



Ph.D. Program 2019

Brochure



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ABOUT KREA UNIVERSITY

KREA MISSION

Enable high potential individuals to learn to create positive, catalytic impact ethically, in a dynamic and diverse world.

KREA VALUES

EXCELLENCE

- Extraordinarily high standards of rigour and meritocracy in academia
- Focus on leveraging diversity and need-blind admissions based entirely on merit

COLLABORATION

- Co-created, co-taught courses
- Group projects, and a culture promoting collaborative problem-solving

INNOVATION

- Culture of innovation during the course of study and beyond, focused on problem-solving

ETHICAL AND INDEPENDENT

- Active and transparent governance by a reputable and diverse board
- Non-partisan, non-denominational, and agnostic to specific ideologies

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PH.D. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Krea University at Sricity, Chittoor, A.P offers fulltime residential research programs leading to the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in the following broad areas:

- Data Science
- Economics
- Finance
- Information systems
- Operations management
- Organizational Behaviour & Human Resource management
- Strategic Management

It provides excellent comparable international standards in the research program. The Ph.D will be awarded from Krea University. The award of Ph. D degree is made on the basis of satisfactory performance of a registered candidate in the prescribed course work, the thesis and a final Public viva voce.

COURSE WORK AND RESEARCH

Ph.D. students who are enrolled under Krea University will need to undertake coursework in the first part of the Ph.D. Programme. The courses will be aimed at giving the students a broad introduction to the content of the various Management and other related disciplines. Suitable waivers would be considered if prerequisite courses are already completed from other Institutes of excellence. Some of the more advanced courses are intended to provide the student with a deeper appreciation of research that is current in their field of specialization and also train him/her in research methods that will enable them to make a contribution. This will be done in consultation with their respective faculty guide(s).

The Thesis advisory committee headed by the Thesis Supervisor will guide and regularly monitor the research progress of the students.

AREA SPECIFIC OVERVIEW

DATA SCIENCE

Data Science scholars shall have the opportunity to work on cutting edge areas such as Predictive Modeling, Machine Learning, NLP, Deep Learning, amongst others. The research that would be encouraged would in normal course involve engaging in real life problems such as attribution, anomaly detection, white spot identification, optimization, identifying non intuitive patterns amongst others. The Analytics Hub at IFMR GSB, KREA is equipped to allow doctoral students to also engage in research in data engineering areas.

Doctoral students are expected to undergo two years of rigorous course work, before they enter the research phase of the program. The course work shall include foundation courses in Mathematics, Statistics, Computing, and Business followed by advanced courses. All attempts shall be made to engage the doctoral students in the various industry connect activities that could result in development of a research paper or a academic case amongst others.

More about Data Science could be found from www.ifmr.ac.in/datascience.

ECONOMICS

The doctoral program in Economics at IFMR GSB provides a rigorous training in understanding contemporary economic theory and its applications. Students are exposed to a variety of subjects like advanced Micro Economics, Industrial Organisation and Advanced Micro finance. It prepares students for a career in research and teaching. The students of the program are working as researchers in think tanks, fiscal & development policy experts, professors in leading academic institutions and as consultants.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The field of Information Systems comprises 3 major dimensions, the Information Technology dimension, the Organizational dimension and the Management dimension. While Ph.D aspirants in the Information Systems Area, should have prior exposure to the IT dimension either through educational qualification or through work experience, exposure to the Management and Organizational dimensions is not a prerequisite. The first 2 years of coursework that would include IS area specific courses and common Research Methodology courses will equip the participants with all the requisite foundation to pursue research in the Information Systems field.

Candidates will have the flexibility to choose their research topics according to their interest, inclination or background as long as they are within the confines of the expected norms of the IS discipline and the PhD program @ IFMR GSB. Some indicative research areas in IS include Cloud Computing, Service Oriented Architecture, Service Orchestration, E-Negotiation, E-Commerce, Product Recommendation, Personalization etc.

