepted. GMAT code: Q9H-KK-84 GRE code: 1675.
Documents	Statement of Purpose (600 words), two online reference letters (one from current employer), academic transcripts, and work experience documentation.
Round Policy	Candidates may apply in one round only. Applying in more than one round results in automatic disqualification at any stage.

The Admission Process

Admissions to the EPGP 2026-27 batch are conducted across three rounds. The selection process is multi-dimensional — final offers are based on a composite score drawing from academic track record, GMAT or GRE performance, quality of work experience, Writing Ability Test performance, and the personal interview. There is no published minimum GMAT score; the Class of 2025 averaged 697.

Application Submission

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The process begins with the online application at iimb.ac.in, accompanied by your GMAT or GRE scorecard, academic transcripts, work experience documents, and a Statement of Purpose of up to 600 words. The SOP is the only essay-type element in the written application — it is your primary opportunity to articulate who you are beyond your resume, conveying your motivations, goals, and why the EPGP is the right vehicle for your transition. Two reference letters are mandatory and must be submitted online directly by your referees before the round deadline. The application fee is non-refundable, and incomplete applications are not considered.

Shortlisting

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Once a round closes, the admissions committee evaluates all complete applications holistically. Shortlisting draws on GMAT or GRE scores, academic background, quality and relevance of work experience, career progression, and the Statement of Purpose. IIM Bangalore builds a deliberately diverse cohort — the Class of 2025 averaged seven years of experience, with 26% having international exposure, spanning technology, consulting, energy, manufacturing, and public policy. Candidates from non-traditional sectors who demonstrate meaningful leadership and a clear sense of direction are well-regarded. Only shortlisted candidates receive an email invitation to the next stage.

Writing Ability Test

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On the day of the interview, shortlisted candidates complete a Writing Ability Test before meeting the panel. This timed written exercise — typically 30 minutes — assesses analytical clarity, argument construction, and communication quality under pressure. Prompts are rooted in business, leadership, or contemporary professional scenarios. The WAT is not a test of creative writing; it rewards structured thinking and the ability to build a coherent, well-reasoned position efficiently. WAT performance forms part of the final composite score, so it deserves dedicated preparation alongside the interview itself.

Personal Interview

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Interviews are conducted in offline mode across four cities: Bangalore, New Delhi, Mumbai, and Kolkata. Candidates located outside India on interview dates may arrange an online interview with prior confirmation from the EPGP admissions office. The panel typically comprises IIMB faculty who evaluate candidates on professional background, clarity of career goals, leadership potential, academic preparedness, and interpersonal depth. IIMB interviews are known for probing well beyond the application — expect substantive discussion of your professional decisions, your SOP narrative, and your thinking on business and leadership. After all interviews conclude, each applicant receives a final composite score, and offers are extended to those who meet the threshold, subject to seat availability.

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Admission Timeline for the 2026-27 Batch

The EPGP runs three admission rounds per year. All dates listed below are tentative and subject to change. Candidates are strongly advised to monitor the official IIMB admissions page for the most current schedule.

Round 1

	Opens	Deadline	Interviews	Offers
Dates	June 16, 2025	Aug 7, 2025	Aug 23–24, 2025	Sep 16, 2025

Round 2

	Opens	Deadline	Interviews	Offers
Dates	Aug 9, 2025	Oct 9, 2025	Oct 25–26, 2025	Nov 17, 2025

Round 3

	Opens	Deadline	Interviews	Offers
Dates	Oct 11, 2025	Dec 1, 2025	Dec 13–14, 2025	Jan 5, 2026

Scholarships

IIM Bangalore offers a merit-based admission scholarship for the top five ranked candidates in each of Rounds 1 and 2, determined by the overall composite admission score.

Scholarship	Amount	Eligibility and Terms
Admission Scholarship	INR 3,00,000	Top 5 ranked candidates in Rounds 1 and 2. Applied as a fee waiver at registration.
Academic Performance	INR 3,00,000	Awarded to scholarship holders who rank in the top 25% of their class by CGPA at the end of Term 2.

Many EPGP participants are company-sponsored, with their organisation covering all or part of the programme fee of approximately INR 33.71 lakhs. Education loans are widely available from leading banks and NBFCs. Candidates are encouraged to explore financing options early in the admissions process.

Important Notes

01**Single Round Only**

You may apply in one round only per admissions cycle. Candidates found applying in more than one round are disqualified at any stage of the process, regardless of how far they have progressed.

02**GMAT and GRE Validity**

Your test score must be valid as on the date of application submission in your chosen round. Online or take-home scores are not accepted. Use GMAT code Q9H-KK-84 or GRE code 1675 to report scores directly to IIMB. This step is mandatory.

03**Reference Letters**

Two online reference letters are required and must be submitted directly by your referees before the round deadline. At least one referee should be positioned to evaluate your current professional performance. The application cannot be submitted until the reference section is complete.

04**Interview Locations**

Interviews are conducted offline across four cities: Bangalore, New Delhi, Mumbai, and Kolkata. Candidates outside India on interview dates may request an online interview, subject to prior confirmation from the EPGP admissions office.

05**Government Reservations**

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

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