

भारतीय प्रबन्धन संस्थान सम्बलपुर

Indian Institute of Management Sambalpur

PhD in Management for Working Professionals

Admission 2026 - Batch 07



ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

IIM Sambalpur PhD in Management for Working Professionals Programme is a unique doctoral programme (Ph.D.) in management designed specifically for working professionals with a minimum of five years of full-time work experience. The Programme intends to provide industry professionals an opportunity to build career in academia. The Programme encourages scholars to carry out research in the field of management, leading to publication in internationally reputed research journals and finding solutions of real-world management problems. On successful completion of the program, PhD degree shall be awarded to the candidate.

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, 2026.

ON-CAMPUS VISIT REQUIREMENT

IIM Sambalpur PhD in Management for Working Professionals programs, typically require periodic on-campus visits for course work and research activities. The program mandates four compulsory visits to the IIM Sambalpur campus during the course of study. Additionally, it is mandatory for the scholars to attend the induction program at IIM Sambalpur campus.

Scholars are required to attend the campus for below academic activities.

- One visit during coursework or during 1st year research week
- Thesis Proposal Presentation
- Thesis Seminar
- Thesis Defense

Scholars would be only exempted from physical attendance (max one visit) on the scholar's own health ground and prior approval of the competent authority would be required.

ELIGIBILITY

The candidate must hold, subject to the condition laid down below, as per MoE guidelines: 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 Institutions/ Universities from NIRF top 50 Ranking 2025, with at least 55% marks or equivalent grade point average in the Bachelor's as well as 60% marks or equivalent grade point average in the Master's Degree.

OR

A professional qualification like CA, ICWA, CS with Bachelor's Degree, with at least 55% marks or equivalent grade point in the Bachelor's Degree.

OR

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 requirement.

AND

Minimum 5 years of full time managerial/executive/professional work experience as on 31st March 2026.

PROGRAM DURATION

PhD in Management for Working Professionals Programme is a part time programme. The student will be expected to complete the programme in four years, including a maximum of two years of course work.

Under special circumstances, extension may be granted to the student. In any case, the entire program should be finished within six years.

HOW TO APPLY

The candidates are required to apply ONLINE for admission to PhD in Management for Working Professionals Programme 2026. No hard copy/mail copy of the application is accepted. The online application form is available at <https://registration.iimsambalpuradmissions.in/portal/SignIn/phd>
The last date for submission of online application is 28 Feb 2026.

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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