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT

The Strategy area at IFMR GSB is actively engaged in research related to complexities in decision making, corporate entrepreneurship, business model innovation, technology-led strategy formulation, performance of M&A and equity joint ventures, sustainability, and corporate governance. While the area accepts doctoral candidates from a broad spectrum, candidates desirous to carry out research under Strategy area are expected to have strong understanding of the way business organizations evolve and operate, with fundamental knowledge of finance, managerial economics and business statistics. Prior knowledge of statistical software packages and experience of conducting surveys would be beneficial. Dissertation and research work is preceded by area exploration for the first two years where candidates are expected to complete the doctoral level course work in subjects related to competitiveness, organizational theory,

complexity, international business, technology and innovation, apart from completing a course on research methodology.

STIPENDS & FACILITIES

- Rs 35,000 pm during the first year
- Rs 38,000 pm during the second year
- Rs 40,000 pm during the third year
- Rs 45,000 pm during the fourth year
- Free student accommodation on campus
- Support to attend national and International conference after course work
- Rewards for Publications similar to faculty members (currently a publication qualifies for a reward up to Rs 2 lakhs to be divided among the authors)
- In addition to research, abundant opportunities to gain valuable experience by way of co-working with faculty in research and consulting with associated remuneration.

JPAL FELLOWSHIP FOR SELECT CANDIDATE WORKING IN THE AREA OF DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

This fellowship is awarded to Ph.D. students who will focus on development economics or finance and plan to conduct field research through impact evaluations, preferably RCTs. As part of the sponsorship, the doctoral student will be required to intern with J-PAL South Asia for any two summers for a duration of 8-10 weeks each before their graduation. This will give them an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the field.

FROM DEAN'S DESK



The Ph.D programme at the IFMR Graduate School of Business is one of the rare cases of a business school in the private sector offering a doctoral degree along with the two-year residential MBA programme. The Ph.D programme enables contemporary and relevant research in all functional areas of management - finance, organisational behaviour, marketing, strategy, operations, etc. - that enrich the curriculum and knowledge imparted MBA students. The Ph.D programme is a rigorous rite of passage for budding research scholars. It has a rich, varied and demanding coursework, followed by a comprehensive exam followed by research into specific topic. The faculty are proven scholars of repute with research and public record of their own. They guide the doctoral students throughout their stay in the Ph.D. programme. Ph.D. degree holders from IFMR Graduate School of Business have gone on to become teachers in reputed institutions and taken career in research, consulting and corporate.

FACULTY MEMBERS

Name	Qualifications	Areas of Interest
Amar Saxena	Fellow of Indian Institute of Management at Ahmedabad, MBA from Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal	Market Research, Data Analysis Techniques, Consumer Behaviour, Introduction to Statistics and Agricultural Input Marketing, Big Data, Business Analytics and Customer Centricity.
Anantha Nageswaran	PGDM(IIM Ahmedabad), Ph.D. Finance (University of Massachusetts)	International Economics and Financial Markets
Arindam Das	Ph. D in the area of Strategy & Finance from Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)- New Delhi and M. Tech from Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata	Corporate Restructuring, Business Strategy, Strategic Planning, New Business Development, Project & Program Management, IT Contracts Development, Budgeting & Cost Control, Sales & Marketing, Statistical Modeling and Analytics.
Balasubramanian G	Ph.D (University of Madras); AICWA	Valuation modeling, Activity based costing & management, strategic cost management, Performance measurement systems, Business intelligence and IT strategies
Chandrashekhar G R	FPM (IIM Lucknow); PGDM (IIM Bangalore), BE (UCE, Osmania)	Firm and Business Groups growth and evolution; Applications of Complexity Science in Management
Chandrasekaran N	PhD in Economics – Financial Management (University of Madras), Certified Supply Chain Management Professional (APICS)	Supply chain, logistics, operations strategy and startups.
Hemalatha Chandrasekhar	FPM (IIM Lucknow), GNIIT, B.E. (Bharthiar University)	IT Strategy, Business Intelligence, Data Mining and systems, analytics, Artificial intelligence

