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Frequently Asked Questions (Ph.D Admission)

1. Where can I find the information brochure of the PhD program?

Ans. The brochure is available at the following links:

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

Kindly go through the details given in this document to answer most of your questions

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

Ans. Applications for Ph.D are accepted once in a year (i.e. Autumn Semester (July session)).

Click here for further information: <http://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/phd.jsp>

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

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

4. 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 Click here (<http://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/phdRules.pdf>) for further information on rules and regulation of PhD admission, at IIT Bombay (section 12 R.1.1.

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

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

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

Ans. Please check the eligibility criteria available on the website.

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

Ans. 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 interview. Generally, both entrance test and interview will happen on the same day. Further details of the selection process will be shared with the shortlisted candidates through 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

9. How do I prepare for PhD entrance test?

Ans. Any standard books can be referred as per to qualify for GMAT/ GRE/ CAT examinations.

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

Ans. The question paper will consist of four sections having 15 questions each with duration of 90 minutes. Please note that it is subject to change as per the guidelines prescribed by IIT Bombay and SJMSOM. Click here (<http://www.som.iitb.ac.in/?p=727>) for the sample question paper:

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: Introduction/Motivation, Literature Review and Proposed Methodology.
Click here (<https://www.som.iitb.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Sample-Research-Proposal.pdf>) for a sample research proposal.

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 (<http://www.som.iitb.ac.in/?p=603>.) for different research areas. 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 get during PhD?

Ans. As per the guidelines of MHRD/UGC, full-time research scholars [in Teaching Assistance (TA) category] are entitled for Rs 31,000 per month during the first two years of Ph.D program and Rs 35,000 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/she 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.