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One Year MBA

PGPX 2027-28

ARE YOU READY FOR A CAREER BOOST?

ONE YEAR MBA (PGPX)

IIM Ahmedabad's One Year MBA (PGPX), a full-time residential programme, equips you with the skills needed to become a management leader and a global change agent. The programme will not only provide you with a broad understanding of the general management fundamentals but also offer opportunities to develop a deeper understanding of subjects in areas of your interest.



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Prof. Debjit Roy
Chairperson
PGPX

TRANSFORMATIONAL JOURNEY

Chairperson's Message

The role of an MBA in an AI-driven world is being redefined and, in many ways, becoming increasingly critical. The emphasis is shifting toward first-principles thinking, decision-making under uncertainty, and the ability to exercise data-driven leadership and influence. In this evolving landscape, management education must go beyond functional knowledge to develop leaders who can navigate complexity, integrate technology with strategy, and drive organizational transformation.

The MBA-PGPX (One-Year MBA) at IIMA exemplifies this paradigm. As a flagship, globally ranked one-year full-time MBA program designed for experienced professionals, it has, over two decades, evolved into a highly sought-after platform for individuals seeking a truly transformative management learning experience. MBA-PGPX alumni not only assume senior leadership roles across industries but also embark on entrepreneurial ventures, reflecting the program's emphasis on strategic thinking, leadership, and real-world impact.

The program features a rigorous, contemporary curriculum that combines cutting-edge core courses with state-of-the-art electives, an international immersion module, and opportunities for capstone and independent research projects, among others. With strong linkages to the IIMA alumni network and industry ecosystem, the PGPX program offers extensive networking opportunities with senior leaders. Such interactions enable participants to integrate academic insights with real-world perspectives. It prepares participants for high-impact, transformational roles in areas such as digital transformation, technology consulting, product management, and the non-profit sector.

Carefully curated to deliver an intensive and immersive learning journey, the program is structured across six terms. The cohort brings diverse experience, and the size is carefully set to ensure personalized attention, foster meaningful peer learning, and enable each participant to realize their full potential.

If you are a current participant, congratulations—your selection reflects IIMA's confidence in your ability to contribute meaningfully to, and benefit from, this dynamic learning ecosystem. If you are a prospective candidate, we encourage you to attend our admission seminars to gain deeper insights into the program and assess your fit. I am confident that MBA-PGPX (One-Year MBA) students will continue to add significant value to organizations across all verticals and demonstrate leadership in their roles!

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GLOBAL RECOGNITION

RANKED # 1 National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) (Management Category)

TOP 6	RANKED #27	RANKED #3
PROGRAMME Asia-Pacific	PROGRAMME Worldwide	CAREER PROGRESSION CATEGORY

in the Financial Times (FT) Global MBA Ranking 2026

Since 2008, the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA), has been accredited by EQUIS (European Quality Improvement System), leading international accreditation body for international business schools.

THE ONE YEAR MBA (PGPX) ADVANTAGE

TRANSFORMATIONAL JOURNEY
With a high calibre peer group selected through rigorous filtering and an intense and contemporary course curriculum, it is a perfect platform to boost your career growth and make yourself C-suite ready.

UNIQUE PEDAGOGY
IIMA offers a rich pedagogy of case method which will encourage you to reflect, analyse, critique, innovate and eventually learn the intricate aspects of present-day businesses, organisations and industry. The course offers a rich mix of simulation exercises, games and role plays, outdoor field trips, projects and written assignments planned for you.

AGILITY & RESILIENCE
The intensity of a one-year programme equips our students to tackle complex situations in a fast paced and rapidly evolving world.

WORLD CLASS FACULTY AND RESEARCH
With a combination of experience and talent, our faculty creates top-notch programmes and cutting-edge research that influence businesses around the world.

LIFE ON CAMPUS
World-class comfortable accommodation with sports facilities, student driven business festivals, clubs and special interest groups.

PEER LEARNING
The peer group from a diverse set of industries and roles enrich the case discussions with multiple industry and functional perspectives.

STRONG INDUSTRY CONNECT
IIMA has eminent faculties with deep industry experience along with a strong alumni network at leadership position across the world.



