

ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education

(Deemed-to-be University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956)
Category I Autonomous Institution • Accredited by NAAC with 'A++' Grade



A Profile
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ICFAI Group

The ICFAI Group was established in 1984 as a not-for-profit society with the vision of delivering world class quality education in India. Over the past four decades, it has emerged as one of India's leading education groups, known for its focus on academic rigor, innovation, and industry relevant curricula.

The Group has a pan India presence with 11 universities, 9 business schools, 9 law schools, and 7 technology schools. Its institutions offer undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs across multiple disciplines, with a strong emphasis on bridging the gap between academia and industry.

The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE)



The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), Hyderabad, is the Group's Deemed-to-be University established in December 2008 under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. IFHE combines academic rigor, AACSB-aligned quality systems, renowned case-based pedagogy, multidisciplinary education, strong research culture, international collaborations, sustainability orientation with deep industry and global academic engagement.

The University has six schools, namely;

- ICFAI Business School (IBS)
- ICFAI School of Social Sciences (ISoSS)
- Faculty of Science & Technology (ICFAI Tech)
- ICFAI Law School (FoL)
- ICFAI School of Architecture (ISArch)
- Center for Distance & Online Education (CDOE)

and an off-campus center in Bengaluru. Programs are offered at Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Doctoral & Post-Doctoral levels.

IFHE has signed MoUs with over 15 universities in the US, the UK, Australia, and Europe.

The Chancellor of the University is Prof. C. Rangarajan, a renowned economist, former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, and former Chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council.

The University has approximately 11,200 students, including doctoral students, and 500 highly qualified faculty members. It encourages diversity and inclusivity among the students, faculty, and staff, in terms of geography, gender, etc.

MEMBERSHIP

IFHE is a member of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU). IBS Hyderabad is a member of:

- The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), USA
- Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), USA
- The European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD), Belgium
- Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia (AMDISA), India
- PRME (Principles for Responsible Management Education)

IFHE is a Category-I Autonomous institution accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with an A++ Grade – a distinction bestowed on the top 50 of the 1250 universities in the country.



ICFAI BUSINESS SCHOOL (IBS)

ICFAI Business School, Hyderabad, is a pioneer in management education focusing on case-based pedagogy, research, internships, and industry engagement. The MBA program has approximately 2,400 students, and the BBA program around 3,000 students.

It holds AACSB Accreditation, with the current accreditation being valid until 2031, for its BBA, MBA, Executive MBA, and PhD programs.

ICFAI Business School, Hyderabad became the first institution in Asia in 2006 to receive SAQS accreditation from the Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia (AMDISA). The fourth cycle of SAQS accreditation is in progress.

EXECUTIVE MBA PROGRAM AND MDPs

The Executive MBA program at IBS is designed specifically for working executives with a minimum of two years of experience at supervisory/ managerial level. It offers them the flexibility of acquiring a world class management qualification without having to leave their present jobs/work assignments. The unique case-based pedagogy complements other traditional and innovative modes of course delivery.

The Management Development Program (MDP) division at IBS offers customized, in house programs for faculty of business schools (FDPs), applied research and consulting projects for industry. The Program draws its capabilities from the vast pool of faculty members who have industry, teaching and research competence. The MDP division has established IBS as a credible executive education partner for blue-chip organisations. Repeat mandates from Indian Oil Corporation, Maruti Suzuki, DRDO, Aurobindo Pharma, and Hyundai Motors affirm the quality and relevance of the programs delivered.

INTERNATIONALIZATION

Some of the leading universities with whom IFHE has signed MoUs include George Mason University, USA; University of Maryland, USA; The Pennsylvania State University, USA; University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, USA; University of Pittsburgh, School of Law, USA; Delaware Law School, Widener University, USA; Sheffield Hallam University, UK; ICN Business School, France; and Pforzheim University, Germany. The scope of the collaboration includes faculty and student exchange; joint teaching and research programs; joint conferences, seminars; dual degree; credit transfers for pathway programs; professional training programs, etc.

CASE RESEARCH CENTER (CRC)

The Case Research Center (CRC) of ICFAI Business School, Hyderabad, is ranked third in the UK-based Case Centre's Impact Index 2025, just behind Harvard and INSEAD.

CRC cases have received prestigious awards from Syracuse University (USA), EFMD (Belgium), the Academy of Management, Oikos (Switzerland), The Case Centre (UK), and the John Molson School of Business (Canada).

More than 900 business schools across over 80 countries use CRC cases, with nearly 90% of the users outside India, mainly in North America and Europe. International users include London Business School, London School of Economics, Oxford-Saïd, Cambridge- Judge, HEC Paris, HEC Montreal, and SDA Bocconi. Corporate users include McKinsey, Boston Consulting Group, and KPMG.

