



Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode Doctoral Programmes in Management Admission Notification 2026–27

Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIM Kozhikode) invites applications for admission to its three doctoral programmes—the Doctoral Programme in Management (DPM), the Doctoral Programme in Management (Teaching Track), and the Doctoral Programme in Management (Practice Track)—offered across the below-mentioned eight Academic Areas of Specialization.

1. Decision Sciences and Operations Management (DSOM)
2. Economics (ECON)
3. Finance, Accounting & Control (FAC)
4. Humanities and Liberal Arts in Management (HLAM)
5. Information Systems (IS)
6. Marketing Management (MM)
7. Organizational Behaviour and Human Resource Management (OBHR)
8. Strategic Management (SM)

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants seeking admission to any of the three doctoral programmes shall satisfy the minimum eligibility requirements specified below.

1. Educational Qualifications

An applicant shall possess any one of the educational qualifications specified below, with the minimum aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA prescribed for each programme, as detailed in Table A.

Table A. Minimum Educational Qualifications

Degree Type / Description	DPM	DPM (Teaching Track)	DPM (Practice Track)
Post-graduate degree or equivalent in any discipline (including M.A., M.Com., M.E., M.Phil., M.Sc., M.Tech., MBA, MCA, etc.)	60%	60%	55%
Professional qualification (CA/CMA(ICWA) /CS/equivalent) with a Bachelor's degree	60% in graduation	60% in graduation	50% in graduation
4-year / 8-semester Bachelor's degree in any discipline	75%	75%	60%

- Applicants in the final year of their qualifying degree may apply only to the DPM. Applicants with CA/CMA(ICWA)/CS/equivalent shall have fully completed the qualification at the time of application. Applicants who are provisionally selected under the DPM shall submit a certificate issued by the Principal, Head of Department, Registrar, or Director of their University/Institute confirming that they have appeared for all examinations (including practical examinations, if any) required for completing the minimum qualifications as per Table A. Final admission shall be contingent upon submission of the mark sheets and the certificate of having passed the qualifying degree on or before 31 December 2026. Failure to meet this requirement shall automatically result in: (a) cancellation of the provisional admission; and (b) recovery of the full fellowship disbursed up to that point.

- When both undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications are available, the higher of the two performances shall be considered for determining minimum eligibility. The percentage of marks obtained shall be calculated as per the rules of the respective University or Institute. Where grades or CGPA are awarded, the conversion to percentage shall follow the procedure certified by the respective University or Institute. If the University or Institute certifies that no conversion scheme exists, the percentage shall be calculated by dividing the applicant's CGPA by the maximum possible CGPA and multiplying the result by 100.
- The educational qualification(s) mentioned above shall:
 - a. Be awarded by a University incorporated by an Act of the Central or State Legislature in India, or by an educational institution established by an Act of Parliament, or declared as a Deemed University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956; or
 - b. Be recognized by the Ministry of Education, Government of India; or
 - c. Be an equivalent qualification granted by an institution approved by AICTE; or
 - d. Be an equivalent qualification from a foreign institution accredited by an assessment or accreditation agency that is approved, recognized, or authorized by an authority established under law in its home country (or other relevant statutory authority) to assess, accredit, or assure the quality and standards of educational institutions.
- IIM Kozhikode is firmly committed to ensuring admissions in compliance with all applicable statutory provisions relating to access for candidates from diverse social and economic backgrounds. Applicants belonging to SC/ST/PwD/NC-OBC/EWS categories shall be eligible for a relaxation of 5% (or equivalent) in the prescribed minimum eligibility marks. Applicants seeking admission under any reserved category must ensure that they satisfy all eligibility conditions applicable to that category. For the purpose of reservation, the relevant Central Government list in force on the last date for submission of applications shall be final and binding.

2. Qualifying Test Score Requirement

Applicants to the DPM (Teaching Track) and the DPM (Practice Track) shall not require any valid qualifying test score. Applicants to the DPM must have a valid test score, not older than three years (except for those who opt for the IIMB Test) as on the application closing date, in any one of the approved tests corresponding to their chosen Area of Specialization, as specified in Table B.