Name	Qualifications	Areas of Interest
Jayaram R,	Adv Dip M.A (PhD), FCMA, M.Com, M.Phil,	Strategic Cost Management with specific focus on Activity based costing & Management, Study & development of Cost models for auto, auto ancillary, Engineering, Pharma & process industries, Performance measurement & management
Jyoti Prasad Mukhopadhyay	PhD in Economics, MA in Economics (Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi	Development Economics, Microeconomics, (IFMR, University of Madras), Applied Econometrics
Kamal Ghoshray	M.com, Ph.D (Calcutta University)	Mergers and Acquisitions, Enterprise Valuation, Corporate Governance and Corporate Environmental Responsibility
Kannan R	M.Tech (IIT Bombay); Dip. in Financial Management (Bombay University); Chartered Financial Analyst (ICFAI)	Project Finance, Corporate Credit Appraisal, Infrastructural Finance
Krishnan C	M.A. (Economics) (Madras University) - Corporate Relationship Management, - International Banking	Risk Management in banks, Enterprise - Credit Risk measurement & mitigation,
Lakshmi Kumar	Ph.D (IIT M); MA (Econometrics)	Banking, Financial Access, Poverty Reduction and Technology Management
Lakshmi Padmakumari	Ph.D (University of Madras) M.Com, CA (Inter), PGDBA (SCDL, Pune)	Corporate Finance, Asset Pricing, Volatility modelling, Financial econometrics, Risk management, Financial Accounting.
Madhuri Saripalle	MA (Hyderabad Central University) , Ph.D (University of Connecticut)	Economics of organization, Industrial organization
Muneer Shaikh	PhD from IFMR (Thesis submitted University of Madras) and Masters from Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS, Pilani).	Market Efficiency, Volatility Modelling, Financial Econometrics, Mean Reversion, Asset Pricing, Simulation Techniques, Data Analytics, Statistical Methods and Islamic Finance
Nagarani M	MBA (BIM); MA English (Madras University)	Organisational Behaviour and Human Resources

Name	Qualifications	Areas of Interest
Praveen Bhagwan	M.Com; M.B.A (in Finance); M.F.T; PGDFM (Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Management, Bangalore); AFRM (IIMB)	Accounting; Corporate Finance; Corporate Risk
Raghu Raman S	Ph.D (OUBS, UK), MBA (OUBS, UK);	People management issues in BPO organizations, middle managers and organizational change, stakeholders and corporate social responsibility
Ramesh Subramanian	M.Com., CAIIB, FCS, LLM, ACMA	Regulation, Banking, Financial Inclusion, Policy, Costing, Financial Inclusion, Rural Development, Strategy
Ramkumar Dhurkari	Fellowship in the area of IT & Systems Management from IIM- Kozhikode and MCA from Rajiv Gandhi Technological University, Bhopal	Decision Sciences, Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis, Behavioral Decision Making, Optimization, Strategic Alliances, Innovation, Business Analytics
Samir Ranjan	M.S. (Mathematical Finance), Columbia University, • Ph.D. (Physics), Purdue University	Application of Stochastic Calculus, Econometrics and Numerical Methods to Asset Pricing in the area of Fixed Income
Sathyanarayanan R	MBA (Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyalaya); PG Diploma in International Business (Pondicherry University)	Marketing, Brand Management, Advertising - Marketing Communications, Cross-Cultural Marketing, Retail Branding & Shopper Behavior Sales, Luxury Marketing and Management
Sathya Saminadan R S	PGDBM, (Pursuing Ph.D SCSVMV University)	Marketing Management, Digital Marketing, Services Marketing, Brand, Sales & Distribution
Subramanian T V	Fellow (IIM Ahmedabad); M.Stat (Indian Statistical Institute)	Services Supply Chain, Business Intelligence and Data analytics, Quality Management

