

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
Fellow Programme in Management (FPM)
Executive Fellow Programme in Management (EFPM)

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 scholars 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. Scholars/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.

Working professionals who wish to pursue a doctoral level program are encouraged to join the EFPM. The EFPM permits a scholar to pursue the degree along with her/his job/profession.

Q. 3 What is expected from FPM/EFPM scholars?

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. The 3rd semester requires a scholar to undertake and prepare two courses independently under the supervision of Thesis Supervisory Committee (TSC) leading to open house seminar presentations. 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. Phase one (Course work) is of 18 months duration. Phase two (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 process will consist of presentation (offline/online) by the applicants on their research proposal, subsequently followed by interview(s). Based on the final scores, the applicants are merit listed; according to which offers for admissions are made.

Q. 5 What is expected in a research proposal?

A. The research proposal should broadly contain the following: **description of a problem or issue, a review of relevant literature, identification of research questions or hypotheses, description of appropriate methods to address those concerns.** Please note that this is not the final research proposal, the objectives may change during the course of the doctoral programme.

Q. 6 Do I apply for a specific area?

A. Yes, the candidates have to enrol in one of the academic research areas of the Institute (refer to FPM/EFPM Brochure) prior to commencement of the programme. During filling up of the application form, the applicants will be asked to select their academic research area of choice.

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. Scholars 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. 35,000/-, 2nd year – Rs. 37,500/- and Rs. 40,000/- 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 scholars 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 twin sharing.

Q. 11 Do FPM/EFPM scholars need to teach?

A. Not necessarily, but FPM **scholars** may be assigned academic related work like organising conferences and seminars. But teaching assistance (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.