Table B. Area-wise Qualifying Tests

Area of Specialization	Accepted Tests
DSOM	CAT, GATE, GMAT, GRE, IIMB Test, UGC-NET
ECON	CAT, GATE, GMAT, GRE, IIMB Test, UGC-NET
FAC	CAT, GATE, GMAT, GRE, IIMB Test, UGC-JRF (in Management, Economics, or Commerce only)
HLAM	CAT, GATE, GMAT, GRE, IIMB Test, UGC-NET (preferably in but not restricted to English, Linguistics, Law, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Social Work, Sociology, or Comparative Literature)
IS	CAT, GATE, GMAT, GRE, IIMB Test, UGC-NET, Other Tests
MM	CAT, GATE, GMAT, GRE, IIMB Test, UGC-NET
OBHR	CAT, GMAT, GRE, IIMB Test, UGC-JRF
SM	CAT, GATE, GMAT, GRE, IIMB Test, UGC-JRF
Notes 1. The UGC-NET qualification shall include all three result categories: ○ JRF & Assistant Professor ○ Assistant Professor only ○ PhD admission only 2. GRE (at Home) and GMAT (Online) scores shall not be accepted. 3. For the IS Area, "Other Tests" refers to any national-level or institution-specific test recognized for admission to a doctoral programme.	

- Applicants intending to rely on the IIMB Test score for their doctoral programme application to IIM Kozhikode shall be required to submit their application on or before 23 January 2026, in view of the IIMB Test being scheduled on 01 February 2026. The IIMB Test is administered independently by IIM Bangalore, and applicants shall be required to register directly for the test through the IIM Bangalore website. Further details regarding the test are available at the following link: <https://www.iimb.ac.in/node/11966>.
- Applicants holding a PGDM (full-time two-year programme) or MBA degree from any of the IIMs, or an Executive PGDM/MBA degree from IIM Kozhikode, shall be exempted from the qualifying tests listed in Table B. However, such applicants shall be required to have obtained a minimum overall CGPA of 2.67/4.33, or an equivalent of at least a B- (B minus) grade, in the respective qualifying programme.

3. Work Experience Requirement

Applicants shall meet the programme-specific work experience requirements set out in Table C. Work experience shall be considered only if it satisfies the prescribed nature, duration, and other eligibility criteria applicable to each programme.

Table C. Programme-wise Work Experience Requirement

Programme	Work Experience Requirement
DPM	No work experience requirement.
DPM (Teaching Track)	1. Applicants shall possess a minimum of three years of full-time experience after graduation in teaching, training, research, or other equivalent knowledge-oriented roles at recognised higher-education, research, corporate, or professional institutions as on 30 November 2025. 2. Combinations of such experience (e.g., teaching with research, training with academic engagement) that cumulatively amount to three years shall also be considered.
DPM (Practice Track)	1. Applicants shall possess a minimum of eight years of full-time work experience after graduation as on 30 November 2025. 2. Additional requirement for the SM Area: Applicants shall possess a minimum of fifteen years of full-time work experience after graduation as on 30 November 2025. Experience of heading a business unit, company, or large department/division/unit shall be preferred. 3. Academic work experience (such as teaching, teaching assistance, tutoring, or similar roles) shall not be considered for calculating total experience.

Application Process, Fees, and Key Timelines

Applications shall be submitted only through the online portal/link specified in the official admission notification issued by IIM Kozhikode. An applicant may apply to one or more of the three doctoral programmes within a single application. However, the applicant shall select only one Area of Specialization, and this selected Area shall apply uniformly to all programme choices. A non-refundable application fee shall be payable online at the time of submission. The programme-wise application fees are specified in Table D. Applicants applying to more than one programme shall pay the fee applicable to each programme; for illustration, an applicant in the non-reserved category applying to all three programmes shall be required to pay a total fee of ₹7,000.

Table D. Application Fees

Programme	Non-Reserved Category (₹)	*Reserved Category (₹)
DPM	1000	500
DPM (Teaching Track)	2000	1000
DPM (Practice Track)	4000	2000
*Reserved Category shall include applicants belonging to SC/ST/PwD/NC-OBC/EWS categories, subject to the eligibility and documentary requirements specified in Section 2 (Note 2.1D).		

The tentative schedule for the application and admission process is presented in Table E. Any revisions to the schedule, if considered necessary, shall be notified on the Institute website.

Table E. Key Timelines

Event	Date/Timeline
Application opening	24 November 2025
Application closing	23 January 2026
Shortlisting and other processes	6 February 2026 to 28 March 2026
Note: IIM Kozhikode reserves the right to revise the above date/timeline, with or without prior notice, and any such revisions shall be duly notified on the Institute website.	

Thank you and best wishes from IIM Kozhikode!