



भारतीय प्रबंध संस्थान शिलाँग
Indian Institute of Management Shillong

DOCTORAL PROGRAM FOR WORKING PROFESSIONALS (PhDWP)

ADMISSION BROCHURE 2026





ABOUT IIM SHILLONG

Indian Institute of Management Shillong, located in the green contours of Northeast India commenced operations in 2008 as the 7th IIM. As an Institute of National importance, IIM Shillong is committed to its goal of excellence in management education and research. The Institute's Programs are designed to offer participants management education that combines foundations of Indian value system, sustainability and ethical leadership. The Institute has numerous global collaborations, industry-academia interface through its global alumni network and Executive education, and close association with communities through its Centres.

PROGRAM VISION

The Doctoral Program for Working Professionals aims to provide opportunities for working professionals to enhance and build on research skills that will enable them to work on real-life business and management problems.

The Program endeavours to co-create knowledge in all aspects of Management Education for sustainable development and to develop independent researchers with strong ethical values.

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION:

- Economics and Public Policy
- Finance and Control
- Information Systems & Analytics
- Marketing
- Operations and Quantitative Techniques
- Organizational Behavior and Human Resources
- Strategy and Liberal Studies

WHO SHOULD JOIN

- Industry practitioners interested in research and/or seeking to transition to academia.
- Industry practitioners seeking career advancement to strategic, leadership, or consulting roles.
- Professionals aspiring to explore and contribute to emerging and interdisciplinary domains.
- Academicians pursuing further academic growth and professional advancement.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Professional Experience:

Candidates should possess a minimum of five years of professional experience.

Educational Qualification:

A Master's Degree followed after a Bachelor's Degree obtained in 10+2+3 pattern, or a 5-year Integrated Master's Degree (obtained, after completing higher secondary schooling, in 10+2+5 pattern) in any discipline, with at least 55% marks (or equivalent CGPA) in the Bachelor's and 60% marks (or equivalent CGPA) in the Master's degrees.

OR

A Master's Degree followed after a Bachelor's Degree (4 year/8 semesters Bachelor's degree (10+2+4 pattern) with at least 6.5 CGPA or equivalent percentage marks.

OR

A professional qualification like CA, ICWA, CS with at least 55% marks in B. Com degree.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those candidates belonging to SC/ST/DA categories. In case of Grades / CGPA, the conversion to percentage of marks would be based on the procedure certified by the respective University/ Institute. If a 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 by 100.

The above qualification should be from any of the recognized Universities incorporated by an Act of the central or state legislature in India or other educational institutions established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed as a University under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956; or, recognized by the Ministry of HRD /Ministry of Education, Government of India.



TEST SCORES AND VALIDITY

- A valid score of GMAT, GRE, CAT (For last 2 years), GATE, UGC - NET (JRF and/ or Eligibility for Assistant Professorship and/ or Admission to Ph.D. only), CSIR UGC-NET (JRF and/ or Eligibility for Assistant Professorship and/ or Admission to Ph.D. only), will be considered for admission to Doctoral Program for Working Professionals. Valid score needs to be entered while filling the application form.

The following categories of candidates are exempted from standard tests stated above, but will be required to produce two reference letters from senior leadership for the experience:

- Post Graduates of PGP programs (2 years full-time) from IIMs or any of the top 50 Institutions as per NIRF 2025 (Management Category) with CGPA of 6.5 out of 10 (or equivalent) and minimum 5 years post PGP experience.
- Individuals with at least 10 years of management experience from Government or non- Government sector.



APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The application form should be filled up and submitted Online. The candidates are requested to be careful while filling in the form and to check the same before submitting it. In case any candidate submits the form more than once, the first submission will be considered.



APPLICATION FEE

The application fee is **Rs. 3000/-** (non-refundable)



PROGRAM FEES

The total fees for the course are **Rs. 11,00,000/-** (Rs. Eleven Lakh Only) + GST as applicable. Changes, if any, will be notified before the admissions.

PROGRAM DURATION AND STRUCTURE

Scholars are expected to complete the program in four years.

STAGES OF DOCTORAL JOURNEY

Phase - I	Doctoral Coursework and COMPREHENSIVE QUALIFYING EXAMINATION (CQE)
Phase - II	Advanced Doctoral Courses
Phase - III	Thesis Work, Academic Workshops/Conferences, Research and final submissions

IMPORTANT DATES

Date of filling the application form and submitting the form online	1st November 2025 - 24th March 2026
Announcements of shortlisted candidates	26th March 2026
Interview of shortlisted candidates	5th April 2026
Announcement of Results	April - May 2026
Registration and Commencement of the Program	May 2026





For more details, refer to the IIM Shillong website

<https://www.iimshillong.ac.in/doctoral-program-working-professionals/admission-process>

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