PHD PROGRAMS

The University offers PhD programs in Management, Economics, Development Studies & Public Policy, Law, Science, and Engineering.

There is also a provision for students to spend a semester or a year abroad to gain international exposure to teaching and research. All the PhD graduates are employed as faculty in reputed institutions with approximately 60% working with Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), and other reputed institutions in India, the UK, the US, and Australia.

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

IFHE offers Post-Doctoral Fellowships to young researchers, scientists, and engineers to build their academic and research careers. The fellowship typically spans 2 years with a monthly stipend of ₹70,000–₹80,000 and an annual contingency grant of ₹50,000. To be considered for the fellowship, candidates must hold a Ph.D. in a relevant discipline, be under the age of 35 and have at least two Scopus-indexed publications.

Accreditations and Rankings

IFHE:

- Accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with A++ Grade
- QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2026
- World rank of 705 and India rank of 25 in Sustainability Rankings 2026 awarded by Higher Education Research and Analytics (HERA), USA
- Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2026 in the 1001–1500 band

RESEARCH CULTURE

The University has a strong research culture, reflected in 1000 plus high quality research publications in Scopus, Web of Science, and ABDC-indexed journals. Faculty members collaborate with international researchers on projects and publications.

A key best practice of the University is the regular conduct of research seminars by faculty members, senior doctoral scholars, and invited experts from reputed institutions. The University also actively organizes national and international conferences and undertakes a wide range of externally funded research and consultancy projects.

SEED MONEY FUNDED PROJECTS

The IFHE Seed Money Grant (SMG) Program was established in 2015 to promote research excellence, innovation, and interdisciplinary collaboration among faculty members. Over the past decade, the program has become a cornerstone of IFHE's research ecosystem, strengthening faculty research engagement and fostering a culture of scholarly inquiry. Since its inception, the program has supported 150 research projects across multiple disciplines through 13 rounds of funding. The initiative has contributed significantly to research publications, collaborative projects, capacity building, and the advancement of IFHE's vision of becoming a globally recognized research-intensive institution.

AI-INTEGRATED TEACHING-LEARNING PROCESSES

The ICFAI Online teaching-learning ecosystem features a dual-layer architecture integrating AI-powered initiatives and automation workflows to enhance content delivery, assessments, operational analytics, and personalized learning. Layer 1: AI-Powered Initiatives - Focused on generative and multimodal AI, this layer transforms core instructional materials and evaluation. Layer 2: Automation & Analytics - This layer drives operational efficiency, proactive student interventions, and data-driven insights.

ASSOCIATION/PARTNERSHIPS WITH INDUSTRY AND ACADEMIA

IFHE, Hyderabad strives to provide its students quality learning experience. In this endeavor, it has collaborated with leading national and international institutions and professional bodies. IBS collaborates with several national and international firms to train its students in specialized areas in information technology, business analysis and research. It has a strong, active and growing interface with business and industry, with experts from a range of leading companies delivering regular guest lectures. In order to promote strong industry and academia partnership, ICFAI Tech partners with various multinational and Indian companies. At ICFAI Law School, a robust and continuous engagement with the industry through various programs helps students acquire skills & nurture talent.

CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

IFHE has established 17 Centres of Excellence to promote research, innovation, interdisciplinary learning, and industry engagement across its constituent schools. These centres



support applied research, consultancy, executive education, outreach, and technology enabled learning aligned with emerging global and societal needs. The advisory boards of these Centres consist of eminent National and International experts.

- Center of Excellence in Banking and Finance
- Center of Excellence for Digital Transformation
- Center for Women Development
- Center of Excellence for Indian Knowledge System
- Center of Excellence for Diversity and Inclusion
- Center of Excellence for Sustainability
- Center for Excellence in Intellectual Property Rights
- Center of Excellence in Innovation and Start-Ups
- Center for Legal Research & Policy Studies
- Center of Excellence in Cyber Law and Data Protection
- Center of Excellence in Gender Studies
- Center of Excellence in Robotics & Advanced Manufacturing
- Center of Excellence for Environment and Forest Laws
- Center of Excellence in Criminal Law
- Center for Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Center of Excellence in Corporate and Commercial Laws
- Center of Excellence in Blockchain

CAMPUS PLACEMENTS

IFHE operates a centralized Career Management Center (CMC) that facilitates summer internships and final placements across its diverse schools. IBS has an impeccable track record of achieving excellent placements every year, with top companies visiting the campus to recruit our students. ICFAI Tech helps graduating students to get the best career opportunities through campus placement. FoL gives utmost importance to student placements on their successful completion of the Law Programs and provides placement assistance.