Name	Qualifications	Areas of Interest
Sunil Bhatla	Ph.D in Marketing (The Ohio State University); MBA in Finance and Marketing (West Virginia University)	International Marketing, Services Marketing Market Opportunity Analysis, Monetization of a Business Model, Customer Acquisition, Decision Analysis and Quality, Digital Fluency: Leveraging Technology, Personal Branding
Surenderrao Komera	Ph.D (University of Madras), M.Phil. (University of Hyderabad), MA (Osmania University)	Empirical Corporate Finance, Portfolio Management and Analysis
Suresh Venkataraman	Fellow (IIM Bangalore), B.E	Adoption of Innovations, Process Management, Quantitative Modeling, Theory of Constraints
Venkatesh Bangaruswamy	CFA, CIPM, FRM, PRM, FCA, CWA	Behavioural Finance, Portfolio Management, Derivatives and Fixed-income Securities
Venkateswaran A	PG Dip in IR & PM (XLRI Jamshedpur) MA (Eco)	Organization Culture, Leadership, Performance Management
Vijaya S	Ph. D (Industrial and Systems Engineering) from Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA and Master of Science (MS) in Mechanical Engineering from University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, USA.	Quantitative Modeling, Supply Chain Management and Data Analytics specifically in domains of Healthcare, Food and Agriculture.
Vijayalakshmi C	Fellow (MDI, Gurgaon); PG Dip in Rural Management (IRMA,Anand), MSc (Ag)	Identity Dissonance and Change, Relational identity, HR issues in Mergers and Acquisitions, Indigenous Psychometrics, Social Entrepreneurship and Poverty

RESEARCH CENTRES



IFMR LEAD

In 2005, IFMR in addition to its academic programmes, opened its doors to its research centres. This was created with a focus on specific areas of economic development and finance, and we started hosting JPAL South Asia as well in IFMR. In January 2014, IFMR LEAD was created as a common support and outreach structure for the research centres. IFMR LEAD is a non-profit research organization conducting high-quality scalable action research and outreach in development economics and finance. IFMR LEAD is dedicated to leveraging evidence-based research to further economic and financial development of poor people living in India and other low-to-middle income countries. The vision of IFMR LEAD is to foster improved financial access, better legal and physical infrastructure, targeted social services for individuals, households, and enterprises and to help them attain their socio-economic aspirations.

CDFI

The Centre for Digital Financial Inclusion (CDFI) at the IFMR GSB was established in September 2014. Since then CDFI has grown into an innovative and vibrant organization with professionals working from its offices in New Delhi and Bengaluru. CDFI is headed by an Executive Director and supported by a team of functional and domain experts who are experienced in programmes and project management.

Using technology to foster financial inclusion is what Centre for Digital Financial Inclusion (CDFI) aims to do. The primary objective of the Centre is to reduce inequities in financial services and access. The Centre has been catalysing projects in DBT, rural transformation, digital financial inclusion and payment spaces by actively engaging with the public and private sector.

J-PAL SOUTH ASIA

J-PAL South Asia, based at IFMR GSB in India, leads J-PAL's work in the South Asia region. J-PAL South Asia conducts randomized evaluations, builds partnerships for evidence-informed policymaking, and helps partners scale up effective programs. J-PAL South Asia has a growing number of partnerships in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. In 2011, the organisation was selected to host the South Asia Center for CLEAR, a global initiative coordinated by the World Bank's Independent Evaluation Group. Under this initiative, J-PAL South Asia hosted a knowledge sharing roundtable series to equip practitioners with the expertise to carry out

rigorous evaluations through training courses, advisory services, and joint research projects.

