Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q. 1 **What is a Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) and Executive Fellow Programme in Management (EFPM)?**

A. FPM is a full time doctoral level programme and EFPM is a doctoral level programme for working professionals and faculty in business schools. These programmes are designed to equip students with research competencies. Both the programs are approved by All India Council for Technical Education (Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India).

Q. 2 **Who should do FPM/EFPM?**

A. Students/professionals who want to pursue a career in research, consulting, or academics (including teaching), can benefit from doctoral level programmes. The applicant should have high scholastic inclusion and aptitude for research. She/He should have enough self-motivation to withstand the rigour of the programme.

Q. 3 **What is expected from FPM/EFPM students?**

A. The FPM/EFPM programmes consist of two phases. The first phase of the programme involves doctoral course work. Research Scholars are required to complete the prescribed course work within the duration of three semesters of 6 months each. The first 2 semesters requires attending weekend classes. Each semester is followed by rigorous assessment.

The second phase requires scholars to work on their thesis, which involves the preparation and defense of a thesis proposal, conducting research on the topic, writing of the thesis, publication of research articles and defense of the thesis. Course work is of 18 Months duration and research work leading to submission of thesis is of minimum 30 months duration.

At least 2 research papers must be published in Scopus/Web of Science / ABDC indexed list of Journals. The publications / acceptances should be attached in the Appendices section of the Thesis.

Q. 4 **What is the selection process?**

A. The selection is based on candidate's BIMTECH Entrance Test score, performance in personal interview, work experience, past academic performance, and research proposal submitted. The Entrance Test is held by the Institute mostly in the month of April every year.

Q. 5 **What is the syllabus for BIMTECH entrance examination?**

A. The entrance examination will consist of objective type questions on verbal ability, data interpretation and logical reasoning, and quantitative analysis.

Entrance Test Sample Questions[1]:

Quantitative Analysis

(1) From a book, a number of consecutive pages are missing. The sum of the page numbers of these pages is 9806. Which pages are missing?

a. The page 9806 is missing.
b. The Pages 291 up to 322 are missing.
c. The pages 291 up to and including 322 are missing
d. Either a or c.

(2) A black cube is painted white and then cut parallel to sides to form two rectangles solids of equal volume. What percentage of surface area of each of new solids is not printed white?

a. 25
b. 16
c. 20
d. 18

(3) A solution of salt water had 25% salt. After 30 Kg of water was evaporated from it, the remaining solution had 30% salt. Find the weight of the original solution.

a. 120
b. 180
c. 80
d. 320

Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning

(1) In a certain language, (A) 'Sun shines brightly' is written 'ma go sal'; (B) 'Houses are brightly lit' is written as 'keedo uro agi ma'; and (C) 'Light comes from sun' as 'dammi kisp go aanro'. What words will be written for 'sun' and 'brightly'?

a. go, ma
b. ma, go
c. sal, go
d. ma, sal

(2) What number should replace the question mark in the image below?

6	12	?
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a. 18   b. 20
c. 22   d. 24

(3) Triangle ABC is right angled at B. What is the value of AB + BC? Diameter of the circle inscribed in the triangle is 20 cm and the diameter of the circle circumscribing the triangle is 40 cm.

a. The question can be answered by using only one of the statements
b. The question can be answered by using none of the statements
c. The question can be answered by using both statements together

Verbal Ability

(1) Which of these English idioms mean 'to get something over with because it is inevitable'?

a. Call it a day
b. Get your act together
c. Bite the bullet
d. That's the last straw

(2) Many superhero movies feature some sort of power from which is seen to _____ mountainous barriers and structures, that this image has become cliché.

a. engender
b. emanate
c. annihilate
d. accentuate

(3) Identify the option with the correct spelling.

a. Pennsylvenia
b. Massachusetts
c. Tennesee
d. Wisconsen

Q. 6 **Do I apply for a specific area or can I choose my area after getting admission?**

A. The candidates are expected to enrol in one of the academic research areas of the Institute (refer to FPM/EFPM Brochure) prior to commencement of the programme. They may be allowed to change the area till the end of the course work. Once the thesis proposal is approved, any change in topic and area is generally not allowed.

Q. 7 **Does BIMTECH allow foreign nationals to apply for FPM/EFPM?**

A. Yes, the eligibility criteria are same. Please refer our website/brochure for details.

Q. 8 **What's the degree/title that I get at the completion of the programme?**

A. Students are awarded the title 'Fellow in Management' after successful completion of the programme.

Q. 9 **What financial aid is available?**

A. Financial support is provided to the FPM scholars only, as they are full time scholars in the institute. Scholarship for FPM: 1st Year – Rs. 30,000/-, 2nd Year – Rs. 32,500/- and Rs. 35,000/- for 3rd and 4th Year. One Time Research Grant for purchase of Laptop, Software, Attending Doctoral Consortium and/or Conference, Seminar at National and International level – upto Rs. 1,80,000/-.

Q. 10 **Do FPM students get hostel accommodation?**

A. Hostel Accommodation is provided to FPM scholars subject to availability on nominal rent as prescribed from time to time by the Institute. Hostel rooms are available twin sharing.

Q. 11 **Do FPM/EFPM students need to teach?**

A. Not necessarily, but FPM students may be assigned academic related work like organising conferences and seminars. But Teaching Assistant (TA) is a way to develop one's teaching skills. Hence, a scholar and her/his Thesis Supervisory Committee can mutually decide on the scope of the scholar to do TA in the Supervisors' courses. This is not a compulsion of any kind, but open to mutual agreement.