

**PRESS RELEASE**

**IIMA PGP-FABM Summer Placements 2017 report**

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The PGP-FABM (Post-Graduate Programme in Food & Agribusiness Management) summer internship placement process for the batch of 2019 was completed successfully by November 9, 2017. The batch, comprising of 45 students, pursued careers aspirations in the industries of their choice. The successful completion of the placement process within a day is a testament to the high-quality learning experience at the institute and the robust placement process that provides adequate flexibility to both recruiters and students.

The programme was well-received by the industry and more than 25 companies participated in the placement process. The placements witnessed a multitude of roles from all the sectors like Banking & Financial Services, Commodities, Development Farm Equipment, Food industry, FMCG, Inputs, Retail and other sectors.

The placement season witnessed regular recruiters such as Godrej Agrovet, Marico, ConAgra Foods, Cloudtail, Reckitt Benckiser, Govt. Of Telangana, Jubilant Consumer and General Mills. Many new recruiters showed a keen interest in the batch, which is visible by the participation of industry giants like Unibic Foods, UPL, Yes Bank and Murugappa group among others.

**Mavericks program for Entrepreneurs**

IIM-Ahmedabad provided students with a unique opportunity to pursue their own business idea under the mentorship of the Centre for Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE) as a part of a summer internship. One student opted out of the summer placement process this year to pursue the idea.

*Prof. Asha Kaul, Placement Chair of the institute said, “This year, once again, the PGP FABM students have been able to ‘dream’ their dreams. With more opportunities and a greater number of companies visiting campus, the students, beginning this summer, are geared towards making the right career choices. Similarly, companies with a proclivity to hire students for niche areas have been pleasantly surprised.”*

The change in the name of the programme from ABM to FABM has been positively viewed by the recruiters. IIMA’s unparalleled focus on Food & agriculture industry has been recognized by the industry. This year, for the first time, we had six new global food firms visit the campus.

*Prabal Chauhan, the Recruitment Secretary of the PGP-FABM Programme said, “We are delighted with the way industry has responded providing new and unique opportunities to FABM students. As many as six new firms showed immense enthusiasm for our niche program. The students continue to attract the recruiters with their business acumen and insights. The placement team is delighted to provide excellent opportunities to students and roles aligned to their expectations for building careers. I am sure the students would continue with the more than 50-year old legacy and make their mark across the range of industry verticals.”*

Further details about the placement process, including details about compensation will be released in an audited report, as per the Indian Placement Reporting Standards (IPRS). The IPRS is an initiative introduced by IIMA to bring about greater transparency in B-school placement reporting across the country.

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**About Post Graduate Programme in Food & Agribusiness Management at IIMA**

The Post Graduate Programme in Food & Agribusiness Management (PGP-FABM) is a residential 2-year full-time programme designed to meet the diverse demands of agribusiness, food and allied sectors through specialised managerial talent. Running since 1972, IIM-Ahmedabad's PGP-FABM programme is currently ranked number one among the top programmes worldwide in the MBA (Agribusiness) / Food Industry Management Global Ranking for the fourth year running by Eduniversal, Paris.

**About Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA)**

Established in 1961, the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA) is recognized globally for excellence in management education. One of the top management schools in the world, IIMA educates leaders of the enterprises.

The Institute’s strategic priorities include: strengthening connection with its various constituencies, including academics, practitioners, alumni, and the community; nurturing a high performance work environment of stretch, autonomy, and teamwork; and strategic growth while maintaining emphasis on quality.

As per the latest ranking by *The Economist*, IIMA is No. 1 School in the world on the parameter of opening up new career opportunities for students. The flagship Post Graduate Programme (PGP) is ranked 16th in the *Financial Times* Masters in Management Ranking 2016. As per the *Financial Times’* Global MBA Ranking 2016, IIMA’s Post Graduate Programme for Executives (PGPX) is ranked 24th in the World. IIMA has been ranked as #1 Management institute as per the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

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