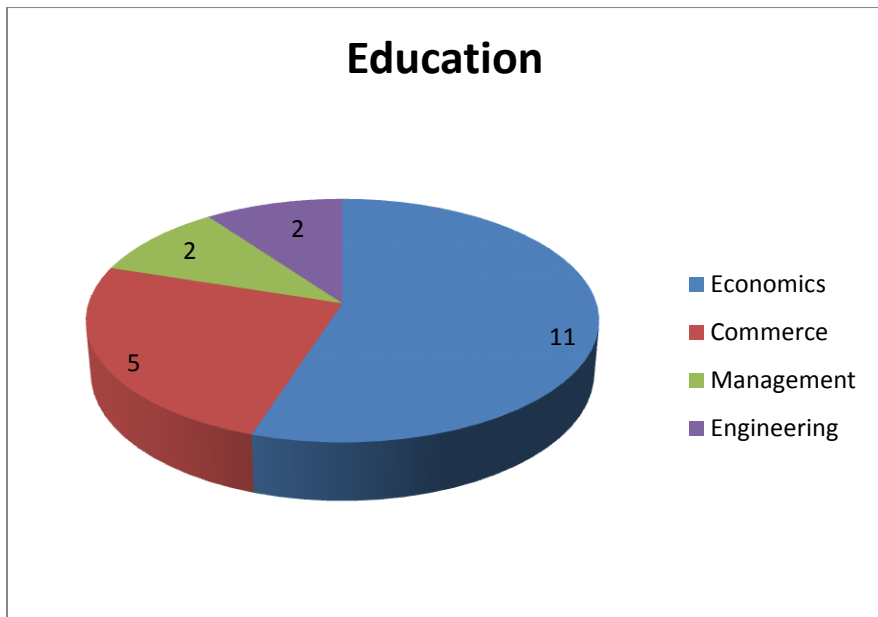
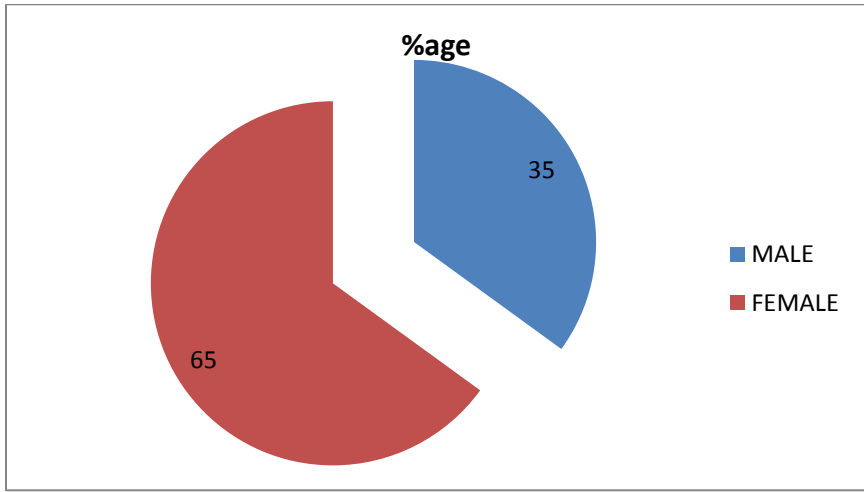
CATALYST

CATALYST housed in IFMR LEAD, is an initiative seeded by an alliance between the Government of India & USAID, to significantly expand and accelerate the use of digital payments by low income consumers and merchants across India.

In doing so, CATALYST aims to work closely with the private sector players and serve as an incubation platform to demonstrate innovative and viable business models in digital finance, targeting low-income populations.

CATALYST's core belief is that the incubation of scalable business or delivery models that focus on low-income, financially underserved, communities remains the most tangible way of making impact. Technology and regulation are both rapidly evolving in the right direction in India and the lack of viable business models and use-cases for low-income communities are primary deterrents to the potential they carry. These regulatory and technology developments mean that organizations will need to test, iterate and refine new service offerings and business models.

