



भारतीय समुद्री विश्वविद्यालय
INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY
(A Central University under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, Waterways, Govt. of India)
Established by an Act of the Parliament in 2008

**Admission -Ph.D, Integrated Ph.D and MS (By
Research) Programme
2025-26**

Information Brochure



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Important Dates at Glance: -

Commencement of Online registration (https://www.imu.edu.in/imunew/index/home)	23.11.2025
Last date for online registration	20.12.2025
Written Test	To be announced later
Interview	To be announced later
Date of commencement of Programme	01.03.2026

1. Introduction: The Institute

Indian Maritime University (IMU) is a Teaching-cum-Affiliating University established to facilitate and promote maritime studies, training, research and extension work with focus on emerging areas of studies like oceanography, maritime history, maritime law, maritime security, search and rescue, transportation of dangerous cargo, environmental studies and other related fields and also to achieve excellence in these and connected fields and other matters. It was created by merging seven (7) erstwhile Institutes: Headquartered in Chennai, IMU has 6 Campuses located at Chennai, Kochi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Visakhapatnam. As per Outlook 2025-report, IMU ranked the No.1 maritime university in the country which reflects commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and leadership in maritime education.

2. Research Programmes

IMU started PhD degree programme in the year 2017. The Research Programmes at the Indian Maritime University (IMU) are designed to promote high-impact research, and innovation in the maritime domain. IMU's research ecosystem is enriched by experienced faculty, state-of-the-art laboratories, industry collaborations, and access to national and international maritime organizations. The programmes are structured to equip scholars with theoretical depth, methodological rigor, and practical insights needed to address real-world maritime challenges. Indian Maritime University offers Ph.D, Integrated Ph.D and M.S (By Research) programmes under four schools.

- a. School of Marine Engineering and Technology
- b. School of Nautical Sciences
- c. School of Maritime Management
- d. School of Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering

3. Thrust Areas for Research (indicative)

Marine Security	Naval Architecture	Marine ballast water system studies;
Green technology -Tidal energy/renewable energy	Cyber security risk assessment for seaports	Marine bunker system studies;
Maritime/ Port Management	Seafarer mental health and well-being	Marine electric propulsion system Studies
Blue economy	Marine Environment: pollution/ litter management; Recycling, etc	Autonomous shipping and the possible challenges e.g. cyber threats (cyber security)

4. Admission Process: -

4.1 Educational Requirement:

4.1.1 Ph.D

- a. A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body.
or
- b. equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.
or
- c. 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme with a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.
or
- d. M.S (By Research) awarded by IMU.
or
- e. Mariners with Master/ MEO Class I Certificates of Competencies or PGDMOM qualifications, with 2 years of teaching experience preferably continuous, at degree level as faculty in IMU/ IMU Affiliated Institutes/Directorate General of Shipping approved institutes are also eligible for Ph.D programme

Note: A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Government of India from time to time

4.1.2 Integrated Ph.D and M.S (By Research) Programme:

Graduate (U.G) degree (or equivalent) in a relevant discipline with at least 55% marks or equivalent Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA), except in the case of Mariners for whom a Master/MEO Class I Certificate of Competency would suffice.

Note: A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Government of India from time to time.

4.2 Additional requirement for admissions to Part Time Ph.D, Integrated Ph.D and M.S (By Research) programme

- a. Ph.D ,Integrated Ph.D and MS (By Research) programmes through part time mode shall be permitted provided that all conditions stipulated at 4.1 above are fulfilled.
- b. Categories: The following category of Ph.D Candidates shall be considered for Part Time Ph.D Admissions
 - (i) Seafarers:
Candidates who are actively serving on board Merchant ships shall be deemed as seafarer. They shall possess the Master or MEO Class I certificate of Competency or PGDMoM qualifications
 - (ii) Other than Seafarers:
Candidates who are not employed on board Merchant ships, and undertaking shore jobs shall be deemed as Other than Seafarer.
- c. Requirement for submission of No Objection Certificate (NOC) for admission:
 - (i) Seafarer:
Shall submit proof of active seagoing service (copy of the COC and CDC for the six months of sailing prior to the last date of admission). They are exempted from NOC.
 - (ii) Other than Seafarer:
Shall submit NOC for admission to the Ph.D programme from the current employer.

4.3 Selection Procedure-Integrated Ph.D , PhD & MS (By Research) Programmes

- a. Admissions to the I-PhD, Ph.D & MS (By Research) Programmes shall be done through written test & Interview. The written test syllabus shall comprise of 50% questions on Research Methodology and remaining 50% shall be subject specific.
- b. Reservations are applicable to SC/ST/OBC-NCL/EWS/PwD candidates as per Govt. of India rules.
- c. Shortlisted candidates as per the minimum educational qualifications & fulfilment of other conditions will be called for an “test and interview” or “interview” by the department committee.
- d. The following candidates are exempted to appear for written Test subject to fulfilment of education qualification:
 - (i) UGC-NET (JRF & Lectureship)/CSIR NET (JRF & Lectureship)/GATE/CEED/CAT. (Note: The validity of the certificate beyond the stipulated period shall not be considered)
 - (ii) JRF/SRF working in projects of IMU or National or International Research Institutions with whom IMU has signed MoU
 - (iii) Scientists of Level ‘B’ and above with minimum 2 years of experience from National or International Research Institutions who are sponsored or nominated by the parent organisation.

