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FDDI Footwear Design and Development Institute
AN INSTITUTION OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE

Bridge Programme
2026 - 2027

* Application last date : 14 November 2026

* Start of next session:
05 December 2026

1: Introduction

The Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI), established under the FDDI Act, 2017 and recognized as an Institution of National Importance (INI), provides a Bridge Programme to enable its alumni, who completed Diploma or Postgraduate Diploma programmes prior to the conferment of INI status, to upgrade their qualifications to a Degree.

This initiative aligns alumni credentials with present academic frameworks and enhances their career prospects.

Duration:

- **For 3 years Diploma Holders (after 10+2):** 1 year (2 semesters)
- **1 Year PG Diploma Holders (after Graduation):** 1 year (2 semesters)
- **2 Year/ 18 Months PG Diploma Holders (after Graduation):** 6 months (1 semester)

Award: On successful completion, alumni will be awarded the corresponding Bachelor's or Master's Degree recognized under the FDDI Act.

2: Admission

2.1 Eligibility

The programme is open to FDDI alumni who have successfully completed:

- Diploma (minimum 3 years after 10+2), or - PG Diploma (minimum 1–2 years after Graduation)

Programmes must have been in disciplines currently offered at FDDI as Degree programmes: Footwear Design & Production, Retail & Fashion Merchandise, Leather Goods & Accessories Design, CAD/CAM.

Applicants may opt for a Degree Programme based on the discipline of their previous Diploma.

Applicants must submit proof of successful completion of Diploma/PG Diploma and verification of good standing (no pending disciplinary/legal cases).

2.2 Seats

Batch size: 60 Students per batch.

2.3 Admission Process

Announcement via FDDI website & alumni network. Application through ERP portal. Admission based on eligibility verification & availability.

Link for downloading application form:
https://fddiindia.com/pdf/bridge-programme-applicationform.pdf

Application Form to be submitted to admission@fddiindia.com

3. Degree to be awarded

Programme Year	Semesters to be completed for award of Degree	Degree to be awarded in concerned field
3 Year UG Diploma (after 10+2)	2	B.Des. (in Footwear / LGAD)/ BBA in Retail & Fashion Merchandise
1 Year PG Diploma (after graduation)	2	M.Des. (in Footwear / LGAD)/ MBA in Retail & Fashion Merchandise
2 Year/ 18 Months PG Diploma Holders (after Graduation)	1	M.Des. (in Footwear / LGAD) /MBA in Retail & Fashion Merchandise

4: Structure of the Programme (Common for all schools)

4.1 Schedule

- UG Bridge: 2 semesters (15 weeks each).
- PG Bridge (1Year) - 2 semesters (15 weeks each)
- PG Bridge (6 Months) - 1 semesters (15 weeks)

4.2 PG Bridge Programme

S. No.	Subject Title	Description / Mode of Evaluation	Max_m Marks	Core / Non-Core
1.	Advancements and Trends in Design, Management & Technology	Seminar by experts and written examination	100	Non-Core
2.	Research Methodology	Theory (Written Examination)	100	Core
3.	Term Paper / Capstone Project / Design Project	Mentoring, Project Development, Jury Evaluation	200	Core
Total			400	

Semester II				
S. No.	Subject Title	Description / Mode of Evaluation	Max_m Marks	Core / Non-Core
1.	Advancements and Trends in Design, Management & Technology II	Seminar by experts and written examination	100	Non-Core
2.	Research Methodology II	Theory (Written Examination)	100	Core
3.	Term Paper / Capstone Project / Design Project II	Mentoring, Project Development, Jury Evaluation	200	Core
Total			400	

4.3 UG Bridge Programme

S. No.	Subject Title	Description / Mode of Evaluation	Max_m Marks	Core / Non-Core
1.	Advancements and Trends in Design, Management & Technology -I	Seminar by experts and written examination	100	Non-Core
2.	Research Methodology - I	Theory (Written Examination)	100	Core
3.	Term Paper / Capstone Project / Design Project	Mentoring, Project Development, Jury Evaluation	200	Core
Total			400	

Semester II				
S. No.	Subject Title	Description / Mode of Evaluation	Max_m Marks	Core / Non-Core
1.	Advancements and Trends in Design, Management & Technology - II	Seminar by experts and written examination	100	Non-Core
2.	Research Methodology - II	Theory (Written Examination)	100	Core
3.	Term Paper / Capstone Project / Design Project	Mentoring, Project Development, Jury Evaluation	200	Core
Total			400	

5: Evaluation Methods

The evaluation is divided into three distinct methodologies based on the nature of the subject:

1. **Advancements and Trends in Design, Management & Technology (100 Marks):**

Seminar: 6- 8 seminars will be conducted on recent trends in the design/ management/ technology sector.

