

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Executive Post Graduate Programme in Management (EPGP)

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The Executive Post Graduate Programme in Management (EPGP) is a one-year full time residential programme thoughtfully designed for experienced professionals. The programme has been accredited by **Association of MBAs (AMBA) London (UK)** in the year July 2016. The programme aims to add value to the expertise and skills of the participants so as to develop them for senior level roles. The international module of this programme further enhances the exposure to global environment and develops the ability to work in cross - cultural environment.

Is EPGP a compressed form of PGP program?

Yes. If the frame of reference is a two-year MBA program, then EPGP is very similar to a one year MBA program.

How is EPGP different from the two year PGP programme?

While PGP is a two years postgraduate programme that requires the candidates to have a valid CAT score for application; the EPGP is a one-year post graduate programme for experienced professionals and requires the candidates to have a valid CAT/GMAT score as well as a minimum of five years of work / professional / entrepreneurial experience. EPGP programme is designed keeping in mind the following:

- (a) The courses should leverage the experience of the participants.
- (b) The courses should be aligned with the industry concentration identified for the programme.
- (c) The core courses should provide a general management perspective at an elevated pitch compared to the PGP programme.

Is this a full time residential programme?

Yes, EPGP is a full time residential programme with an International module, which requires the candidates to go abroad as well.

Is the International module compulsory or is it optional?

The International module is a compulsory module.

Which certificate/diploma will be provided at the end of the programme?

After the successful completion of the programme, a candidate will get a certificate of Executive Post Graduate Diploma in Management. In addition the Institute will issue a separate letter / certificate, which will mention that the student has completed the EPGP program by IIM Indore and the said program is AMBA certified.

A detailed grade sheet of the courses done by a student is separately provided.

ADMISSION PROCESS

What is the admission process of this programme?

Starting from 2015-16 batch, the admission cycle for EPGP has been changed from April to March. Candidates have to fill the online application form and attach the required documents and furnishing the details of application processing fee of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) for Indian nationals, US \$ 100 for foreign nationals deposited in the form of online bank transfer. After initial screening, all the candidates short-listed for personal interview round are informed through e-mail. After the personal interviews Provisional Admission Offer details are posted on the Institute website and the letters are sent through post to all the selected candidates. In order to accept the Provisional Admission offer, a candidate has to submit a letter of acceptance along with the commitment fee of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) plus applicable tax within the stipulated time as mentioned in the offer letter.

How are the applicants short-listed for the programme?

Applications are screened on various aspects like CAT/GMAT score, academic performance, work experience, achievements, performance in the interview, etc. as decided by the admissions committee from time to time.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

What are the eligibility criteria for applying to this programme?

For EPGP 2018-19 batch, a candidate is required to have:

- (a) Graduation or its equivalent in any discipline.
- (b) Valid CAT/GMAT score* and
- (c) Minimum five years of work/ entrepreneurial/ professional experience after graduation as on December 31, 2017.

* Score in CAT 2017 or GMAT (obtained between January 2013 and December 2017).

Is there any age limit for joining this programme?

There is no upper age limit for joining this programme.

Is there any minimum percentage of marks that a candidate needs to have to apply for this programme?

No. The candidate needs to have a bachelor's degree or its equivalent only. Candidates with a graduation in distance education mode from an UGC approved university are also eligible.

Can I take the GMAT exam after 31st December and submit the scores on receipt?

No. The GMAT exam should have been taken before 01 January 2018 in order to be eligible to apply for EPGP 18-19 batch.

What is the minimum GMAT score / CAT percentile required to apply for EPGP?

The admissions committee decides the cut off every year. Last year, the cut off scores were GMAT 570 and CAT overall 85 percentile respectively. Kindly note that this is only the cut off, however, the median scores are significantly higher.

How about sectional cut offs?

Currently, only the overall cut off is considered.

What is the weightage given for GMAT / CAT score?

GMAT score / CAT percentile is one of the many data points considered. Given the emphasis on diversity, nature of work experience, gender, educational background, statement of purpose, sponsorship status (sabbatical / industry sponsored) all these play an important role in candidate selection.

What is the minimum work experience required?

It is five years of professional or entrepreneurial experience or a combination of the both adding up to five years after graduation.

Is experience such as (a) article-ship for CA's (b) part time work experience while pursuing graduation considered?

Work experience after graduation is considered as valid. So part-time work as a student, article-ship etc., is not counted.

Which are the Interview Centers?

BANGALORE	DELHI NCR	HYDERABAD	INDORE	SKYPE*
KOLKATA	MUMBAI	CHENNAI	AHMEDABAD	

* Candidates residing abroad, who are unable to attend the interview in India are only eligible to opt for SKYPE interview.

Whether the boarding and lodging is charged for 12 months period?

The boarding and lodging charges are for that period, when they stay on campus.

Shall we have to vacate the rooms during International Immersion programme?

Yes, the students have to vacate the rooms during International Immersion programme.