- e. Students who have secured at least 50 % marks in the Written Test are eligible to be called for the Interview.
- f. A relaxation of 5 % marks will be allowed in the Written Test for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/differently-abled category, Economically Weaker Section (EWS), and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Government of India from time to time.
- g. IMU may decide the number of eligible students to be called for an Interview based on the number of seats available.
- h. For the selection of candidates, a weightage of 70 % for marks obtained in the Written Test marks and 30 % weightage for the marks obtained for the performance in the Interview conducted by the IMU shall be given.
- i. The selection of shortlisted candidates under Clause 4.3 (d) shall be based on interview with 100% weightage.
- j. The Interview shall be conducted by the Departmental Committee.

5. University Fellowship:

- a. IMU offers 06 six university fellowships per year to the Scholars admitted under full time Ph.D. programme. The details of the fellowship are as follows:-

S.No	Particulars	Fellowship Amount (Rs).
a.	JRF – For first two years	31,000/-
b.	SRF – from third year to fifth year	35,000/-

- b. Tenure: The tenure of the fellowship is five years from the date of commencement of Ph.D Programme. The fellowship shall commence from the date of joining as a full-time research fellow in Ph.D. programme.

6. Annual Fees Structure: -

6.1 Full Time Category-Ph.D Programme

Sl.No.	No. of years	Fees (in Rs)
1.	First 3 years	30,000 per year
2.	4 th Year & 5 th Year	40,000 per year
3.	6 th Year	50,000
4.	Extension to 7 th & 8 th Year	75,000 per year
5.	Extension to 9 th & 10 th year (Only for Female/Persons with Disabilities)	1,00,000 per year
6.	Caution Deposit	30000 (one-time)
7.	Admission fee	10000 (one-time)

6.2 Part-Time Category-Ph.D Programme

Sl.No.	No. of years details	Fee (in Rs)
1.	First 4 years	60,000 per year
2.	5 th Year & 6 th Year	75,000 per year
3.	Extension to 7 th & 8 th Year	1,00,000 per year
4.	Extension to 9 th & 10 th year (Only for Female/Persons with Disabilities)	1,50,000 per year
5.	Admission Fee	10,000 (one-time)

6.3 Full Time Category-Integrated Ph.D Programme:-

Sl.No.	No. of years	Fees (in Rs)
1.	First 4 years	30,000 per year
2.	5 th Year & 6 th Year	40,000 per year
3.	Extension to 7 th & 8 th Year	50,000
4.	Extension to 8 th Year	75,000
5.	Extension to 9 th & 10 th year (Only for Female/Persons with Disabilities)	1,50,000 per year
6.	Caution Deposit	30000 (one-time)
7.	Admission fee	10000 (one-time)

6.4 Part-Time Category- Integrated Ph.D Programme:-

Sl.No.	No. of years	Fees (in Rs)
1.	First 5 years	60,000 per year
2.	6 th Year & 7 th Year	75,000 per year
3.	Extension to 8 th Year	1,00,000
4.	Extension to 9 th & 10 th year (Only for Female/Persons with Disabilities)	1,50,000 per year
5.	Admission fee	10000 (one-time)

6.5 MS (By Research Programme)-Full & Part Time Mode

Sl.No.	Fee Payable per Year	Fee (in Rs)
1	Programme Fee	30,000 per year
2	Annual Fee	1,50,000 per year

7. Duration of the Programme:

S.No	Name of the Programme	Minimum years	Maximum years
i.	Ph.D (Full time)	03	06
ii.	Ph.D (Part Time)	04	06
iii.	Integrated Ph.D with Engineering /Technology/Architecture	04	06
iv.	Integrated Ph.D with B.Sc/B.Com/BBA and others	05	06
v.	MS (By Research)	02	03

Note:

- The selection is based on Ordinance 01 of 2023. The review of the Ordinance is currently in process, and the selected scholars will be governed by the new Ordinance once approved.
- A maximum of an additional two (2) years can be given through a process of re-registration as per the administrative order of IMU issued from time to time; provided, however, that the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme should not exceed eight (8) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.
- For M.S (By Research) scholar, a maximum of additional one-year extension may be granted by the Competent Authority subject to the Monitoring Committee recommendation.
- Female Ph.D. Scholars may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave for up to 240 days in the entire duration of the Ph.D. programme.
- Female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two (2) years; however, the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme in such cases should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.

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