

FULL-TIME IMD MBA FAQ

Admissions

What key characteristics are you looking for in your applicants?

We are looking for applicants who can demonstrate intellectual ability, career progression, leadership potential, international outlook, interpersonal skills, intellectual curiosity as well as strong values and integrity.

What supporting documents do I need to submit?

- Three letters of recommendation
- Uploaded transcripts
- Official GMAT score or GRE
- A digital photo

Who should I select as my recommenders?

Your three confidential letters of recommendation give us an extra assessment of your overall personality, your business achievements and your leadership capabilities. Choose people who know you well and with whom you have mutual respect over someone with an important title. Try to choose people that represent diverse facets of your professional life spanning various companies and years (preferably direct managers) or alternatively, choose someone who has shared an experience with you either in your professional career or an extracurricular activity (mentors, charity event coordinators, colleagues, etc).

Does my recommender have to use the IMD form?

Yes, the online recommendation form provided in the application must be used and substitutes are not accepted.

Do you need my degree transcripts?

Yes, transcripts from all colleges, universities and professional schools attended must be uploaded on the online application platform and must include:

- A comprehensive record of completed courses
- Grades obtained
- Overall grade average
- Class ranking (if available)

If you are invited for our assessment day, you will need to bring your originals or certified copies for verification.

Do you accept transcripts in other languages?

No, if your transcripts are not in English or French, you must supply a certified translation in English.

What is the GMAT?

The Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) is used by graduate schools of management as one predictor of academic performance. It includes verbal, quantitative and analytical writing sections.

The latest GMAT Information Bulletin and preparation materials are available from: gmtat@ets.org

For details on the GMAT CAT, test centers and registration procedures, visit: www.mba.com

How long is my GMAT score valid?

You must have taken the GMAT within five years of the date of your application.

What is IMD's GMAT report code?

To indicate IMD as an automatic recipient of your official GMAT score report, the IMD MBA GMAT report code is **SKR-MM-13**.

We require all applicants to submit an original GMAT score. We do not accept photocopies.

If your official GMAT score has not been included on your application form, please fax a copy of the unofficial score directly to the IMD MBA Admissions Office.

What is the minimum GMAT score?

There is no minimum requirement - a high score does not guarantee admission and a lower score does not necessarily eliminate an applicant. The average score is 670, with 80% being between 610 - 750.

What is the minimum GRE score?

Candidates need to score at or above the 75-80th percentile for both the quantitative and verbal sections of the GRE.

Do I need to take the TOEFL?

No, if we are interested in your application you will be invited for an on-campus assessment day, which will give us the opportunity to evaluate your level of English for ourselves.

Are interviews part of the admissions process?

Yes. Candidates whose application passes the first assessment are invited for an on-campus assessment day, this is an essential part of our evaluation process as it helps us to put together the best group of 90 and it also allows you to evaluate us.

The day incorporates:

- Personal interview with a member of the admissions committee
- Impromptu presentation on a business topic which we will give you when you arrive
- Group case study discussion lead by one of our professors
- MBA class observation
- Lunch with MBAs

Do you offer phone interviews?

No, the assessment day is an important part of our admissions process and all accepted participants need to have passed through this phase.

What is the difference between the five application deadlines?

While you can choose any of our application deadlines, we encourage you to apply as early as possible. Apply for one of the first four deadlines if you are a citizen of a country that requires a visa process.

What type of visa is needed to study at IMD?

Nationals of all non-European Community countries will need a 'Visa of Entry for Studies' in order to enter Switzerland. Each participant is responsible for obtaining the visa, however IMD will provide all necessary paperwork required by your country of origin and will liaise with government officials as required.

Do you have any admissions tips?

Lisa Piguet, Associate Director MBA Admissions & Marketing, offers the following tips on the IMD MBA admissions process.

- Highlight your achievements
- Show us your business orientation, especially if from a non-business background
- Give examples of your leadership: even if you have never managed a team, think of situations outside of work or indirect leadership
- Tell us who you are, share some personal information
- Choose recommenders who have worked directly with you and who can assess your business acumen and potential
- Talk to our alumni or participants to get a feel for the program.

Can I assess if my profile fits the IMD MBA program before applying?

Yes, our 'Assess your Chances' form has been designed specifically to assess your general fit with our program. Based on your answers, a member of our Admissions Committee will provide you with feedback on your potential candidacy within 15 working days. In order to complete our Assess your Chances form, you will need to login or create a myIMD account.

How should I decide whether to apply for IMD's full-time MBA or Executive MBA program ?

Where you are in your career is the key decision factor.

The MBA is for younger professionals (average class age is 31) with a minimum of 3 years work experience and an average of 7. The EMBA is for more experienced professionals with company support and at least ten years of solid business experience.