Is it possible for someone to keep the room during International Immersion programme?

Ans. No. However in case of some emergency situation, a room can be extended on chargeable basis based on the approval of competent authority.

FEE DETAILS

What are the Fee details of this programme?

The programme fee is Rs.18,00,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs only) for Indian Nationals (Indian passport holders) + applicable tax and US \$45,000 (US Dollars forty five thousand only) + applicable tax for Foreign Nationals (Foreign passport holders).

Is this fee refundable?

This fee as well as the application-processing fee is non-refundable.

What does this fee include?

This includes tuition fee, course material (cases and readings), access to library facilities, computer network charges in campus, lodging and board (at Indore) excluding the International Immersion duration, academic inputs for international immersion, etc.

Is the fee for international module included in this?

For the International Module, only the tuition fee is included in the above-mentioned fee. All other expenses towards travel, visa, passport, boarding, lodging etc. have to be borne by the candidates. The tentative cost towards boarding and lodging for international immersion is approximately Rs.3,50,000/- (Rupees Three lakh fifty thousand only). The expenditure break up of visa fee is as follows:

- i. **DS-2019 Form Processing Fee** (This fee is from the McCombs Business School, UT International Office for students travelling in J1 Visa) : **US\$150** per participant
- ii. **SEVIS Fee** (before you can apply for a visa to enter the United States as a student or exchange visitor, you need to pay the I-901 Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) fee : **US\$180** per participant.
- iii. **VISA Fee** (Non-refundable fee of **US\$150** for anyone seeking a nonimmigrant (such as a tourist or a student) **visa**, who enters the country for a temporary stay for the United States.

What is the commitment fee for this programme and when is it to be paid?

A commitment fee* of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One lakh only) plus applicable tax has to be paid at the time of accepting the offer letter issued to the selected candidate within the stipulated time period or date given else the selection is liable to be cancelled.

*Conditions apply

MISCELLANEOUS

Is there an upper limit for number of years of work experience, beyond which the application may not be considered?

Not really. Even though the minimum eligibility is five years, the median experience for the previous two batches has been more than 80 months.

Can I come on a sabbatical?

Certainly. In every batch, we have had participants on sabbatical.

My experience is predominantly in a Public Sector Unit (PSU). Can I apply?

Certainly. We have had participants from both central as well as state PSU's. To name a few, NTPC, Engineers India, BHEL, HPCL, BSNL, HAL and so on.

I have a very unique background. Can I apply?

In fact, people with unique backgrounds add to the richness of the program. We significantly value diversity, as it enhances the learning experience. In the recent past, we have had participants with very unique backgrounds such as;

- a) Wedding planning
- b) Officers from Indian Army with experience in counter insurgency
- c) Hotel management graduate with F&B experience
- d) Marine engineer

- e) Naval officers,
- f) Doctor, etc.

Normally engineers with IT / ITES background form a significant part of such post experience programs. How about EPGP?

That is true. Large number of applicants fall in this category. However non IT engineers with experience in core industries do account for a sizable number of applicants.

Is the EPGP program offered at Mumbai?

As of now, EPGP is offered only at Indore campus.

Will the accommodation for the course participants provided by the institute or the candidates have to make their own arrangement for the same?

The institute shall provide suitable accommodation for all the selected candidates only for the parts of the programme conducted and for corresponding durations in Indore.

I am a local candidate; can I stay at my residence and come for the classes from there?

No. EPGP is a full time residential course and all the candidates are required to stay on campus.

Can family members of the candidates come and visit them in the campus?

Yes, members of the family can visit the candidates but accommodation for family members may be provided subject to availability and hostel rules in this regard.

What are the other facilities available inside the campus?

The campus has all the necessary amenities available inside like – Students Mess, Eating joints, Gymnasiums, Spa, Tennis court, Swimming pool, Theatre, Grocery shop, Fruit and Vegetable shop, Tailor shop, Hair saloon, Post Office, Bank, ATMs etc. The Institute also has its own bus service to Indore city and back. A dedicated Medical Centre with ambulance facility is also available.

Can I come on sabbatical and still sit for a campus interview?

It depends on what terms have been decided between you and your previous employer. It will be a candidate's responsibility to ensure there is no ambiguity over the contract between the candidate and his/her employer.

What is the nature of medical certificate required? Is there any format?

The medical certificate should be from a doctor not below the rank of an Assistant Civil Surgeon/Deputy Director /Health/Assistant Medical Superintendent. The doctor is expected to certify to your fitness taking into consideration of your eyesight, hearing, speech, chronic ailments and other factors, which may impair your ability to undertake a course in management. While no format is prescribed, you can use the following “**I have examined Mr. /Ms.....and find him/her fit to undertake a one year executive post graduate program in management at IIM Indore. I have checked his/her speech, hearing, eyesight, chronic ailments and general physical condition and am unable to find any physical infirmities / defects which will affect his/her ability to undertake the course”.**