PROGRAMME DESIGN

Induction
Introduction to IIMA, acclimatization to student life and making the transition to the One Year MBA (PGPX) life

Core Courses
Bouquet of introductory courses providing a rigorous grounding in the fundamentals of management

Elective Courses
A wide range of electives that provide the freedom of choice to master the subjects of your interest

International Immersion Programme
A ten-day module in a partner business school to understand aspects of doing business in a foreign economic environment

Capstone
Simulation exercise that integrates learnings from the entire programme

THE COHORT OF ONE YEAR MBA (PGPX) 2026-27

160 Students

31 Years Average Age

29% Women

7-8 Years Average Work Experience

Average work experience: 7-8 years, 36% of students with international exposure in terms of work and studies

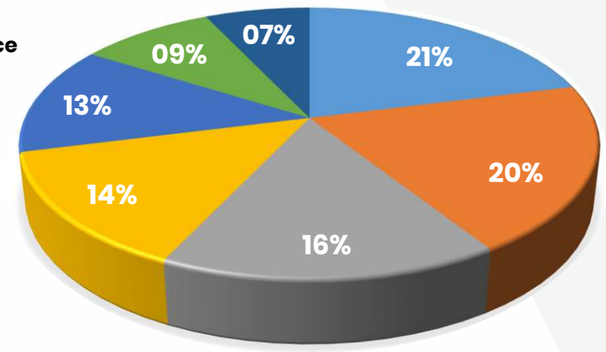
GMAT
691 Average Score

GMAT FOCUS
652 Average Score

GRE
323 Average Score

INDUSTRY DISTRIBUTION

- Media, Shipping, Telecom & others
- Defence, Banking, Financial services & Insurance
- IT Products, IT & ITeS
- Energy and Utilities
- Consulting
- Manufacturing / Engineering
- FMCG & Retail / Ecommerce



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INTERNATIONAL IMMERSION PROGRAMME (IIP)

PGPX programme offers a two-week International Immersion Programme which is integrated with the academic curriculum of the programme with top business school across the world to provide much needed global exposure to candidates.

IIMA had tie-ups with the following international schools for the International Immersion Programme during the past five years.



WU Executive Academy, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria



ESADE Business School, Madrid & Barcelona, Spain



ESCP Business School Paris (France) & Berlin (Germany)



ESSEC Business School



PLACEMENT & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

One Year MBA (PGPX) equips candidates to gear up for mid and senior leadership roles and makes them ready for creating enduring value for organizations across the spectrum. The PGPX is ranked No. 1 in the Financial Times Global MBA Rankings under the "Career Progress" category. It has also been consistently recognized by the annual QS World University Rankings as the finest one-year residential MBA programme in India.

The PGPX attracts recruiters from various sectors such as consulting, manufacturing financial services, information technology, logistics and diversified business groups prefer to hire business leaders for their middle and senior management roles from the programme.

The career services at IIMA have been designed in a student centric manner. The profiles and aspirations of the batch are kept in mind when the placement office and the student team carries out industry outreach and thereafter facilitates the recruitment process. As the PGPX students come with varied industry experience, the placement process is designed based on the requirements of the individual batches, so as to align it to the middle and senior roles that the participants wish to take up after graduation.

To assist the students, choose the right career path, the placement office and student placement committee organizes workshops, speaker sessions, and individual coaching sessions. These sessions are aimed at providing the students with key inputs that facilitate a focused career progression. There is a dedicated resource for managing corporate relations who works closely with the placement team and the student body to help students onboard recruiters for the campus placement process.

IIMA is one of the only schools that regularly gets its placement reports audited by an independent agency before making them public. Our past reports are available from 2011 onwards at

https://www.iima.ac.in/academics/MBA-PGPX/careers-and-placements



TESTIMONIALS

“ PGPX (One-year MBA) has been truly a transformational journey for me. I must acknowledge the programme's role in my professional as well as personal life. Knowledge and experience gained from the course, peers and the professors help at workplace. However, I feel the impact is stronger beyond 8hrs of the day. Faster decision making, multi-tasking, parallel processing and time utilization have immensely impacted my perspectives towards facing new challenges in life. As an individual I have only grown and PGPX (One-year MBA) has a very crucial role to play in this journey. ”



Puja Chakraborty
One Year MBA (PGPX), Class of 2017-18
Head of Product
Adidas Gaming

“ If I had to describe the PGPX programme in just a short phrase, I would call it a truly transformative journey. Academically rigorous yet fun, this programme allowed me to explore multiple facets of my personality. In my humble opinion, the best part about PGPX was that you could mold your own experience and prioritize the multiple available activities as per your need. The support from everyone here – the Professors, administrative staff, and the cohort – was admirable. I will surely carry the practical learnings from this course throughout my professional career. ”



Ananya Roy
One Year MBA (PGPX), Class of 2022-23
Senior Product Manager
Wells Fargo

“ The PGPX program at IIMA has given me the right pedigree that has helped me grow professionally, academically, and personally. One year at IIMA has enabled me to transform myself and has given me the right set of skills to succeed in the Corporate World after serving my term with the Indian Armed Forces. The experienced and specialised faculty at IIMA has stretched me mentally to help me reach my full potential through continual challenges and support. Looking back, I am a completely changed person. ”