SCHOLARS PROFILE



INDICATIVE PUBLICATIONS OF CURRENT PH.D. STUDENTS

- George Varghese, Dr Leena Mary Eapen (2016)," Power Sector in India - Recent Challenges and Measures Undertaken", Journal of Research in Business Economics and Management.
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- George Varghese, (2017)," Inflationary effects of oil price shocks in Indian economy", Journal of Public Affairs
<https://doi.org/10.1002/pa.1614>
- George Varghese (2018)," Within and Cross Volatility Contagion Effects among Stock, Crude and Forex Returns: Empirical Evidence from Five Emerging Economies", Theoretical Economics Letters.
https://file.scirp.org/Html/3-1501527_85133.htm
- George Varghese, Lakshmi Viswanathan (2018)," Normative perspectives on financial inclusion: Facts beyond statistics", Journal of Public Affairs
<https://doi.org/10.1002/pa.1829>
- George Varghese, Lakshmi Viswanathan (2018)," Financial Inclusion: Opportunities, Issues, and Challenge", Theoretical Economics Letters. File.scirp.org/Html/1-1501523_86118.htm
- George Varghese, Lakshmi Viswanathan (2018)," Greening of business: A step towards sustainability", Journal of Public Affairs
<https://doi.org/10.1002/pa.1705>
- George Varghese, Dr Vinodh Madhavan (forthcoming 2019)," Nonlinear Dynamics in Crude Oil Benchmarks: An AMH Perspective", Applied Economics Letters
- Priyanka Menon (2018)," The rise of the shadow economy: An Indian perspective, Journal of Public Affairs
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/pa.1880>
- Priyanka Menon, Dr Lakshmi Kumar (2018)," Re investigation into the relation between financial development and investments in India. "Asian Journal of Empirical Research
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- Gourab Chakraborty (2018), " Sub-national Location Determinants of Inward Foreign Direct Investment: A Statistical Appraisal across Regions in India, Asian Economic and Financial Review
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- Gourab Chakraborty (2018), " Essential Issues in Stakeholders' Management: A Critical Perspective on Corporate India, Asian Economic and Financial Review
<http://www.aessweb.com/journals/August2018/5004/4247>
- Ameesh AS(2018), " Presenteeism at Work Place: Systematic Review and Development of an Intergrated Model", International Journal of Arts, Humanities and Management Studies
<http://www.ijahms.com/upcomingissue/02.01.2018.pdf>

INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES



Sri City is located strategically on NH-5, at the border of two industrialized states: Andhra Pradesh & Tamil Nadu. IFMR's campus is an academic centre of excellence in the midst of global organisations setting up world class manufacturing facilities in Sri

City to cater to domestic and export markets. These include: Alstom, Kobelco, Danielli, Colgate, Cadburys, Kellogs, Pepsico, Isuzu Motors and a large number of other Japanese, European and American organizations.

The campus features a fully air-conditioned academic block comprising classrooms, computer labs, seminar halls, library, faculty cabins, meeting rooms & administrative offices.

It includes residential hostels, dining & cafeteria, faculty & staff housing and a Management Development Centre. Gymnasiums, recreation rooms with TVs, indoor & outdoor games, an open-air theatre and more help students unwind. A beautiful water body, walkway and enough greenery makes the campus aesthetically and physically soothing.

The entire campus is WiFi enabled. A campus management system has been implemented for the benefit of faculty, students and the administration. Complete security and safety are built in as basic requirements.

HT PAREKH LIBRARY



- The Library has a collection of over 17,000 books specific to economics, management and related disciplines.

- It has full text data bases including EBSCO, SCIENCE DIRECT, EMERALD, PROQUEST, Jstor & Jgate.
- We also have Statistical databases including Capitaline Plus, Prowess, CMIE & Indiatat.com

GUIDE SPEAK

DR G.BALASUBRAMANIAN, SENIOR PROFESSOR



Guiding Ph.D students is more of a process of co creation of values in terms of knowledge and new discoveries. I always partner with my doctoral students, encourage them to think independently within the framework of research methodology and publish as much as possible. I treat them as my equals and encourage them to develop as teachers as well. I have eased them into the corporate world in order to gain some practical insights. It is an enjoyable and rewarding experience for both the guide and the students.

DR LAKSHMI KUMAR, PROFESSOR, PH.D. CHAIR PERSON



In my opinion, a guide facilitates students to enhance their knowledge of the doctoral process and its elements. The elements consists of roles and stages of development associated with it – along with strategies for their own growth and development. Mentoring is the key to success for all those involved and we hope the resources available at IFMR GSB will be useful for prospective students. A good working relationship between the guide and

the student is an essential part of academic success. A growing body of research shows that a good mentoring relationship is also conducive to the mentor's own success. Hence being a guide has enhanced my intellect and has contributed to the students' intellectual evolution too.

