

Frequently Asked Questions – PhD Program at SJMSOM

1. Where can I find the information brochure of the PhD programme at SJMSOM?

Ans. The brochure is available at the following link:

Brochure: <http://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/brochurePhd201809March.pdf>

Kindly go through the details given in this document to find answers to most of your questions.

2. What is the eligibility criteria for PhD at SJMSOM?

Ans. Click here to know about the eligibility criteria. Link: <http://www.som.iitb.ac.in/?p=723>

3. Can executives/working professionals pursue part-time PhD at SJMSOM?

Ans. Yes. SJMSOM offers part-time PhD programme for executives/working professionals.

However to do course work, they need to take one year leave from their respective organisations. They need to submit leave letter at the time of admission. Click here for further information on rules and regulations related to PhD admission at IIT Bombay (section 12 R.1.1. (Admission categories). <http://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/phdRules.pdf>

4. Which university/college degree is valid for admission?

Ans. Any Institute recognized by AICTE/UGC/AIU.

5. I have done a one-year MBA programme. What will be the qualifying degree for me?

Ans. Candidates who have completed a one-year MBA programme are NOT eligible. However, you can check if you fulfil the requirements of bachelor's degree and its eligibility criteria.

6. When can I apply for the PhD at SJMSOM?

Ans. Applications for PhD are accepted twice a year [i.e. Autumn Semester (July session) and Spring Semester (January session)]. Click here for further information:

<http://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/phd.jsp>

7. What is the selection process for PhD at SJMSOM?

Ans. After receiving the application and 1500 words research proposal, the eligibility is checked. Post that, the eligible candidates will have to appear for an entrance test (which is an Aptitude test covering four sections – English Comprehension, Quantitative Ability, Analytical Reasoning and Data Interpretation). Candidates who clear the entrance test will then appear for an interview. Generally, both entrance test and interview are conducted on the same day. Further details of the selection process will be shared with the shortlisted candidates via email.

8. Is GMAT/GRE score accepted? What is the minimum score?

Ans. Yes, valid GMAT/GRE scores are accepted. However, there is no minimum score. Please note that this is merely an eligibility requirement. The candidate still has to undergo the process as indicated in question 7.

9. How do I prepare for PhD entrance test?

Ans. Any standard books used for GMAT/GRE/CAT examinations can be referred. ..

10. Is there any sample question paper available for the entrance test?

Ans. The question paper will consist of four sections having 15 question each with a duration of 90 minutes. Please note that it is subject to change as per the guidelines prescribed by IIT Bombay and SJMSOM. Click here for the sample question paper:

Link: <http://www.som.iitb.ac.in/?p=727>

11. Is submitting a research proposal mandatory?

Ans.: Yes, it is mandatory. Applications without a research proposal will not be shortlisted for the PhD admission test.

12. How to write a research proposal? Is there any sample research proposal?

Ans.: The research proposal should be of 1500 words and have following sections: a) problem identification, b) brief review of literature, and c) proposed methodology. Click here for a sample research proposal:

<http://www.som.iitb.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Sample-Research-Proposal.pdf>.

13. In which area, can I do research?

Ans.: The candidate is open to do research in any area in which school faculty has expertise.

Click here for different research areas: <http://www.som.iitb.ac.in/?p=603>.

To have a better idea of research being carried out, the prospective candidates are advised to look into faculty members' profiles (<http://www.som.iitb.ac.in/?p=122>) and current students' research topics (<http://www.som.iitb.ac.in/?p=438>).

14. What is the duration of course work?

Ans. The duration of course work is one year. Candidates with MBA or equivalent degree in Management will have to complete 40 credits spread across two semesters and candidates with Non MBA degree (M.Tech/M.E/ etc.) have to complete 52 credits. Click here for further information <http://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/phdRules.pdf> (follow Section 3 - Pattern of courses and credits)

15. What is the fees structure?

Ans. Click the link for fees details: <http://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/phd.jsp>

16. How much stipend will I get during PhD?

Ans: As per the guidelines of MHRD/UGC, full-time research scholars [in Teaching Assistance (TA) category] are entitled for Rs 25,000 per month during the first two years of Ph.D program and Rs 28,000 per month for next three years subject to fulfilment of requirements as prescribed by funding agency/institute/department.

17. Can I stay in IITB campus during my PhD program?

Ans. Yes. Accommodation in hostels are provided for full-time research scholars (Teaching Assistant (TA) category). For married research scholars' quarters is provided subject to availability.

18. What is the duration of PhD program?

Ans. After the mandatory one year course work, the scholars in full time category have taken nearly 3-4 years to submit the thesis. Candidates in other categories have taken little longer.

19. What is the minimum requirement for submission of thesis?

Ans. Before a candidate submits the PhD thesis, it is expected that (s)he has at least two publications – one in peer reviewed international journal and one in conference proceedings. This is only indicative. Scholars in the past have published more publications than the minimum required.