



भारतीय प्रबन्धन संस्थान सम्बलपुर

Indian Institute of Management Sambalpur

PhD in Management Programme

Admission 2026- Batch 08

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Sambalpur, an Institute of national importance aims at imparting management education through an unconventional and novel approach. IIM Sambalpur's vision is to create responsible leaders with entrepreneurial mind-set having Innovation, Integrity and Inclusion as its core operating principles.

PhD Programme admits students who have a strong academic background, are highly motivated and who have the intellectual curiosity to undertake original research. The doctoral programme prepares students for a career in academia or research positions in industry.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATIONS

IIM Sambalpur offers specialization in the following areas for 2026 batch:

- Organizational Behavior & Human Resource Management
- Finance & Accounting Management
- Operations Management
- General Management, Public Policy & Economics
- Strategic Management
- Information System Management
- Marketing Management

CONDITION

The Master's degree or equivalent qualification/Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification should be: (a) From any of the 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 (b) Recognized by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India or (c) Possess an equivalent qualification from an institution approved by AICTE. The Bachelor's Degree or equivalent qualification obtained by the candidate must entail a minimum of three years of education after completing Higher Secondary schooling (10+2) or equivalent.

Candidates who are in the final year of their Master's/Bachelor's Programmes that would make them eligible, can also apply. Such candidates, if selected, will be allowed to join the programme provisionally only if they complete all the requirements on or before 30th June, 2025.

AGE LIMIT

Candidate must not be more than 40 years as on June 30th, 2026.

RESERVATION

IIM Sambalpur follows the Government of India's Reservation Policy

ADMISSION PROCESS

Candidates applying for the PhD Programme are required to take the Common Admission Test (CAT).- CAT 2023, 2024 & 2025 are valid for 2026 PhD Admission at IIM Sambalpur.

Or

Alternatively, those who have taken GATE/JRF (UGC/CSIR) during the last two years (1st January 2024 and or after) and who have GRE/ GMAT during the last five years will be considered valid for 2026 Admission.

Or

Valid Research Aptitude Test Score (IIMSAT) of IIM Sambalpur 2026.

Exemption from Standard Test: Candidates who have already passed a two-year full-time PGP/ MBA from IIMS or Institutions/ Universities in the NIRF 2025 top 50 Ranking with a minimum CGPA of 6.00 and above on a scale of ten or equivalent.

Or

With a minimum of 60 percent marks or equivalent are exempted from the test score. Part-time/evening/weekend/Distance Learning programmes of IIM or Institutions as specified above are NOT considered. Note: Admission to the programme is open to Indian Citizens only. Selection will be based on Test Score, Personal Interview, Academic Qualifications, Relevant work experience, Research Aptitude, Publications, and Statement of Purpose (SOP) etc.

HOW TO APPLY

The candidates are required to apply ONLINE for admission to PhD Programme 2026.

No hard copy/mail copy of the application is accepted.

The online application form for participation in the admission process of the PhD Programme is available at:

<https://registration.iimsambalpuradmissions.in/portal/SignIn/phd>

ELIGIBILITY

The candidate must hold, subject to the condition laid down below, as per MoE guidelines:

1. Master's Degree (i.e., Bachelor's Degree obtained in 10+2+3 pattern, followed by a Master's Degree) or Post Graduate Diploma (2 years) in any discipline or Integrated (Dual) Degree from IITs/IIMs/Other reputed top 50 Institutions/ Universities from NIRF Ranking 2025, with at least 60% marks or equivalent grade point average in the Bachelor's as well as 60% in the Master's Degree.

OR

2. A professional qualification like CA, ICWA, CS with Bachelor's Degree, with at least 60% marks or equivalent grade point in the Bachelor's Degree.

OR

3. A 4-year/8-semester Bachelor's degree in Engineering (B.E/B.Tech/B.Sc Engineering/B. Arch) with at least 6.5 cumulative grade point average (CGPA) or equivalent percent marks. Candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes (Non-Creamy Layer) and Persons-with-Disabilities will be given a 5% relaxation in the minimum marks OR requirement.

4. Five-year Integrated Master's degree programme in any discipline, with at least 60% aggregate marks, obtained after completing higher secondary schooling (10+2) or equivalent.

PROGRAM DURATION

PhD will be a full time residential programme. The student will be expected to complete the programme in four years, including a maximum of two years of course work.

FELLOW STIPEND

IIM Sambalpur provides a comprehensive fellowship that covers all academic expenses, including tuition, computer, library, medical insurance, placement, and alumni fees. In addition, a monthly subsistence allowance of Rs. 40,000/- (Slab A) for the first and second years, and Rs. 45,000/- (Slab B) After submitting the TAC-approved thesis proposal will be provided for up to 4 years. A maximum of two six-month extensions may be provided, subject to the recommendation of the Competent Authority.

A Contingency Allowance of Rs. 25,000 per year to cover research expenses, expenses on books, photocopying, etc., is also available to all students. Students are entitled to get up to an amount of Rs. 1,75,000/- (upper limit) for attending international/national conference/workshop/summer school during their entire tenure with the PhD system (maximum 5 years and subject to Area recommendation).

JRF QUALIFIED CANDIDATE

In addition to the approved intake, IIM Sambalpur may provide admissions to eligible Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) candidate(s) if found suitable for the programme. The selection of these candidates will be based on merit; provides they fulfil the requisite eligibility requirement and attend the selection process. IIM Sambalpur would not provide any financial assistance of any sorts such as stipend, contingency and other grants for the candidates admitted under these criteria.

IMPORTANT DATES (TENTATIVE)

Last date of Application Submission: February 28, 2026

Personal Interview: April/May 2026 (Online)

Admission Offers to selected candidates : May/June 2026

Registration, Inauguration & Orientation: June/July 2026

Application Deadline : February 28, 2026 (23:55 IST)

CONTACT DETAILS

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SCAN TO APPLY