

Admission Procedure for International and Overseas Candidates

Undergraduate Programmes – 2027 Admissions

1. Eligibility

This admission route is available to candidates applying to the Undergraduate Programmes at IIM Bangalore who satisfy **ALL** the requirements specified below.

A candidate may apply through this route if the candidate:

- a. is either:
 - i. a **foreign passport holder (International Candidate)**; or
 - ii. an **Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cardholder**
- b. who has resided outside India for at least **18 months during the three years immediately preceding November 15, 2026** and is **not physically present in India on November 15, 2026**, the date of the IIMB Undergraduate Admission Test;
- c. has studied **Mathematics at the final secondary-school level, corresponding broadly to Class X in the Indian system, and obtained at least 60% marks or equivalent.**
- d. has obtained an **SAT Total Score of at least 1450**; and
- e. has obtained an **SAT Math score of at least 740.**

Where an applicant's educational system does not report percentage marks, equivalence will be determined on the basis of the applicable grading scale, curriculum and/or examining authority.

Satisfying these minimum requirements makes a candidate eligible for consideration but does not guarantee shortlisting or admission.

2. Application & Program Allocation

Eligible candidates must submit the prescribed online application form and pay an application fee of **USD 50 or its equivalent in Indian Rupees**, as specified by IIM Bangalore.

Candidates may apply to **either or both programmes—Data Science and Economics**. The application fee will remain the same irrespective of whether the candidate applies to one or both programmes.

Candidates will be considered for admission only to the programme(s) for which they have submitted an application. Applicants who apply to both programmes must indicate their order of preference at the time of application.

Applicants should provide their academic record for the **four most recent years of secondary schooling**, or the equivalent period leading up to completion of secondary school.

For each academic year, candidates should provide, wherever applicable:

1. grade/year/class of study;
2. overall marks, grades or GPA;
3. Mathematics marks or grades;
4. subjects studied;
5. maximum possible marks and/or applicable grading scale;
6. name of the school;
7. curriculum, Board, examining authority or qualification;
8. country of study; and
9. results of any relevant external/public examinations.

Candidates should also provide details of their final or expected school-leaving qualification, such as an **IB Diploma, A-levels, national school-leaving examination, high-school diploma, Indian Class XII examination, or equivalent qualification**.

Where final-year or school-leaving results are not yet available at the time of application, candidates should provide the **latest available academic results**.

Candidates must arrange for their official SAT scores to be submitted or verified in the manner prescribed by IIM Bangalore.

3. Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations

Candidates who have taken Advanced Placement (AP) examinations in subjects recognized for the programme to which they are applying should provide the scores obtained in all the AP examinations.

The recognized AP subjects are:

Programme/Major	Recognized AP Subjects
Data Science	Calculus BC, Calculus AB, Statistics, Computer Science A
Economics	Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Calculus BC, Calculus AB, Statistics

Taking AP examinations is not mandatory. However, if a candidate has taken **one or more AP examinations, all AP examination scores must be reported** in the application. Candidates who have not taken any AP examinations will remain eligible for consideration, subject to satisfying all other eligibility requirements.

Candidates applying to both programmes may report all relevant AP scores. The applicable recognized-subject list will be used separately in evaluating the application for each programme.

4. Statement of Purpose

Candidates must submit a **Statement of Purpose of approximately 600 words** describing, among other things:

- their academic background and interests;
- their motivation for applying to the Undergraduate Programme(s) at IIM Bangalore;
- relevant academic and other experiences and achievements; and
- their future academic and career aspirations.

1. Reference letters

Submission of TWO (online) reference letters is mandatory for shortlisted candidates (after stage I). Candidates must provide details (email id and contact details) of two people as referees in the on-line application. References should be from teachers in an academic institution where the candidate is studying/ has studied and should have taught the applicant relevant subjects in the last 4 years. References will have to be submitted online by the referees directly on or before the stipulated last date for submission of application. References are a part of the application, and the application can be submitted only after the “Reference” section is complete. No separate extension will be allowed for submission of references. References cannot be received/submitted separately.

6. Stage I: Shortlisting for Personal Interview

Candidates satisfying the prescribed eligibility requirements will be evaluated using the following components:

Component	Weight
SAT Math	40
SAT Reading and Writing	20
Evaluation of Application	40
Total	100

The SAT section scores will be appropriately scaled for computing the above score.

The **Evaluation of Application** will be based on a holistic assessment of the candidate’s academic record across the secondary-school years, performance in Mathematics and other relevant subjects, academic trajectory, AP examination performance where available, Statement of Purpose, other relevant academic achievements, and information contained in the application.

The evaluation will take account of differences among national and international school systems, curricula and grading practices.

Candidates will **not be disadvantaged merely because they have not taken AP examinations**.

Based on the Stage I score, a specified number of candidates will be shortlisted for the Personal Interview.

6. Stage II: Personal Interview

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a Personal Interview (PI). All such candidates will be encouraged to attend the interview in person, which is expected to be conducted during the second and/or third week of January 2027 at selected cities in India. Candidates for whom attending an in-person interview is not feasible will be provided with the option of attending the interview online during the same period.

7. Final Selection

For candidates appearing for the Personal Interview, the final composite score will be calculated as follows:

Component	Weight
Stage I Score	60
Personal Interview	40
Total	100

The Stage I score will be rescaled to 40 points and the Personal Interview score to 60 points.

Final offers of admission will be made based on the **Final Composite Score**, subject to fulfilment of all eligibility requirements and verification of the information and documents submitted by the candidate.

8. Verification and General Provisions

IIM Bangalore may seek original documents, official score reports, school transcripts, passport/OCI documentation, evidence of residence outside India, travel records, or other documents required to establish eligibility.

For applicants following educational systems that do not directly correspond to the Indian Class X/Class XII structure or do not report percentage marks, IIM Bangalore will determine the appropriate equivalence based on the curriculum, grading scale, examining authority and other relevant information.

Submission of incorrect or materially misleading information may result in cancellation of the application or withdrawal of an offer of admission.

IIM Bangalore reserves the right to modify the admission process or any component thereof if considered necessary.