

# POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

## 2019-21

Master of Arts (Education)

Master of Arts (Development)

Master of Arts (Public Policy & Governance)

Master of Laws (Law & Development)



**Developing Leaders for Social Change**

## Brief overview of the University

Azim Premji University was established under the Azim Premji University Act 2010 of the Government of Karnataka. Azim Premji Foundation, the sponsoring body set up the University as a fully philanthropic and not for-profit entity, with a clear social purpose.

The availability of trained professional in Education, Development and allied social sectors in India is grossly inadequate, given the scale, complexity of issues and the wide range of competencies required to work in these areas. **Azim Premji University's key mission is to address this significant talent gap and prepare competent, motivated, socially committed graduates and enable them to engage with social sector.**

The University started in 2011 and since then has admitted over 2000 students. It currently offers four Postgraduate programmes, an Undergraduate programme with honours option and a Dual degree in Science and Education. Six batches of postgraduate students have graduated and consistent with our social purpose, almost all of them work in various roles in the social sector contributing to the development of the country.

The University conducts several continuing education programmes, in collaboration with many state governments, for functionaries in the education and development domains. Research is an important area of emphasis and the University Research Centre is currently engaged in several research projects in the Education and Development domains. In addition the University also hosts national and international conferences, seminars, workshops, public lectures and brings out resource material and publications in English, Kannada and Hindi as a contribution to India's school education.

In a very short span of time, the University has built a team of 200 dedicated people engaged in teaching, research and administration.

“EDUCATION FOR SOCIAL CHANGE  
To contribute to the realisation  
of a just equitable, humane  
and sustainable society”

## Postgraduate Programmes

### Master of Arts in Education (Two year, Full time, 72 credits)

Education is so closely associated with people's lives that every individual in the society holds a view about it. However, one begins to recognize the complexity when we discuss the specific problems facing public education in India such as differential access to schooling, problems of infrastructure, lack of quality teaching, children's learning problems and so on, among others.

The M.A. Education programme seeks to provide students with a rigorous educational experiences that builds good understanding of Education, capabilities for action and deep social commitment. This is a broad-based programme of study that includes theory, practice, research and planning in Education. Students also have the option to Focus in the areas such as Curriculum and Pedagogy, Early Childhood Education, Teacher Professional Development, School Organization, Leadership etc.

### Master of Arts in Development (Two year, Full time, 72 credits)

Development, broadly construed, refers to the creation of social conditions that secure and contribute to individual and collective well-being in a sustainable and equitable manner.

The M.A. Development programme aims to prepare individuals capable of informed and thoughtful development action, aware of the complexity, depth and scope of the discourse of development, its ethical imperatives and its implications for policy and action. They will be in a position to meaningfully contribute to meeting India's growing need for individuals who can engage with development challenges. Students can Concentrate/Focus in areas such as Energy and environmental justice, Labour, Nutrition-agriculture, Natural resource management/governance etc.

### Master of Arts in Public Policy & Governance (Two year, Full time, 72 credits)

Public Policy and Governance are fields of study that focus on public affairs with a shared interest in making public institutions work effectively. Governance deals with the institutional, legal and procedural attributes of how state authority is exercised to achieve collective goals. Public Policy studies executive decisions and processes, evaluates outcomes that aim to achieve collective purposes, and provides solutions to public problems.

The M.A. Public Policy & Governance programme will prepare students to become critical and analytical thinkers who can develop effective and equitable solutions to public policy and governance challenges. The programme will help students learn about the ideas, mechanisms and practices of public policy as well as the nature, quality and legitimacy of the institutions and practices of governance. Students can Concentrate/Focus in areas such as Strategic planning for Public and Non-Profit organization, Policy implementation- Theory and Practice, Urban and Rural Governance, Social Policy, Education Policy etc

### Master of Laws (One year, Full time, 36 credits)

This postgraduate programme in Law and Development is a one-year research and field intensive postgraduate programme that seeks to initiate a decisive, novel and meaningful intervention at the intersection of the domains of Law and Development in India.

