



Indian School of Business (ISB)

Admission Process Guide

Overview

ISB follows a structured admission process with three distinct rounds each year. Applicants can apply in only **one round per year**.

Application Rounds & Deadlines

Round	Application Deadline
Round 1	Mid-September
Round 2	1st week of December
Round 3	Last week of January

Step-by-Step Application Process



01

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Submit your application with your GMAT score and essays



02

SHORT LISTING FOR INTERVIEWS

Interview short listing is out after about 1 month from submission of application



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INTERVIEWS

Conducted both offline and online



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RESULTS

Step 1: Submit application with your GMAT Score and essays

Begin your application by submitting your GMAT score along with 3 essays in the application form.

Step 2: Short listing for the interviews

The interview shortlist is determined by multiple factors including essay quality, GMAT scores, academic credentials, and professional experience. However, ISB has never officially disclosed the specific criteria or their respective weightages in the evaluation process.

Shortlist announcements typically occur approximately one month after application submission, with interviews scheduled just 3-6 days later. This tight timeline means candidates have very limited time to prepare for their interviews, usually receiving only a few days' notice before their interview date.

Step 3: Interviews

Shortlisted candidates attend interviews either online or offline based on their availability, location, and personal preference. A distinctive feature of ISB's interview process is that recent alumni (typically 4-5 years post-graduation) serve as panelists, rather than faculty members as is common at IIMs. This alumni-led approach creates a more relaxed atmosphere, allowing both candidates and panelists to engage in candid, authentic conversations.

On the interview day, candidates must complete a Written Ability Test (WAT) immediately before their interview. The WAT consists of two short essays to be completed within a total duration of 20 minutes, with no specified word limit. Essay topics typically focus on ethical dimensions of workplace scenarios and professional dilemmas.

Step 5: Final Results

Final results and waitlist announcements follow the schedule outlined in the table below:

Round	Results/Waitlist Announcement
Round 1	Mid-November
Round 2	Mid-January
Round 3	Mid-March

Important Notes

- You can only apply to **one round per year**. Choose your round strategically.
- Ensure your GMAT score is ready before the application deadline.
- Interview invitations are sent only to shortlisted candidates.
- Both online and offline interview options are available based on circumstances.

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