

AIMS International Management School
(An Educational Unit of AIMS International)
Fellow Programme in Management

The Fellow Programme in Management is a research programme designed by the AIMS International Management School (AIMS) to develop management scholars in order to meet the ever growing needs of business schools, industry, and non-profit organizations. The programme aspires to equip students with in-depth subject knowledge and develop independent research capabilities.

Admission Procedure

Admission Eligibility: A master's degree in any discipline, or a post-graduate professional qualification in any field (e.g. CA, ICWA, CS), or a bachelor's degree in any engineering field. At least 50% aggregate marks or equivalent GPA.

Admission Criteria: The following factors will be considered in making the admission decision:

- a) Academic performance in undergraduate and post-graduate studies
- b) Work experience
- c) Non-degree education and training
- d) Statement of Purpose

The application form can be downloaded (www.aims-international.org/aims.asp) and sent along with the application fee. It is a rolling admission process and there is therefore no specific deadline for admission. The admission will however be offered in one of the semesters: Spring (January-April), Summer (May-August), or Fall (September-December). Ideally, the application should be received one month prior to the commencement of the following semester.

Applicants shortlisted on the basis of the application package may be required to attend a personal/telephone/video interview.

Programme Requirements

The programme is unique in its nature and first of its kind. The programme has components: Subject Knowledge, Research Aptitude, and Dissertation. The requirements are outlined below.

A. Subject Knowledge

- a) The Admitted student must specify one of the subject areas (e.g. marketing, finance, operations, etc.) in which he/she wishes to do fellowship.
- b) A comprehensive subject test will be given to every student. The coverage of the test will be on topics that are generally taught in the most MBA curriculum with that subject specialization. The test will be offered at least twice every year. Only those who pass the comprehensive exam will be allowed to continue in the programme. A maximum of three trials will be allowed to clear the exam. The comprehensive exam must be cleared within two years after admission.

B. Research Aptitude

- a) The students are expected to be professionally engaged by attending and presenting research papers in professional conferences and publishing in conference proceedings and professional journals. Every student will be required to earn 10 credits by such professional activities within two years of admission. A credit of 5 units (maximum) may be transferred from activities done within two years immediately prior to admission.

Generally, the credits will be awarded according to the following table. AIMS International, however, must approve such requests and reserves the right to make a final decision on credit approvals.

	Activity	Credits
(i)	Paper presentation in a national conference	1
(ii)	Paper presentation in an international conference	2
(iii)	Paper publication in a conference proceedings	2
(iv)	Paper publication in a national journal	3
(v)	Paper publication in an international journal	5
(vi)	Attendance in a research based conference, seminars, workshops, etc.	1

A maximum of 4 credits can be given under the paper presentations, and 3 credits under research based conferences, workshops and seminars attendance category. If you are claiming credit for a conference paper presentation, you cannot claim credit for attendance in the same conference.

- b) The student is required to attend a one week workshop on Research Methodology that will be offered at different locations in India.

C. Dissertation

- a) The candidate will write his/her research dissertation under close supervision and guidance of his/her guide.
- b) The student will be required to identify a dissertation topic soon after passing the comprehensive test.
- c) The student will be required to submit a dissertation proposal within one year after passing the comprehensive exam.
- d) The doctoral proposal will be evaluated by a Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC). After approval of the dissertation proposal, the student will be entered into the programme as a candidate.
- e) During the 'candidacy' phase, students will be required to submit a written progress report every six months to TAC. TAC will determine if the student should be allowed to continue in the programme based on the progress report. Candidates that cannot demonstrate satisfactory progress may not be allowed to continue in the programme. If a candidate is not allowed to pursue the programme, he/she will have an option to earn a "Post-Graduate Diploma in Management Education," provided he/she fulfills the necessary remaining requirements.
- f) Upon a favourable recommendation of the guide, the thesis will be submitted to the TAC. The thesis will then be defended in a public forum.
- g) Upon favourable recommendation of TAC, the candidate will be awarded the title of Fellow of AIMS International Management School.

D. Fee Structure

- a) There will be a one-time admission fee of US \$100 that needs to be paid within 10 days of the admission offer.
- b) There will be a semester fee \$300 which needs to be paid at the beginning of every semester.
- c) A tuition fee of \$200 is applicable to attend the mandatory research methodology workshop. This does not include cost of travel, accommodation, etc.
- d) There will be no fee for the first comprehensive exam. If the exam is to be repeated, there will be a fee of \$200.
- e) Upon successful completion of the programme, there will be a graduation fee of \$200.
- f) The fee is subject to change (maximum 10% increase per year). All fees are non-refundable.
- g) Students from India will have an option to pay in rupees.

E. Duration

Due to the flexible nature of the programme there is no fixed duration for completion. A minimum of two years are required, but a maximum of five years will be allowed. An extension of one year may be allowed in extenuating circumstances. It is, however, expected that most students will complete the requirements within 3-4 years.

Information and Contact:

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