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- Registration for the CAT 2025 will start in August.
- Registration for the CAT is closed in September 2025.
- CAT admit cards 2025 can be downloaded from November 2025 (tentatively).
- The CAT 2025 date for the exam is November 30th.
- CAT answer key 2025 for each of the three slots will be available in the last week of December 2025.
- The official CAT 2025 answer key will be declared on the official website <u>www.iimcat.ac.in</u> and can be downloaded as a pdf by using the ID & password.
- The result of the CAT will be declared in the fourth week of December 2025 (Tentative).
- The status of the shortlisted candidates of IIM Ahmedabad will be made available in the first week of January 2025 (Tentative).
- The tentative dates for GD-PI admission to IIM Ahmedabad are February-April 2025.

# **IIMA History**

On 11th December 1961, the GOI (Government of India), the Government of Gujarat & the Harvard Business School collaborated with the Indian industry to form IIM Ahmedabad. Some very famous individuals contributed significantly in shaping the institute such as Vikram Sarabhai and Kasturbhai Lalbhai. But Kamla Chowdhary was also the inaugural faculty member of the IIM Ahmedabad & programs coordinator during the year 1962 to 1965.

Ravi J. Matthai was appointed as the director of the institute. At the institute, students are accepted to various master's courses in management & agribusiness management and other executive training and fellowship programs.

In 2024, the National Institutional Ranking Framework ranked it as India's number-one business school. Over the years 2020–2024, it has occupied the number one position

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among management institutions in India. IIMA stands for the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad.

Established Year	1961
Institute Type	Autonomous Govt.
City	Ahmedabad
State	Gujarat
NIRF Ranking 2024	1
Approved by	MHRD/ Govt of India

# Key Highlights of IIM Ahmedabad

- The morning at IIMA starts with lectures in the IIMA classroom by experienced professors that go on till 1 PM.
- After the lecture, students take part in the surprise lecture if they have any or attend the club meet-up. Then, they can play sports or at this time they can prepare for their assignments and presentations.
- The 102 acres that make up the IIM Ahmedabad (IIMA) campus. Also, the college is divided into two parts i.e the old and new campuses.
- All the events are hosted at the main centre i.e. Louis Kahn Plaza or LKP.
- The hostel is known as a dorm at IIMA.
- On the new campus site, there are roughly 19 to 27 dorms compared to 1 to 18 on the old campus.
- The new dorm campus is better built than the old campus. In some of the rooms, they have AC along with a private bathroom.
- Allotment of the rooms is done based on a single and sharing basis.
- There are flat facilities for those students who are married and live with their families.

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- More than 2 lakh volumes, 2376 newspapers, 2948 reports and 3,27,039 e-books are available at the IIM Ahmedabad library.
- Students are offered both vegetarian and non-vegetarian cuisine and the area is tidy and sanitary.
- Students are allowed to use the institute's indoor and outdoor sports facilities.
- The campus is Wi-fi enabled.
- Other facilities include hospitals/medical facilities, auditoriums, academic blocks and faculty and student housing.
- The gym and sports area are part of the IIMA Campus.

# Rankings, Approvals and Accreditations of IIM Ahmedabad

One of India's top management schools, IIM Ahmedabad enjoys a stellar reputation both domestically and internationally. It has repeatedly been ranked No. 1 in the NIRF rankings within India and has also topped positions in global rankings such as QS and FT. IIMA has consistently performed well in all the major ranking systems over the years. The institute is recognised by the Ministry of Education, Government of India and also has an EQUIS accreditation which justifies its international standards in education and institutional merit.

# IIM Ahmedabad Rankings for 2025 & NIRF 2024

Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad Rankings (National & International)	
QS Global Ranking 2025	60
FT Global Ranking 2025	31
NIRF Ranking 2024	1
IIRF Ranking 2025	G-1

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#### IIM Ahmedabad Rankings for 2024 & NIRF 2023

Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad Rankings (National & International)		
QS Global Ranking 2024	53	
FT Global Ranking 2024	41	
NIRF Ranking 2023	1	
IIRF Ranking 2024		

# IIM Ahmedabad Rankings for 2023 & NIRF 2022

Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad Rankings (National & International)	
QS Global Ranking 2023	44
FT Global Ranking 2023	51
NIRF Ranking 2022	1
IIRF Ranking 2023	1

#### **IIM Ahmedabad Approval and Accreditations**

IIM Ahmedabad Approval & Accreditations		
Approval	Ministry of Education, Government of India	
Accreditations	EQUIS	

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# **IIM Ahmedabad Program & Fees**

Various prestigious courses are offered by IIM Ahmedabad for students, working professionals and scholars. The programs vary based on duration, eligibility tests (such as CAT, GMAT, GRE) and charges. A brief overview of the prominent IIM Ahmedabad courses along with entrance requirements and fees is presented below.