Manishkumar Pandey
One Year MBA (PGPX) Class of 2021-22
Senior Manager Operations
Amazon

“ If I had to pick a year in my life in which I have learnt and evolved the most; it would be my one year at IIMA. The experience of living and learning on campus, working with your syndi mates 24/7, developing a rapport with your professors as you try to solve some of the most challenging, yet interesting case studies is invaluable and life changing. Day in and day out, you are taught 'how' to visualise business problems and leverage your cohort's combined skill sets to arrive at solutions together. Every semester makes you grow as a person as well as a team. It is a bespoke offering for experienced professionals looking to explore new pathways as one 'unlearns' to 're-learn' multitudes of business, technical and soft skills. ”



Akshita Kapoor
One Year MBA (PGPX) Class of 2019-20
Senior Manager,
Sales Program Management
Salesforce

IIMA VENTURES

IIMA Ventures (Formerly known as IIMA-CIIE) is the innovation continuum that studies, educates, incubates, accelerates and invests in early-stage startups, aspiring entrepreneurs and investors.

IIMA Ventures has mentored over 7000 founders, accelerated over 1700 startups, provided catalytic capital to over 750 companies, and inspired over a million people with our 400+ publications. It has been a pioneer on multiple fronts including India's first accelerator - iAccelerator, India's largest idea scouting competition - The Power of Ideas, India's first climate fund - INFUSE Ventures, India's biggest platform for inclusive fintechs - Bharat Inclusion Initiative, India's first entrepreneurship bestseller - Stay Hungry Stay Foolish, and many more.

IIMA Ventures is recognised as a Centre of Excellence by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.



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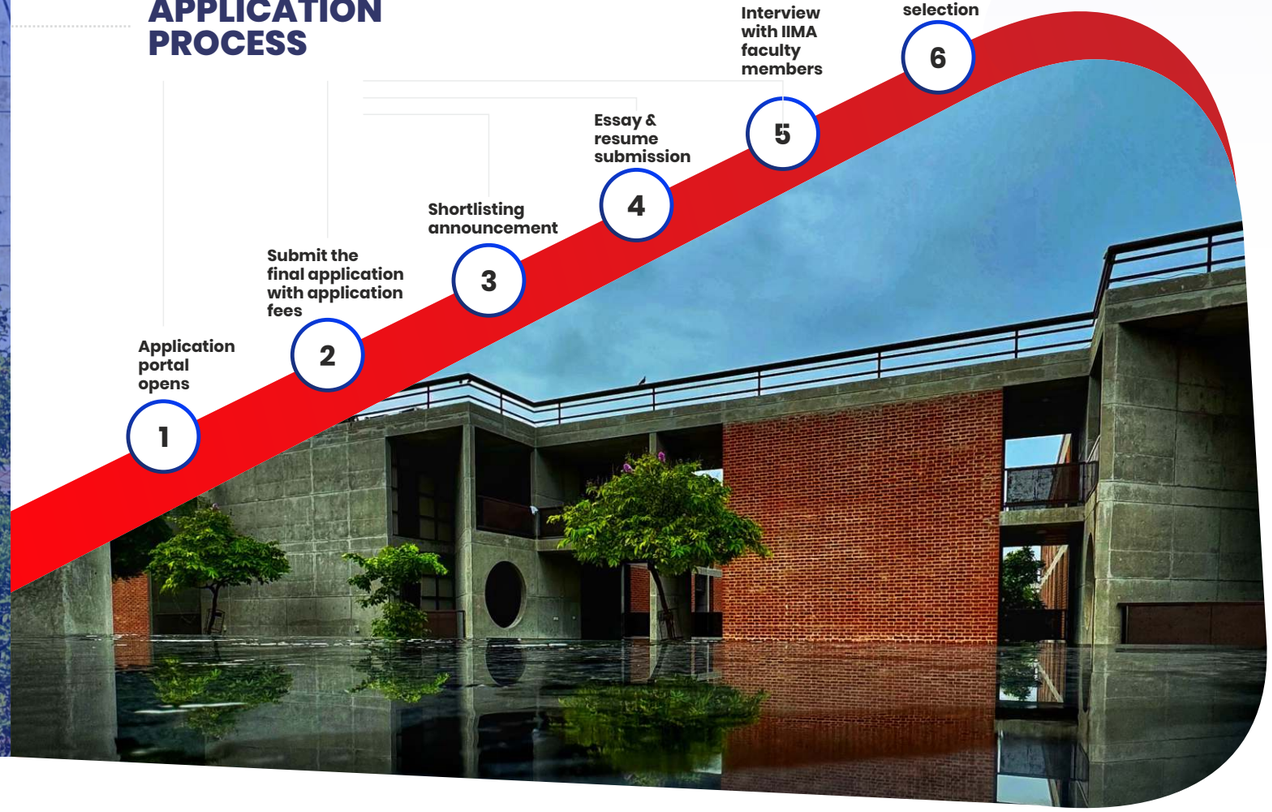
ADMISSIONS

