Fellow Programme in Management (FPM)

Approved by AICTE - Equivalent to Ph.D.

CHHATRAPATI SHAHU INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, KOLHAPUR

About the Programme

The Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) is a full-time Doctoral-level programme approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). It aims to develop high-Caliber scholars for careers in teaching, research, and consultancy. The FPM is designed to provide rigorous training in research methods, academic scholarship, and domain-specific knowledge, culminating in a thesis that makes an original contribution to the field of management.

This programme is **recognized as equivalent to a Ph.D.** as per AICTE guidelines.

Duration: 4 Years

Objectives:-

- To foster research in contemporary and emerging areas of management.
- To equip scholars with strong theoretical foundations and methodological skills.
- To prepare scholars for academic careers in universities, institutes, think tanks, and global consultancy firms.

Specializations Offered
- Marketing Management
- Financial Management and Fintech
- Human Resource Management Program Guide lines and Organizational Behaviour
- Strategy & General Management
- Operations & Supply Chain Management

Duration and Structure

Phase	Duration	Details
Coursework	1-2 years	Foundation courses, research methodology, and area-specific subjects
Comprehensive Exam	End of Year 1	Tests readiness to undertake independent research
Research and Dissertation	Years 3-4	Proposal defence, original research, final thesis submission and defence

Eligibility Criteria

As per **AICTE APH 2024-27** norms:

Master's Degree or equivalent in Engineering and Technology/Management/Economics/ Social Science/ Biological Science/Pure Science/Commerce/Humanities with FIRST CLASS shall be considered for admission to Fellow programme. (55% for SC/ST Candidates)

CA,ICWA/CMA or CS with at least 55% marks (50% for SC/ST candidates)

Fees:

- **Entrance Test Fee** (2025–26):
  - o Open category: ₹850
  - o Reserved category: ₹600
    These are non-refundable application fees for the entrance test
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- **Annual Tuition** Fees
  - o Annual Rs. 25,000/- per year.

Fellowship and Support

Eligible full-time scholars will receive:

- Contingency grant for research and data collection
- Financial support for conferences, workshops, and seminars

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the FPM are well-equipped to work as:

- Faculty in top management institutions and universities
- Researchers in policy think tanks and development agencies
- Consultants in analytics, strategy, and research-based consulting
- Corporate R&D professionals in multinational companies

Why Choose CSIBER, Kolhapur?

- AICTE-recognized doctoral-level programme
- Access to research databases and online journals
- Strong mentorship from experienced faculty
- Opportunities for teaching assistantships and international exposure
- Interdisciplinary research ecosystem
- Participation in conferences, FDPs, and industry projects

Key Dates for Admissions (2025-26)

Event	Date
Application opens	29th January, 2026
Last date to apply	10th Februray, 2026
Research Aptitude Test (if any)	14th February, 2026
Interview & Selection	18th February, 2026
Programme commencement	2nd March, 2026

How to Apply

1. Apply Online at siberindia.edu.in Link:- .
2. Upload required documents and valid test score.
3. The candidate must submit a proposal of about 5000 words on the area of research interest (tentative research proposal) along with his/ her application.
4. Appear for CSIBER RAT/Interview (as per admission policy).
5. Final selection will be based on:
   - Academic qualifications and work experience
   - Tentative research proposal and its presentation before the Selection Committee
   - Personal interview
6. The decision of the Institution Selection Committee regarding admission shall be final. Communication shall be sent only to the selected candidates. The Institution shall not entertain any queries or correspondence in respect of those not selected.

Absence of Guide during the Programme.

In case of temporary absence of a Guide for a period of more than one year a new Guide shall be nominated for the Fellow Candidates. In case of a Guide who has guided for more than a year, he/ she shall be allowed to resume the guidance after his/ her return from temporary absence.

If the period of absence is less than 2 years, the previous Guide shall act as Co-Guide on his/ her return. If the period of absence is more than 2 years, he/she shall cease to be a Guide for the Fellow candidate.