PROF. VIJAYALAKSHMI C, PROFESSOR



A doctoral guide is a facilitator who supports inquiry of a curious mind, participating in the journey of discovery that is very challenging. I encourage students to engage with their research wholeheartedly, so that the process transforms them as a researcher and more importantly as individuals.

PROF. ARINDAM DAS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR



Working with bright, dynamic research scholars with fresh, new perspectives is a privilege. I look forward to engaging with candidates who are willing to develop strong foundational knowledge and scholarship in the subject. They should be capable of independent, critical evaluation of ideas and demonstrate academic integrity. In short, they should work hard and think harder.

PROF. MADHURI SARIPALLE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR



PhD is a process of self-inquiry and research into some of the relevant problems facing the economy today. As a guide, my endeavor is to steer the research scholars toward this critical thinking process and enable them to think creatively. Students are encouraged to read extensively and develop excellent writing skills to be able to communicate effectively. Ultimately, PhD is a journey towards acquiring research skills and a unique process where both the student and the faculty share a common goal towards academic excellence.

PROF. G R CHANDRASHEKHAR, PROFESSOR



Doctoral students are the life blood of academia. It is always interesting to engage with them on academic matters be it doctoral courses, research papers or simply conversations on various issues. These conversations have the potential to enrich or change perspectives, create vibrancy, and / or clear stereotypes on any subject.

PROF. N.CHANDRASEKARAN, PROFESSOR



In my view working with research scholars is a great opportunity to learn, unlearn and relearn contemporary management in the area of my specialization. Research scholars with their commitment bring a fresh thinking. Their commitment helps to take research ideas into meaningful output. I look forward to working in the area of logistics infrastructure, supply chain management, service operations and , operations strategy. Research scholars over the years have facilitated in co-working towards publications of research output as conference proceedings, articles and publication of books. They bring a long term working partnership which motivates me as a teacher, researcher and consultant.

PROF. SURENDER KOMERA, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR



As a PhD supervisor, I believe my role is to guide doctoral students (hereafter – you) through the modern research process. You will learn how to identify gaps in the existing knowledge, review literature, raise useful research questions, develop testable hypotheses, collect and scientifically analyse data, and so on. PhD is an evolving process towards independence as a researcher. At the beginning, I will take a hands-on approach, providing you with leadership and instruction, so by the end you will be in control of your work and you will be telling me what you need from me. I will look forward to see this happening.

Best wishes – may your journey be fruitful!

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LIST OF COMPLETED Ph.D. SCHOLARS

NAME	AREA	TITLE OF THE THESIS	YEAR OF COMPLETION
N Chandrasekaran	Finance	Market Structure and Financial performance – A study of the Indian Cement Industry during 1971-86.	1990
G Ramachandran	Finance	Behaviour of Share Prices – A Statistical Analysis	1991
K Lakshmi	Finance	Financial Performance of Diversified Companies – A strategic analysis.	1991
Uma Subbaraman	Economics	Exchange Rate Economics: Micro Analysis of India's Exchange Rate Experience	1994
S Manjula	Finance	Working Capital Management: A case study of fertilizer industry in India.	1995
L V Ramana	Finance	Initial Public Offerings in India: Analysis of their performance and pricing.	1997
R Meenakshi	Finance	Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India (An Analysis of its impact on the Economy and on the Corporate Sector)	1998

Sucharita Kumar	Finance	Corporate Behaviour in Raising Capital – A Study of the Indian Corporate Sector.	1990
S K Shanthi	Economics	Economics of Public Debt: India's experience (1960-61 to 1990-91)	1999
B Gayathri	Finance	Credit Risk Modeling of Hire Purchase Transaction	2001
S Vijayalakshmi	Finance	Agency Cost, Ownership Structure and Financial Policies in the Indian Corporate Sector.	2002
C R Aravind	Finance	Financial Structure and value of the firm – An Empirical study of Indian firms in the post liberalisation period	2003
P R Ramakrishnan	Finance	Corporate Bankruptcy and Restructuring of Firms in India	2003
Ponmudi Vasudevan	Finance	Corporate diversification, financial policies and firm value: an empirical analysis of the Indian corporate sector	2008
C A Yoonus	Finance	Noise Trading Model – Evidence from the Indian Capital Market.	2012
Surenderrao Komera	Finance	Essays on Capital Structure Choice and Corporate Bankruptcy.	2014

