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# Lovely Professional University (LPU)

## About LPU

- Innovative pedagogy for participative and experiential learning with a focus on research, innovation and entrepreneurship
- State-of-the-art infrastructure
- Central library and 12 discipline-specific libraries
- Rich diversity of students
- Global LPU community
- Industry collaborations

## Fields of Study

68 PhD disciplines in the following fields:

- Management
- Economics
- Commerce
- Journalism & Mass Communication
- Mathematics & Statistics
- Law
- Computer Science & Engineering
- Hotel & Tourism Management
- Political Science
- ...and more



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# PhD Doctor of Philosophy



## General Information

- An internationally recognized research degree
- Further development of specialist knowledge and deep methodological capacity
- Duration: 3 years/up to 5 years (part-time)
- Significant original research necessary
- Submission of a substantial research thesis as culmination of the degree

## Cooperation between ISM and LPU

- ISM graduates have the opportunity to apply for a PhD program
- Preselection is made by ISM
- Final admission depending on LPU
- Joint supervision (with at least one supervisor from each institution)
- Delivery of the programs according to LPU Policy and Code of Practice
- Administrative support provided by ISM

# Admission, Requirements & Application

## Admission Criteria

All applicants shall fulfill the following criteria:

- Excellence in academic qualifications (e.g.: minimum GPA 2.0)
- An official undergraduate degree or the equivalent
- An official Master's degree in a relevant discipline
- A degree with minimum 60% of maximum possible grade
- Proof of English language proficiency at min. C1 level (IELTS 6.0 or equivalent)
- A research proposal at an appropriate level for doctoral study (which can be supervised by both LPU and ISM research staff)

## Requirements

### LPU

There are three course options:

- Classes on weekends only
- 4 days coursework every month
- 15 days coursework per semester

### ISM

- You are obliged to attend one module (one week) during February/March at ISM Dortmund Campus (equivalent to 10 ECTS).

### Research

A scholar will be awarded candidacy upon completion of the following requirements:

- Passing the coursework
- Successfully defending the State-of-the-Art (SAS)\* seminar
- After being granted candidacy, the research scholar will appear before the Research Advisory Committee once in six months to make a presentation of the progress of their work for evaluation and further guidance.
- For more details visit: <https://nest.lpu.in/phd/>

\*SAS seminar outlines the current state of knowledge about the specific problem along with the proposed research methodology that the research scholar intends to use for their research.

## Application Procedure

### Step 1

#### Write a proposal

- Intended department of research
- Types of research methods to be used
- Relations to any previous research done in this field



### Step 2

#### Send in your application

- Application Form & CV
- Academic transcripts/degree certificates
- Two reference letters
- Motivational letter
- Proof of English proficiency
- Evidence of financial sponsoring



### Step 3

#### Review

- Your application is reviewed by ISM.



### Step 4

#### Interview & selection

- The research proposal will be evaluated by the Internal Committee. Once selected, interviews will be conducted.



**Please note:** All documents must be provided in English. Your proposal shall not extend 4–6 pages.



## Timeline

- Contact your ISM supervisor **as early as possible** to allow sufficient time for the preparation of your final research proposal.
- Deadline for official applications to LPU is December (spring term) and June (fall term).
- PhD program can be started in January (spring term) and August (fall term).

# Program Fees & Scholarship

## Program Fees\*

### Standard study period:

- 3 years (part-time: up to 5 years)

Year	Total Fees incl. VAT
Application**	€2,500
1	€8,690
2	€8,690
3	€8,690
Total***	€26,755 incl. 25% discount****

**Please note:** Cost of fieldwork, travelling, publications, living expenses, housing etc. must be covered by students.

- \* The amounts are made up of the fees of ISM and the respective partner universities. These set their current fees independently of ISM and grant a discount to ISM participants. Please therefore check the current discounted fees of the respective partner university before submitting your application to ISM. ISM accepts no liability for the accuracy of the fee information on this page.
- \*\* Proposal fees become due as follows: €500 with signing of the contract, €1,000 after acceptance from ISM, €1000 after acceptance from LPU.
- \*\*\* Fees subject to change; incl. current Net VAT.; exchange rate from April 18th, 2025: USD 1 = € 0.88.
- \*\*\*\* Students applying through the cooperation with ISM will get a discount of min. 25% on the regular program fees. An increase up to 40–50% discount is possible depending on application review of LPU.

## Scholarship

- LPU offers India's largest scholarship scheme.
- More information can be found here:  
<https://nest.lpu.in/phd/fee-and-scholarship.php>

*We are there for you*

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