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PhD in Management
Economics and Social Sciences Area
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The Economics and Social Sciences (ESS) area engages in teaching, research, external engagements, and media and policy outreach in a wide range of fields. These include Behavioural Economics, Development Economics, Environmental Economics, Game Theory, Industrial Organization, IPRs, International Trade, International Monetary Economics, and Labour Economics. It has a good mix of faculty with theoretical, empirical and policy related work. ESS faculty have published research papers in reputed journals such as the Journal of Development Economics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Political Economy and Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization, among others. Faculty members have also published books, book chapters, and reports and have contributed to reference handbooks in their research domains. Several ESS faculty are members of national and international expert committees in their fields of expertise and provide policy advice to government and international institutions.

The ESS area has a vibrant doctoral program, attracting candidates from reputed programs in Economics as well as other disciplines from academic institutions in India and abroad. It offers a Ph.D. degree (formerly known as Fellow Program in Management – FPM) on successful completion of coursework and a dissertation. Ph.D. candidates have specialized in many of the above fields and have also published their thesis work in reputed international journals such as Economics Letters, Journal of Health Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change and Economic Modelling, among others. Many of our Ph.D. students have been successfully placed at leading management institutes in the country.

Some of our students have been selected to prestigious post-doctoral programmes such as the Jean Monnet fellowship in the EU and some have joined industry and research/policy think tanks.

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Faculty Profiles

Anubha Dhasmana - International Macroeconomics.
Ph.D. (Economics), The Johns Hopkins University



A Damodaran - Environmental Economics and Financing
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Alumni Speak

“The doctoral programme at IIMB was perfect! With supervisors who respond by email within an hour, courses that make you think critically, financial support unparalleled in India, and a fantastic football field, I had a dream run with my doctoral thesis. The opportunities at IIMB helped me do a postdoctoral fellowship in beautiful Florence in Italy in 2013, after which I have had the opportunity to work in different academic settings, with the Office of the Chief Economic Advisor of India and even spend time at the Harvard Business School on the Alfred Chandler Jr. Visiting Fellowship. My first book - India Moving: A History of Migration (Penguin 2018) - grew out of my IIMB doctoral thesis which was the result of extensive fieldwork, large-scale data analysis and above all, the freedom given at IIMB to explore one’s research interest with passion”



Chinmay Tumble, FPM 2013 and Assistant Professor at IIM, Ahmedabad



“The doctoral programme at IIM Bangalore is amongst the best in the country allowing its students to engage in multidisciplinary research as well as training in the management domains. The rigorous course work helps build strong foundations to tread on the path of one’s academic journey with ease. Regular research seminars, workshops etc. by visiting scholars and faculty take place here, acquainting you to the new domains of research. The institute provides generous support and freedom to attend and present at national and international conferences that helped me gain wide exposure. I am immensely thankful to have been guided by an impeccable advisor for my dissertation with whom I will continue to collaborate for years to come. The time spent in the beautiful campus with a motivated group of peers, exploring intellectual pursuits will always remain cherished.”

Kalpana Tokas, FPM 2019 and Assistant Professor at IMI, New Delhi

Students Speak

“The FPM Program at IIM Bangalore is one of the best in India for quality research in Economics. It offers a perfect blend of comprehensive course work and research techniques. The Professors specialize in a variety of subfields in Economics and constantly work alongside students. IIM Bangalore provides a plethora of opportunities to interact with eminent Economists across the country and abroad, through a series of Research Seminars. The Economics Department encourages young minds to present their ideas in various brownbag sessions. Overall, it provides a conducive environment for research and prepares doctoral students for the world of Academia.”



Banantika Datta, Current Student



“The FPM program at IIMB provides the structured and rigorous coursework necessary for broadening the ideas and views of a future researcher. In the past one year, I have been able to enhance my knowledge in the field of economics and pick up the necessary tools, like applied statistics and econometrics, required for carrying out good research. Regular research seminars, conducted by the ESS area, have added a lot of scope in terms of the research topics available to me for dissertation or future work. These, along with several conferences and brown bags, ensure that the students know about the frontiers of research in the area. In addition, the faculty always welcome exploring various research ideas with students. All this makes the research environment at IIMB truly conducive to free thinking and enabling students to pick up the right research topics. Considering the amount of effort and seriousness put in by the institute in furthering its research agenda, it can be undoubtedly said that the FPM program at IIMB is one of the best management doctoral programs in India.”

Rahul Rao, Current Student

“The FPM program at IIMB is one of a kind in India. What makes it unique is its dynamic nature which helps to keep in pace with the current research practices around the world. The initial coursework prepares thoroughly for the thesis to follow. The faculty interaction, visiting scholars and seminar series are some of the key highlights. My journey has been quite enriching and the exposure at IIMB has made me confident in pursuing quality research as an academician.”



Abhishek Naresh, Current Student



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