

10,000 WOMEN

Certificate Programme for Women Entrepreneurs

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Expanding the entrepreneurial talent and managerial pool in developing and emerging economies - especially among women - is one of the most important means to reducing inequality and ensuring shared economic growth.

A critical, yet often overlooked condition for reducing inequality and ensuring that the benefits of globalisation are more widely spread is a robust and growing class of entrepreneurs, managers and financial leaders in developing countries - especially one that promotes opportunities for women.

About the programme

Launched by Goldman Sachs, 10,000 Women is a global initiative that will increase the number of under-served women receiving business and management education. The belief of the initiative is that partnerships between education, development and business experts can help bring about significant change through improved business education for women. The Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad is an academic partner for the 10,000 Women initiative in India.

Through this programme, Goldman Sachs and the ISB will be able to provide world class education that help women entrepreneurs to think big and grow their businesses.

Over the last two years, six batches (30 participants each) of women entrepreneurs have successfully completed the programme across Bengaluru, Delhi, Hyderabad, and Pune. In 2010-11, five more batches will be conducted at the same venues.

About ISB

The Indian School of Business (ISB) is a premier Business School established in 2001 by an eminent group of industrialists and academicians. Within a very short time, the ISB has gained recognition and stature amongst peers as a world class Business School located in India. The ISB's vision is to be an internationally top ranked, research driven, independent management institution that grooms future leaders for India and the world.

The ISB evolved from a need for a distinctive business school in the Asian region dedicated to providing world class management education. The school's governing board comprises business leaders, entrepreneurs, and academicians from leading institutions. Its academic association with three top business schools - the Kellogg School of Management, The Wharton School, and the London Business School, makes the ISB one of its kind in Asia.

Who should apply?

The 10,000 Women programme aims to provide the maximum benefit to the most deserving women entrepreneurs. The programme is targeted at women entrepreneurs who:

- Manage their own business
- Have an operating business for more than a year
- Have an excellent potential for growth
- Manage a business with an annual revenue of INR 5 lakhs to 50 lakhs

At the end of this programme women entrepreneurs will be able to:

- Build a robust business by refining their business model and moving from start up to entrepreneurial phase
- Train on different functions and business strategy
- Bridge the gap of a formal management education
- Gear up to meet the challenges of growing competition, both national and international

Selection criteria

Application form screening followed by a panel interview

Faculty

World-class expert faculty will ensure that the curriculum is based on relevant and research-based knowledge required to be successful in an increasingly complex business environment.

Programme outline

This 16 week programme has been designed to provide world-class education to selected women entrepreneurs through 3 weeks of classroom sessions of 13 weeks of mentoring support on the job.

Module	Duration in weeks	Teaching Method
Module I	1	Class room session - Concepts, case discussions, workshops
Module II	4	Back to Business - Mentoring I
Module III	1	Class room session
Module IV	5	Back to Business - Mentoring II
Module V	1	Class room session
Module VI	4	Back to Business - Mentoring III

Programme contents

- Entrepreneurship
- Understanding trends in economic and competitive environments
- Establish business networks
- Basics of accounting, finance, strategy
- Capital management
- People management
- Managing execution
- Budgeting, marketing and leadership skills
- Sustaining success and building lasting organisations

Programme benefits

- Understanding trends in economic and competitive environments
- Managing finance and accounting
- Developing market entry strategies and elements of a business growth plan
- Creating an entrepreneurial organisation
- Overcoming gender-specific challenges
- Acquiring and retaining customers
- Balancing family and business lives

Scholarship

The Goldman Sachs Foundation will provide full scholarship to the selected candidates. However, candidates are required to pay INR 9000 at the time of interview. The fee amount of INR 9000 will be refunded:

- To candidates who are not short-listed, within one month of the interview
- To selected candidates after one month of the completion of the programme

In case a selected candidate drops out of the programme mid-way, due to any reason, the fee amount will be forfeited

Application Details

Download the application form at <http://www.isb.edu/10000women> or write to Ms Latha Venkatesan at latha_venkatesan@isb.edu. Application forms will also be available at the information sessions which will be held at the four programme venues. Details of the information sessions will be announced on the website. This is a non-residential programme. Participants are expected to commute on their own.

Programme venue and tentative dates

Bengaluru	October 09, 2010 - January 03, 2011
Hyderabad	October 23, 2010 - January 17, 2011
Delhi/Chandigarh	December 21, 2010 - March 17, 2011
Pune Batch-I	March 12, 2011 - June 06, 2011
Pune Batch-II	March 15, 2011 - June 09, 2011



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