ALUMNI

IFHE has a strong alumni presence driven by ICFAI Business School which comprises over 24,000 alumni working with more than 1,000 organizations in India and abroad. The ICFAI Law School has alumni strength of more than 1600 and the alumni strength of ICFAI Tech School is 2200. Through the Alumni Federation and various engagement initiatives, alumni remain closely connected with the IFHE community,

contributing to mentoring, networking, industry interaction, and institutional development.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

IFHE organizes various social outreach activities that bridge the gap between campus and community by leveraging academic resources to address societal challenges. The student clubs at various schools undertake a diverse range of outreach activities focused on education, health, community support, and animal welfare. The Centre for Women Development conducts awareness programs, workshops, and outreach activities in nearby villages and urban communities on issues related to women's empowerment and development.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Eminent Professors

- Prof. C.R. Rao, Prof. Jagdish Sheth, Prof. Arvind Panagariya (Columbia)
- Other professors from Harvard, Chicago, Yale, MIT, and Stanford and a few Padma awardees

Policy Makers

- Former Reserve Bank of India Governors M. Narasimham, Y. V. Reddy, and D. Subbarao
- Prof. S. Mahendra Dev, Present Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM), Government of India
- Members of the Planning and Finance Commissions, and NITI Aayog

Heads of Institutions

- Chairmen of UGC, AICTE and several Vice-Chancellors, Directors of IITs, IIMs, and IIITs, the CEO of the Case Centre (UK)

Judiciary

- Supreme Court and High Court Judges, Chairpersons of the Bar Council of India

Others

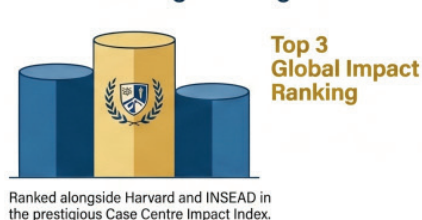
- Several top executives from corporate world and other organizations such as IFPRI, AACSB, CSIR, and PwC

Programs Offered by IFHE at a Glance

ICFAI Business School (IBS)
• BBA; BBA (AI & DS); BBA (Cloud Computing & Cyber Security) • MBA • Executive MBA • PhD
ICFAI School of Social Sciences (ISoSs)
• BA (Economics); B.Sc (Psychology); B.Sc (Economics & Data Science); B.Com • M.Sc (Economics) • Ph.D (Economics); Ph.D (Development Studies and Public Policy)
ICFAI Tech School
• B.Tech CSE (Cloud Computing); B.Tech CSE; B.Tech CSE AI & DS; B.Tech CSE AI & ML; B.Tech CSE AI; B.Tech CSE (Cyber Security); B.Tech CSE (IoT, Cyber Security including Block Chain Technology); B.Tech - ECE; B.Tech - EEE (VLSI Design & Technology); B.Tech Mech. Engg. (Robotics with AI); BCA AI & ML (Honors or with Honors Research); BCA - AI & DS (Honors or with Honors Research); B.Sc. Computer Science; B.Sc. Data Analytics (Hons. or Hons With Research); B.Sc. Mathematics; B.Sc. Physics • M.Tech. Computer Science (AI & ML); M.Tech. VLSI; M.Sc. Chemistry; M.Sc. Physics • Ph.D (Engineering) (Full-time/Part-time); Ph.D (Basic Sciences & Humanities) (Full-time/Part-time)
ICFAI Law School
• BA - LLB (Hons.); BBA - LLB (Hons.); BAJ - LLB (Hons.) • One Year LLM Program • Ph.D (Law) (Full-time / Part-time)
ICFAI School of Architecture (ISArch)
• B.Arch
Center for Distance & Online Education (CDOE)
• Online BBA; Online MBA • Distance BBA; Distance MBA

Global Leadership in Business Education: CRC Achievements (2023–2026)

Global Ranking & Recognition



42 National & International Awards

Recognized for excellence across multiple premier case writing competitions.



Elite Bestseller Status

Features 56 bestselling cases and eight authors in the global Top 50 list.

Productivity & Academic Outreach



338 New Case Studies Developed

Produced 338 cases and 322 teaching notes for global management education.



Global Knowledge Sharing

Conducted faculty workshops for prestigious institutions including George Mason University and University of Massachusetts.



Prestigious Publication Reach

Research featured in Harvard Business Impact, Ivey Publishing, and Emerald Publishing journals.



Campus

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