Seminar Attendance: Students must attend at least 4 out of 6-8 seminars offered per semester. The session will be recorded and the link will be shared with students.

Assessment Format: Evaluation is based on a written test or quiz prepared by the seminar expert. Bridge Course coordinator will share the recording and the assessment with all students.

Students need to submit their responses within 20 days of receiving the link.

Marking: Each of the four required tests is evaluated out of 25 marks, totalling 100.

Content: Tests may include multiple-choice questions, short/long answers, case studies, or practical assignments.

2. **Research Methodology (100 Marks):**

Option 1 (Internal): Students attend minimum 21 contact hours of recorded or live workshops followed by an online assignments exam (4 times- 25 marks each)

Option 2 (MOOCs): Students may complete a validated Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) of at least minimum 21 hours and submit a certificate showing the percentage acquired.

3. **Term Paper Mentoring (200 Marks):**

Mentor Marks (40 Marks): Assigned by the mentor based on weekly interactions and progress.
Internal/Interim Jury (80 Marks): Held after 12 weeks of progress.
External/End-Term Jury (80 Marks): Held after 15 weeks. Students present a brief slide deck and a soft document of their work.

Mentors will be assigned considering the interest area of the participant and expertise of faculty. Mentors may interact online/offline with the student. Each mentor/ student need to maintain records in the weekly feedback format. A maximum number of 4 students can be associated with one mentor.

4. **Jury Evaluation:** An internal jury evaluation and an external jury evaluation will be carried out for each term paper.

5. **Passing Criteria:** Students must score a minimum of 50% in core subjects (Research Design and Term Paper) and 40% in non-core subjects (Advancement and trend in design & technology).

6: Evaluation & Transcript

- Core Subjects – 50%
- Non Core Subjects – 40%
- UG Bridge: 800 marks (2 Semesters)
- PG Bridge: 6 Month - 400 marks/ One Year- 800
- Transcript to be issued with degree.

Marksheet will be issued to the student after successful completion of the Bridge Programme. The nature of the Programme is such that the evaluation is not possible in the same way as for the regular programme. So, equivalence will be done in accordance with the norms of international semester exchange programme. The details of the same are tabulated below:

GRADES	MARKS RANGE	GRADE POINT	DESCRIPTION
O	100	10	Outstanding
A+	90–99	≥9.0 <10	Excellent
A	80–89	≥8.0 <9	Very Good
B+	70–79	≥7.0 <8	Good
B	60–69	≥6.0 <7	Satisfactory / Fair
C	50–59	≥5.0 <6	Average
D	40–49	≥4.0 <5	Low Pass
F	<40	<4	Fail

7: Degree Format

Degree certificate with equal recognition mentions Diploma year & Degree year to be awarded under FDDI Act, 2017 through Bridge Programme.

8: Mode & Attendance Norms

Mode: Online, 1-2 days of offline immersion programe (Optional)

Flexibility: Designed for working professionals. Recording of sessions will be sent to all participants.

9: Finance

Fee Details:

PARTICULARS	UG		PG	
	Sem. 1	Sem. 2	Sem. 3	Sem. 4
Tuition Fee	99,000	99,000	99,000	99,000
Exam Fee	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
One-time Fee				
Registration Fee	10,000	---	10,000	---
Security Deposit (Refundable)	10,000	---	10,000	---
Total	**1,21,000**	**1,01,000**	**1,21,000**	**101,000**

* 25 % Tuition Fee and 100 % Registration Fee waiver may be extended to FDDI faculty / employees (subject to GC approval).

*ONLY FOR FDDI DIPLOMA / POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA HOLDERS

* Link for downloading application form:
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