Program Name	Duration	IIM Ahmedabad Entrance Exam	Fees
Post Graduate Program (PGP)	2 Years	CAT for Indian Students & GMAT for Foreign Nationals	₹26.50 Lakhs
PGP-FABM: Post Graduate Programme in Food & Agribusiness Management	2 Years	CAT for Indian Students & GMAT for Foreign Nationals	₹26.50 Lakhs
PGPX: Post-Graduate Programme in Management for Executives	1 Year EMPOWE	GMAT/GRE	₹33.00 Lakhs (single accommodation) for 1 year. ₹35.00 lakhs (married student housing) for 1 year.
Blended Post Graduate Programme in Management (BPGP)	2-3 Years	IAT/CAT/GMAT/GRE	₹20.00 Lakhs
Ph.D.	4-5 Years	CAT or Standard test in place of CAT (JRF OR SRF+ GRE + GATE) or GMAT for Foreign nationals	-

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ePost Graduate Diploma in Advanced Business Analytics- (ePGD-ABA)	16 Months	GMAT/GRE/CAT/GAT E score	₹12.00 Lakhs
FDP	44 Days	Application Based	₹1.38 Lakhs (₹1.17+18% GST)
AFP	6 Months	-	

Note: IIM Ahmedabad's Dubai Campus offers a 1-year (full-time) MBA program. Admission through GMAT/GRE exam with min. four years of full-time work experience.

# IIM Ahmedabad Scholarships for 2025 UR MBA AMBITIONS

Indian Institute of Management (IIM Ahmedabad) students can get financial assistance in the form of scholarships. The IIMA Ahmedabad Special Need-Based Scholarships benefit the two-year postgraduate programs (PGP and PGP-FABM) one among the numerous available scholarships. In the previous fiscal year, the gross family income of the student must be below ₹15.00 lakhs. A few of the IIM Ahmedabad scholarships are listed below for the candidate's convenience:

List of Scholarships Offered by IIM Ahmedabad		
Scholarships provided by the Government of India (GOI)  Scholarships that are provided by the Alumni's		
Scholarships provided by various IIM Ahmedabad Special Need-Based Scholarships		
IIMA Exit Scholarships		

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#### IIM Ahmedabad 2025 CAT Exam Cut-Off

The CAT exam scores are one of the most important components for admission into the majority of management programs provided by IIM Ahmedabad. The IIM A cut-off for the flagship MBA program (PGP), the specialist MBA in Food and Agribusiness Management (MBA-FABM) and the ePost Graduate Diploma in Advanced Business Analytics (ePGD-ABA) for the year 2024 is likely to be in the range of 99 percentile. But for other courses such as the Executive MBA (PGPX), Online MBA and PhD CAT cut-offs are neither officially declared nor applicable since they can use other criteria or tests.

Program Type	EM Program Name G YO	UR MB/Cut-Off ITIONS
MBA	PGP	99
Specialised MBA	MBA-FABM	99
Diploma	ePGD-ABA	99
Executive MBA	MBA - PGPX	-
Online MBA	Online MBA	-
PhD	Ph.D.	-

#### **IIM Ahmedabad Admission Process**

Prestigious Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad's courses admission is a very competitive, multi-step process. It is designed to pick up well-rounded students with good academic records, analytical skills, communication skills and leadership qualities.

The entire process of selection is carried out in two primary stages:

Stage 1: Shortlisting for Analytical Writing Test (AWT) and Personal Interview (PI).

Stage 2: Final Selection of Candidates

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# Stage 1: Shortlisting for Analytical Writing Test (AWT) and Personal Interview (PI)

Here, the candidates are filtered from the entire pool of CAT applicants for further assessment in the subsequent round.

#### **Shortlisting Criteria:**

- CAT 2025 Score The candidate needs to take the Common Admission Test (CAT) 2025. They must secure a minimum sectional cut-off (VARC, DILR, QA) and overall percentile. These sectional cut-offs are different for categories like General, EWS, NC-OBC, SC, ST and PwD.
- Academic Achievement Class 10th, Class 12th and graduation marks are taken into account. The assessment takes advantage of a rating scale that assigns weightage by considering the candidate's absolute performance and discipline in academics.
- Work Experience (if any) Full-time work experience is needed. The marks rely on the period of experience as well as the excellence of experience (as evident in the job profile).
- **Gender Diversity** IIM Ahmedabad fosters gender diversity through the practice of granting extra points to female applicants, particularly from streams where female enrollment is traditionally low.
- Academic Discipline Diversity The institute places weight on diverse academic backgrounds (not engineering alone) thus creating a balanced class composition.