Change of Guide: Change of a Guide shall be permitted in exceptional circumstances on the recommendation of the Research Committee.

STRUCTURE OF FPM PROGRAMME

SEM	CODE	TITLE	CREDITS
Sem I First Year	FP01 FP02 FP03 FP04	Research Methodology -I Statistics for Research Management Theories Research Publication Ethics (RPE as per UGC)	3 3 3 3
Sem II First Year	FP 05 FP 06 FP 07-09	Research Methodology -II Literature Review and Academic Writing 3 Stream specific Course of 3 credits each	3 2 9
Total Credit	**First Year**		**26**
Sem III Year II		Research Proposal DevelopmentSubmitted before an internal Research Committee	4
Year II Sem IV		Credit Seminar (Specific) Review paper based on the literature on the Thesis related topic	4 6
Sem V and VI Year 3		Data Collection Begins Data Analysis Internal Review Presentation	
Sem VII and Sem VIII		Thesis Draft Submission Final Thesis Submission + Viva Voce with External Expert Panel	20
	Total Credits		**60**

Additional Requirements

- A minimum of **two research papers** published in Scopus-, Web of Science–, or ABDC-indexed journals is mandatory for thesis submission.

- Participation and paper presentation in at least two academic conferences is mandatory.

Details of Courses and Seminar

The stream specific Courses and Seminars shall be decided as approved by the Director on the recommendation by the candidate's Guide(s) and the Research Advisory Committee.

Duration for earning Credit

All the prescribed credits (except thesis and viva-voice) must be earned within a maximum period of three years from the date of admission to the Programme. Scholars are expected to complete the coursework, seminars, and review requirements in accordance with the semester-wise structure of the programme.

If a scholar is unable to complete the credit requirements within three years, an extension of one additional year may be granted by the Research Committee. During this extension period, the scholar's progress will be reviewed every six months by the Guide(s) and the Research Advisory Committee, and approval for continuation will be based on satisfactory progress. If the candidate is unable to submit the thesis within the prescribed time limit of four years, a maximum of two extensions (each of one year) may be granted with the prior approval of the Research Committee.

Beyond this extended period, no further extension will be normally granted. The final approval for such an extension shall rest with the Research Committee

Grading System of Credit Courses/Seminar

The minimum of CGPA of 6.5 on a 10-point scale or 60% is required for passing Course/ Seminar. A candidate getting less than 60% shall be given opportunity to repeat the Course/ Seminar. If he/ she still does not pass in the Course/ Seminar within three+ one years, he/ she shall be terminated from the Fellow Program.

Registration Seminar and Progress Seminar

Each research scholar needs to register his/ her research proposal. The registration procedure is given below.

a. Pre-registration Seminar
Each research scholar shall give a pre-registration Seminar before a Committee constituted by the Research Committee. The Committee shall include the Guide(s), experts drawn from Institution's Faculty members and Director. The Seminar shall be given after completion of the three Semester. The Research Scholar shall submit one copy of the pre-registration Report 15 days before the date of the Seminar. The Report shall include the proposed title of the thesis, are and frame work of the proposed research objectives, scope of the study, research gap, hypothesis if any, and methodology to be followed. This stage is considered to be very important for screening the candidate for further progress in the Programme. In case the research scholar fails to defend his/her thesis proposal successfully, he/she shall be allowed to resubmit the modified research proposal as suggested by the above-mentioned Committee.

b. Application for registration
A candidate must submit the details of their interest area of research. The application for registration to be made in a prescribed form and shall be accompanied by the following:
Registration Fee of Rs. 2500/-

Submission of Thesis:

The thesis shall be submitted in six type written/ printed copies and a soft copy with necessary certificates and clearance with in a period of 6 months from the date of submission of the Synopsis. An examination fee of Rs.5000/- must be paid along with the thesis submission.

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