Dilip Kumar	Finance	Volatility Estimation and Forecasting: A Study of the Unbiased Extreme Value Volatility Estimator.	2015
Khanindra Ch. Das	Economics	Essays on Outward Foreign Direct Investment from Developing Countries.	2015
Swati Dutta	Economics	Poverty and Vulnerability Analysis in India: An Asset based Approach.	2015
Jyoti Prasad Mukhopadhyay	Economics	Interrelated Essays in Development Economics.	2016
Praveen Bhagawan M	Finance	Corporate Risk Management: Empirical Evidence from Indian Non-Financial Firms.	2016
Lakshmi Padmakumari	Finance	An investigation into the level dependence in the volatility of Asset returns	2018
Parthajit Kayal	Finance	Modelling alternatives to market efficiency via excess volatility and mean reversion	2018
Santhosh Dash	Economics	Three Empirical Essays on Inflation	2019

ALUMNI SPEAK



Dr. Yoonus C. Ahammed (2011)
Senior Manager, Surveillance Analytics, Scope International

Studying in IFMR was extremely wonderful experience and it had has excellent campus and faculty. The Ph.D. program was a valuable asset for me. In addition to broadening my perspective on Economics and Finance, it has helped me grow both professionally and personally.



Dr. Swati Dutta (2015)
Senior Research Associate, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

Studying at IFMR has been an enriching and invigorating experience, preparing me for the challenges that lie ahead in my professional life. Today, with pride I can say it was a pleasing experience to be part of IFMR where I was able to nurture my dreams and turn them into reality



Dr. Dilip Kumar (2015)

Assistant Professor of Accounting and Finance, IIM Kashipur

The Ph.D. programme at IFMR has helped me to learn important lessons to pursue quality and directional research. Not only this, the programme has helped to bring the best out of me in research arena.



Dr Lakshmi Padmakumari 2018

Assistant Professor, Finance, IFMRGSB

I truly enjoyed my journey in the IFMR Ph.D. Program. The program gave me an opportunity to work with some of the best faculty members in the field who were always available to support, guide and provide timely suggestions at every step of my research journey. Apart from engaging in research, I got to learn in-depth, about my area of interest through the rigorous coursework. I was also given the opportunity to take classes that definitely prepared me for an academic career. The staff are very cooperative and helpful. The institute provides all necessary infrastructure in the form of databases, software, and access to journals and magazines that facilitate an easy journey. Apart from the research facility, the mental support I received from my faculty, peers, and the institute made this journey memorable.



Dr Parthajit Kayal
Assistant Professor (Madras School of Economics)

The Ph.D. programme at IFMR provides an excellent research environment. Studying at IFMR has helped me discover myself, developing both personally and professionally. Most importantly, faculty and all other staff in the institute are wonderful.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Qualifications

Master's degree or equivalent PG Diploma in any discipline, and a Bachelor's degree with consistent first class

OR

Five-Year integrated Master's degree/Dual degree or equivalent in any discipline with consistent first class

OR

ACA / FCA / AICWAI / ACSI qualifications of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Institute of Cost & Works Accountants of India and Institute of Company Secretaries of India provided the candidates have secured

- i) one of the above qualifications after 2 years after obtaining a university UG degree from any recognized university
- ii) First class in the aggregate in the qualifying degree examination

Experience:

– For Candidates applying with at least 2 years of work experience will be given preference.

Dates to remember:

Last Date for Application: **31st March 2019**

Notification of Shortlist: **April second week**

Written Examination/Personal Interview: **Third or fourth week of April, 2019**

Final Selection announcement: **First week of May 2019**

Admissions: **First July 2019**