## A Unique and Challenging Learning Experience

**Curriculum:** Foundational understanding of the domain through core courses. More than 100 theme based interdisciplinary elective choices. Opportunity to design your own independent study. Open courses in Art and Craft, Music, Cinema, Literature, Science etc. going beyond the domain to cater to student interests.

**Faculty:** The faculty team of 130 comes with extensive experience in teaching, research and field practice. The high teacher student ratio of 1: 10 enables close support, mentoring and feedback.

**Integrated Field Practice:** A mix of field experiences spread across all semesters consisting of Immersion visits, 6 week organizational internships, faculty mentored research projects and 8 week independent field projects

**Vibrant Environment:** Learning opportunities through various events - Weekly guest lectures, national and international conferences, workshops.

**Learning from Diversity:** An immensely diverse student body that adds to learning. Students from twenty five states, different educational and socio economic backgrounds and fresh & with work experience. Over 50 % of our students are women.

## Student Experience

**Rigorous academic experience:** Challenge and stimulate students to help them develop and deepen their understanding of the domain and bring out their full potential

**Learning beyond classrooms:** Enormous scope for learning, growth and excitement; a variety of student clubs and initiatives for music, theatre, films, debates, community work and more

**Academic Support:** English language support centre, academic reading and writing classes, dedicated faculty contact hours and workshops covering a range of support needs

**Other Support:** Professional counselling and medical facilities on campus. Medical, accident and life insurance cover for all students

## Placements

The social sector today offers a variety of exciting career opportunities for students with a desire to contribute to the development of the country. These roles offer good compensation and are challenging & personally satisfying.

- ❖ Over 1300 students have graduated and are placed in a variety of social sector roles; NGOs, research institutions, schools, corporate social responsibility (CSR), and government. More than 90 institutions visit for campus every year for placements.
- ❖ Active placement cell comprising students and faculty works with students and employers to facilitate career opportunities. Information sessions, sector specific career workshops, practitioner talks and skill development programmes, workshops to help students make the right choices.

[Click here](#) to know more about career opportunities in the Social sector



## Admissions Process

### Eligibility:

- For Master of Arts Programme - Undergraduate degree in any discipline
  - For Master of Laws Programme - Bachelor's degree in Law
- Students graduating in 2019 may also apply.

Applicants with prior work experience are encouraged to apply and are given additional weightage in the interview process. **Your work experience adds to the academic experience.** [Click here](#) to know more.

### Test and Interviews:

**Master of Arts programmes (M.A.):** Admissions are through an entrance test (common for all the postgraduate programmes held in February), followed by personal interviews for shortlisted applicants. Tests and interviews in various locations across the country, providing easy access for students.

**Master of Laws (Law & Development):** University entrance test and through scores of other entrance tests applicable for postgraduate courses in law.

Students belonging to disadvantaged backgrounds (economic, social, regional) are given additional scores in tests and interviews. The University may also decide to accept scores of other entrance tests/ conduct more entrance test if required.

[Click here](#) for sample question papers.

### Financial Support

- Scholarships (100 %/ 70%/ 50 %) on tuition fees and accommodation/ food charges. Scholarships are based on family income.
- Guaranteed 50% tuition fee waiver for applicants with three years of work experience
- Monthly living support for very deserving students through paid project work.
- Educational loans facilitated by the University for all students.

<b>Key dates - Admissions for Postgraduate Programmes</b>	
Availability of Online Application Forms	Oct-2018
Last date for receipt of completed application form	26-Jan-2019
National Entrance Test	10-Feb-2019
Announcement of eligible candidates for personal interview	28-Feb-2019
Personal Interviews	March, 2019
Announcement of selected candidates	Mid April, 2019
Commencement of programme	July, 2019

**Know more and apply online**

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