#### **Composite Score & Shortlist**

- The above parameters are put together to arrive at a Composite Score.
- Candidates are shortlisted stream-wise for the Analytical Writing Test (AWT) and Personal Interview (PI) based on this score.
- Shortlists will be published by IIM Ahmedabad on its website in January-February 2025.

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#### **Stage 2: Final Selection of Candidates**

Shortlisted candidates in Stage 1 take the AWT and PI typically held in February–March 2025. Final Selection will be based on the following parameters:

Components	Weightage
Analytical Writing Test (AWT)	10%
Academic & Profile Rating	15%
CAT 2024 Score	25%
Personal Interview (PI)	50%

#### **IIM Ahmedabad Placements**

IIMA placed 100% of its PGP and PGP-FABM 2024 batch. Some top recruiters that placed students are Accenture and Boston Consulting Group as they had offered 26 and 23 offers respectively. Another area of recruitment includes Consulting (with TCS 17 offers), Investment Banking (Goldman Sachs with 9 offers) & General Management (with Adani 10 offers) have witnessed an exponential increase.

The placements were done in two steps to optimise the match between students and companies. The PGP placements also saw the participation of 23 new firms increasing the opportunities.

The institute has also done its placements for the PGP-FABM course 2024 batch. Recruiters of different industries like Agri-inputs, consulting, Agri-Tech & FMCG offer roles to students of PGP-FABM.

Furthermore, the PGPX has also registered a successful placement in the year 2024. IIM Ahmedabad's average package was ₹54.80 Lakhs per annum whereas USD 126,564 is the highest international package that the students received. Hence, this successful placement shows the fact that IIMA is as strong as ever in drawing in top companies and training graduates to achieve the most desirable jobs.

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Program Name	Average Package	Highest Package
PGP	₹34.45 Lakhs per annum	₹1.46 Cr. per annum
MBA-PGPX	₹36.41 Lakhs per annum	₹54.80 Lakhs per annum
MBA-FABM	₹20.11 Lakhs per annum	₹33.39 Lakhs per annum
BPGP	-/	-
Ph.D.	-	-
ePGD-ABA	-	-

# **IIM Ahmedabad Alumni**

Given below are some of (IIMA) Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad notable alumni:

Alumni Name	Designation AMBITIONS
Harsh Boghle	Journalist and Cricket Commentator
Chetan Bhagat	Indian author, columnist and television presenter - Best-selling Indian authors
John C. Camillus	Donald R. Beall Professor of Strategic Management - Katz Graduate School of Business, University of Pittsburgh, USA
Raghuram Rajan	Eric J. Gleacher Distinguished Service Professor of Finance - University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business. Currently Governor - Reserve Bank of India.
Deep Kalra	CEO - MakeMyTrip.com, India's leading online travel company

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# **IIM Ahmedabad Campus & Hostel**

The sustainability part of the IIMA campus is most striking. The green living among students educates all residents of the campus about the most needed sustainable practices.

The ways through which sustainability is achieved are solid waste management, nurseries, solar power plants, and rainwater harvesting.

The highlights regarding the campus of IIM Ahmedabad are listed below:

- Auditoriums
- Academic Block
- Administrative Block
- Student Housing
- Faculty Housing
- Gym & Yoga Room
- Outdoor & Indoor Sports
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#### **IIM Ahmedabad Campus**

There are 25 understudy apartments in IIMA student housing, totalling 740 occupants. There is a facility for married students who can live in a single-room dorm. There are 10 single rooms and a dining area, located on each floor of the student dorms. In the IIM Ahmedabad campus, the building also has a facility of single-room dorms that have a common area and snack store. Moreover, there are also single-occupancy and shared rooms available for both boys and girls.

#### **IIM Ahmedabad Hostel Facilities**

Below is the list of amenities that the institute offers:

- Both vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals
- Telephone connection
- Dorms with TV, washing machine, refrigerator
- Single occupancy and shared-rooms

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#### **IIM Ahmedabad Hostel Fee**

During the IIM A admissions process, the hostel cost is added to the total course cost. Candidates can refer to the following table for IIM Ahmedabad fees for the hostel:

Component	Fee
Caution deposit	₹5,000
Total hostel fee	₹1.71 lakhs

**NOTE:** The IIM Ahmedabad cost for the hostel mentioned above is taken from an unofficial source. Hence, it is indicative.

