



CHANDRAGUPT INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT PATNA

Post Graduate Programme (PGDM) Admissions Policy for 2026

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I. General Guidelines:

- 1) CIMP has an approved intake of 180 students for its PGP programme (PGDM 2026-28 batch), subject to extension of approval in 2026. PGDM programme at CIMP is approved by AICTE, accredited by NBA and recognized by AIU as equivalent to MBA.
- 2) Any Indian National with 50% aggregate marks in graduation (45% for SC/ST/BC/DA*) can apply. Candidates appearing in the final year of graduation and expecting to complete all the requirements including sitting through the examinations for the award of Degree before 30th June, 2026 may also apply.
- 3) The following process will be followed to give Admission to the PGDM 2026-28 batch:
 - a. CIMP will use CAT 2025, XAT 2026, GMAT, MAT-Sep 2025 or Later, CMAT 2026, ATMA 2026, and CUET-PG 2026 scores.
 - b. Test score submitted by the candidate will be modified using a factor. The factors of different test scores are given below:
 - CAT, XAT & GMAT: 1.0
 - CMAT, CUET-PG: 0.75
 - MAT, ATMA: 0.60(As per above description, the candidate having 100 overall percentile in CMAT/CUET-PG will be modified to 75. Similarly, 100 overall percentile in MAT/ATMA will be modified to 60. Scores for CAT, XAT and GMAT will remain unchanged)
 - c. Shortlisted candidates will be called for Group Discussion (GD) and Personal Interview (PI) at their chosen interview centre.
 - d. An applicant can apply only once in an admission season and there is no any provision to re-appear in GD/PI.
 - e. Composite score will be prepared using the weighted scores of all the NINE components given in Tables 1(a) & 1(b). Final Merit List would be prepared by taking into account the composite score.

Table 1(a): Pre GD-PI Assessment

SI. No.	Component	Weightage
1	Class 10 th Marks	5%
2	Class 12 th Marks	5%
3	Graduation Marks	5%
4	Work-Experience Profile (Duration)	5%
5	CAT (2025), XAT (2026), GMAT, MAT (Sep 2025 or Later), CMAT (2026), ATMA (2026), CUET-PG (2026)	35%

Table 1(b): Assessment during GD-PI

SI. No.	Component	Weightage
6.	Writing Ability Test (WAT) and Psychometric Test	5 %
7.	Group Discussion (GD) #	15 %
8.	Personal Interview (PI) #	20 %
9.	Sports, Extra-Curricular activities, Academic Diversity and Gender Diversity	5%
TOTAL		100%

A candidate securing less than 25% of the total marks allocated for the Group Discussion and Personal Interview will not be considered for admission to PGDM programme of CIMP.



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- 4) Guidelines to assess the duration of work experience are given in Table 2:

Table 2: Scorecard to assess work experience (Duration)

Experience in Months	Weightage in the overall assessment
Below 6 months	0
6 to 10 months	1 point
11 to 15 months	2 points
16 to 20 months	3 points
21 to 25 months	4 points
26 to 30 months	5 points
31 to 35 months	4 points
36 to 40 months	3 points
41 to 45 months	2 points
Above 45 months	1 point

- 5) PGP of CIMP being a fully residential programme, it shall be mandatory for all the selected students to stay inside the CIMP campus.
- 6) The Admissions Committee of CIMP, comprising of the following members, shall oversee and execute the admission process under the aegis of the Institute Director:

S. No.	Name	Role in Admissions Committee
1	Admission Coordinator	Coordinator
2	PGP Coordinator	Member
3	Prof. Rajasshrie Pillai	Member
4	Prof. Ranjit Tiwari	Member
5	Prof. Kalyan Agrawal	Member
6	Dr. Rishi Kant Kumar	Member
7	Chief Administrative Officer	Member
8	IT Manager	Member
9	Admissions Officer	Member

- 7) A team of carefully chosen eminent academicians would be involved in facilitating Admission Interviews to ensure complete fairness and transparency.
- 8) The Admissions Committee under the supervision of the Director, CIMP shall be the apex body for all issues related to PGP admissions of the Institute; and its decision on all issues concerning the PGP admissions process shall be considered as final.



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II. Admission Procedure:

CIMP will select candidates for admission to its PGDM programme on the basis of the Nine components given in Tables – 1(a) & 1(b). **IIMs and XLRI have no role either in the selection process or in the conduct of the programme.**

Aspiring candidates may apply online or purchase the Admission Brochure & Application Form from the Institute counter on payment of Rs. 1,000/- only (Rs. 500/- for Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), and Differently Abled (DA)* candidates) by submitting a Demand Draft in favor of “Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna” payable at Patna. Alternatively, candidates may download the Admission Brochure and Application Form from the Institute’s website (www.cimp.ac.in). The duly filled in and signed Application Form and a Demand Draft of Rs. 1,000/- (Rs. 500/- for Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), and Differently Abled (DA) candidates) (*in the case of downloaded application forms only*), must reach CIMP before the closing deadline. The Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), Backward Caste (BC) and Differently Abled (DA)* candidates must show/ enclose a copy of their SC/ST/BC/DA Certificates at the time of obtaining (and sending the filled-in) Admission Brochure and Application Form.