Eligibility

SCORE: GMAT/GRE
AGE: Minimum 25 years
WORK-EX: Min 4 years full-time work-ex after graduation
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree or equivalent in any discipline

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Application portal opens
2. Submit the final application with application fees
3. Shortlisting announcement
4. Essay & resume submission
5. Interview with IIMA faculty members
6. Final selection



	Round 1	Round 2
Stage 1: Application & Shortlist		
Application Open	July 06, 2026	Sept 03, 2026
Application Close	Sep 02, 2026	Nov 23, 2026
Shortlist	Sep 11, 2026	Dec 04, 2026
Essay submission	Sept 11- 13, 2026	Dec 04 -06, 2026
Stage 2: Personal Interviews		
Ahmedabad & Delhi & Overseas (Zoom)	Sept 25-26-27, 2026	Dec 18 -19- 20, 2026
Mumbai & Bangalore	Oct 2-3-4, 2026	Jan 8-9-10, 2027
Final Selection		
Offers and waitlist	Oct 16, 2026	Jan 22, 2027

To Apply:

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WHAT DO WE LOOK FOR?

IDEAL CANDIDATE

- Quality and richness of managerial / individual contributor experience, business and industry awareness
- Benchmark yourself with achievements of IIMA alumni, potential to excel and a willingness to listen and learn
- Curiosity and hunger to excel in the world of business
- Be straightforward in your application
- Social and always keen to meet interesting, mature and well-read individuals
- Strong academic background and test scores are important. Academic performance from undergrad will be considered
- Interview is an opportunity to showcase one's awareness and curiosity, backed by initiatives and career choices

FINANCIAL AID

Loans can be easily availed from the on-campus SBI Branch or all other banks. A maximum of 5 students may get an interest waiver, which may cover one-year loan interest. (subject to a maximum of INR 3 lacs per selected candidate). PGPX is a unique program with participants from varied experiences. For a better classroom experience and more distinct student profiles, the PGPX program has introduced scholarships for entering students. To recognise exceptional performance in the program, PGPX has also introduced awards for students at the time of graduation.

Scholarships at entry *

Entry scholarships are available for defense personnel, Central and State government employees, foreign passport holders, non-male candidates, individuals with not-for-profit work experience, and those with medically verifiable disabilities. Additionally, scholarships are offered to candidates who have demonstrated excellence in sports or fine arts at the national or international level.

25% of Fees

Scholarships at graduation*

Scholarships based on exceptional performance during the academic year of the PGPX program are awarded at the time of graduation.

15% of Fees

*** IIMA Financial Aid committee grants the scholarships based on varied criteria**



Merit



Diversity



Talent



Creativity



International Exposure

WEBINARS

IIMA PGPX Webinar Series provides a preview to the thought-provoking content associated with the PGPX programme. The webinars, held throughout the year, will each feature different IIMA faculty members and students as they discuss content that is critical to the success of today's executives. Register for one or all of these sessions to get a taste of what the PGPX at IIMA is all about.

To register

FEE

The Programme Fee for the 2026-27 PGPX Batch is INR 35 lakhs for candidates opting for SSH (Single Accommodation) and 37.10 Lakhs for candidates opting for MSH (Married Student Housing) plus the cost of International Immersion Programme (IIP) excluding travel and stay related expenses. PGPX fee is usually a packaged/bundled fee which includes, for every student—tuition fees, books and course materials, accommodation and other service facilities such as library, computing, network changes etc. However, this does not include the cost of the International Immersion Programme (IIP). Utilities such as electricity, telephone, laundry, and sports/gym subscriptions are additional and to be paid as per usage charges.

SPONSORED CANDIDATES

IIMA welcomes sponsored candidates (individual or in groups) from organisations looking to groom managers for leadership positions. The Human Resource and Learnings & Development teams are encouraged to get in touch with the PGPX (One-year MBA) office for more details.

RESERVATIONS

The Institute will follow Govt of India's reservation policy for EWS, NC-OBC, SC, ST and PWD.



STUDENT LIFE AT IIMA CAMPUS





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