# **IIM Ahmedabad Faculty**

# **IIM Ahmedabad Faculty Details**

Faculty at IIM Ahmedabad is supposed to do discipline research along with expert instruction. The faculty works together to enhance the understanding of the financial system, social business, sustainable business & other topics via research centres & academic fields. Below the list of IIMA faculty is mentioned:

Faculty Names	Designation
Joshy Jacob	Professor of Finance and Accounting
Saravanan A	Assistant Professor of Strategy
Promila Agarwal	Associate Professor of Human Resources Management
Anirban Banerjee	Assistant Professor of Finance and Accounting
Dhiman Bhadra	Associate Professor of Operations and Decision Sciences
Sandip Chakrabarti	Chairperson, Public Systems Group & Co-Chair, Centre for

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	Transportation and Logistics Associate Professor of Public Systems Group	
Devasmita Chakraverty	Associate Professor of Ravi J Matthai Centre for Education Innovation	

#### Compare

IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Bangalore, IIM Calcutta and Faculty Management Studies are top B-schools in India. Every institute is famous for its own uniqueness like academic excellence, popularity, competitive admission processes, etc. However, these institutes always rank at the top not just in India but also globally. Below we have given a comparison on the basis of different parameters to candidates to make an informed decision for their MBA journey.

Parameter	IIM Ahmedabad	IIM Bangalore	FMS Delhi	IIM Calcutta
Location	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Bangalore, Karnataka	New Delhi	Kolkata, West Bengal
NIRF 2024 Ranking	1	2	-	5
Programs Offered	IIM Ahmedabad MBA/PGP, PGP-FABM, MBA – PGPX, MBA-BPGP, Ph.D, ePGD-ABA (diploma), FDP, AFP	PGP, MBA-BA (Business Analytics), MBA-EPGP, MBA-PGPEM, Doctoral Program, PGPPM (Diploma), BBA-DBE	MBA, Executive MBA, PhD	MBA, CEMS MIM, MBAEx, PGPEX-VLM, Doctoral Program, PGDBA

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Flagship Program	Post Graduate Program (PGP)	Post Graduate Program (PGP)	МВА	Post Graduate Program (PGP)
Average CAT Percentile for Admission	99+ percentile	98-99 percentile	98-99 percentile	98-99 percentile
Fees (PGP/MBA)	₹26.50 Lakhs	₹28.00 Lakhs	₹2.29 Lakhs	₹27.00 Lakhs
Average Placement Package	₹34.45 Lakhs per annum	₹34.88 Lakhs per a <mark>nn</mark> um	₹3 <mark>4.1</mark> Lakh <mark>s</mark> per ann <mark>u</mark> m	₹3 <mark>5.</mark> 07 Lakhs per annum
Selection Criteria	CAT Score, AWT, PI, Work Experience, Academic Performance	CAT Score, WAT, PI, Work Experience, Academic Performance	CAT Score, PA Extempore, PI, Work Experience	CAT Score, WAT, PI, Work Experience, Academic Performance
Campus Area	102 acres	100 acres	1.5 acres	135 acres
Top Recruiters	McKinsey, BCG, Bain, Tata, Amazon, Goldman Sachs	McKinsey, BCG, Bain, Microsoft, Amazon, Accenture	Deloitte, PwC, EY, HUL, Goldman Sachs	McKinsey, BCG, Amazon, Citi, JP Morgan, Accenture
Hostel Facilities	Single and shared occupancy, sports facilities	Single and shared occupancy with sports centres	Limited hostel facilities, primarily for outstation students	Single and shared rooms, sports and recreation

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Notable Alumni	K.V. Kamath, Deep Kalra, Sanjeev Bikhchandani	Aswath Damodaran, K. Radhakrishnan, Mallika Srinivasan	Shikha Sharma, Harit Nagpal, Ajay Singh	Indra Nooyi, Harsha Bhogle, Sunil Duggal
Library Resources	Large digital/physical collection, 24/7 access	Comprehensive digital and physical library	Extensive digital resources, city location benefits	Large digital/physical collection, finance focus
Global Recognition	Ranked among the top 100 in FT, QS	Highly ranked globally by FT, QS	Recognised for low fees and high ROI	Consistently top-ranked in Asia by FT, QS

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

#### What is the ranking of IIM Ahmedabad in India?

IIM-A also known as IIM Vastrapur consistently ranks as the top MBA college in India by NIRF and 60th in QS World Rankings.

#### What is the admission procedure for IIM-A?

Admission is CAT score + AWT-PI rounds with final selection on the basis of the composite score.

#### What is the fee structure of IIM Ahmedabad?

Total PGP fee of ₹26.50 Lakhs for 2 years including hostel fees and international immersion.

#### What is the IIM Ahmedabad Package?

The 2023 average CTC was ₹34.45 Lakhs per year with the highest package over ₹1 crore.

#### Which organisations hire from IIM Ahmedabad?

Top recruiters are McKinsey, BCG, Goldman Sachs, Amazon and Tata Group.

#### What distinguishes IIM-A from other IIMs?

Renowned for case-study pedagogy, world-class faculty and one of the strongest alumni networks in India.

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