All the shortlisted applicants will be called for Group Discussion (GD) & Personal Interview (PI). Successful candidates will be intimated individually through E-mail. The final selection is binding on the candidates’ composite score, assessed based on the weighted scores, as given in Tables 1(a) & 1(b) of this document.

Candidates awaiting their final graduation results will be *provisionally* admitted, subject to producing their final mark-sheet and degree certificate latest by **31st December 2026**, failing which their admission shall stand forfeited.

III. Important Timelines:

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| ✓ CIMP application issue commences | : Second/Third week of October, 2025 |
| ✓ CIMP application issue closes | : 10 January, 2026 |
| ✓ Information of GD/PI through e-mail & phone calls | : February- March, 2026 |
| ✓ GD/PI Process | : Start tentatively from February, 2026 |
| GD-PI Centre | : Patna, Ranchi, Delhi, and Bangalore |
| ✓ Declaration of Final Results | : Tentatively from March, 2026 |
| ✓ Acceptance of the first offers of admission | : Tentatively from March, 2026 |
| ✓ PGP Registration | : Tentatively from April, 2026 |

Schedule for GD-PI and further processes may change if required.

IV. Documents Required:

Candidates shall have to produce the following documents in ORIGINAL (along with a Photostat copy of each) at the time of admission/ PGP Registration:

- Matriculation/ Secondary School Examination Certificate or equivalent certificate and mark-sheet;



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- b) Higher Secondary/ Intermediate or equivalent certificate and mark-sheet;
- c) Degree Certificate and mark-sheet;
In case of a candidate completing the degree by the year 2026 or awaiting the result, s/he shall have to produce a certificate from the Principal or Head of the College/Institute, stating that all requirements for the award of a degree including the final examination will be completed by 30 June, 2026; and the candidate will be required to produce the Degree/ Provisional Degree Certificate along with mark sheet latest by 31 December, 2026.
- d) College Leaving/ Transfer/ Migration Certificate in original;
- e) Character/ Conduct Certificate from the Head of the College/ Institute last attended;
- f) Medical Report providing details about blood group and physical fitness. Medical report should be prepared by a registered medical practitioner;
- g) Caste certificate duly certified by competent authority for students claiming reservation;
- h) Domicile Certificate issued by the District Magistrate/ Deputy Commissioner for students claiming to be a domicile of Bihar;
- i) Household Income certificate duly certified by (competent authority) a Revenue Officer/ Tahsildar for students claiming to be considered for tuition fee waiver scheme;
- j) Service Record, if applicable: Authentic relieving certificate/ *No Objection Certificate* from the employer. Service record should contain the date of joining, date of leaving, present position held, last salary drawn and nature of duties. Also mention the past employment record, if any;
- k) Score Card of the appeared test (CAT 2025, XAT 2026, GMAT, MAT-Sep 2025 or Later, CMAT 2026, ATMA 2026, and CUET-PG 2026);
- l) Admission offer letter issued by CIMP

The offer of admission shall be *provisional* and will be confirmed only after the submission of all relevant documents in ORIGINAL by the candidate and s/he being found to fulfill the eligibility criteria for admission to the PGP of CIMP.

V. Reservation:

CIMP shall follow the following reservation policy as prescribed by the Government of Bihar for educational institutions:

Open Merit Category	: 50%
Reserved Category	: 50%

The break-up of reserved category shall be as follows:

Scheduled Castes (SC)	: 16%
Scheduled Tribes (ST)	: 01%
Extremely Backward Classes (EBC)	: 18%
Backward Classes (BC)	: 12%
Women of Backward Classes (WBC)	: 03%

10 percent reservation for economically weaker sections of General category. Amongst all categories, 50% of the total vacancies will be reserved for students who qualify as domicile of Bihar and 4% would be reserved for DAs (Differently Abled candidates).



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The minimum qualifying “*Composite Score*” (Refer 3.e) for reserved category (BC, WBC) candidates shall be 10 base-points lower than that decided for General Merit category candidate. For candidates belonging to EBC, SC, and ST the minimum qualifying marks will be 15 base-points lower than the last qualifying candidate from the general category candidates. When no candidate with the minimum threshold “*Composite Score*” is available against the seats reserved for a particular category, those vacant seats can be filled as per the merit list.

VI. Admission Fee Timeline (Tentative):

Offer Acceptance Fee: (April-May 2026)	:	Rs. 15,000
** Term 1 Academic Fee (June-July 2026)	:	Rs. 125,000
Term 2 Academic Fee (October 2026)	:	Rs. 125,000
Term 3 Academic Fee (January 2027)	:	Rs. 125,000
Term 4 Academic Fee (June 2027)	:	Rs. 125,000
Term 5 Academic Fee (September 2027)	:	Rs. 125,000
Term 6 Academic Fee (January 2028)	:	Rs. 125,000

Hostel, Food, and Books: As Applicable

The refund policy of the Institute in the case of withdrawal/ cancellation of admission is as per AICTE rule.

VII. Additional Details:

Laptops would be an integral tool for pursuing the programme, for which students shall have to bear the expenses. Students can avail the facility of Students Credit Card scheme of the Government of Bihar. PGP office will provide the details for the same on the date of registration.

***Also referred to as Persons with Disability (PwD)**

**** Term 1 fee excludes security deposit of Rs. 10,000/- which will be refunded (after adjusting the dues, if any) on completion of the PGDM programme.**

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