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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: <https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/Ph.D.Brochure2023-24.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 Twice in a year (i.e. Spring (Jan Session) and Autumn Semester (July session).

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

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

Ans. Eligibility criteria link: <http://www.som.iitb.ac.in/?p=723>

4. Can executives/working professionals/college teachers pursue part time PhD at SJMSOM?

Ans. Yes. SJMSOM offers part time PhD programme for executives/working professionals/ college teachers. During the mandatory course work in the first year, spread over four terms in two semesters, students are not allowed to join their organisation/Institute. Classes will be conducted on offline mode. There is no option to join the classes on weekend or online mode. Click here for further information on rules and regulation of PhD admission, at IIT Bombay (section 12 R.1.1. (Admission categories).

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

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

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

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

Ans. One year Executive MBA programme candidates are also eligible. For more details

refer to Eligibility criteria: <http://www.som.iitb.ac.in/?p=723>

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. What is the Eligibility for financial support after selection under TA category?

Ans. Criteria for awarding Teaching Assistantship, and application categories are as per the guidelines mentioned in A.6 of the Ph.D. admissions brochure. Those without a valid GATE score need to have valid CAT/GMAT/GRE score for financial support.

9. How do I prepare for PhD entrance test?

Ans. The Aptitude Test covers different areas of standard aptitude test. We don't have specific recommendation for preparation material.

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

Ans. For current admission process, previous question papers are not available.

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 for a sample research proposal. <https://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 <https://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 1 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. <https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/FeesStructure.jsp>

16. How much stipend do I get during PhD?

Ans: As per the guidelines of MoE/UGC, full-time research scholars [in Teaching Assistance (TA) category] are entitled for Rs 37,000 per month during the first two years of Ph.D program and Rs 42,000 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 is 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 one paper published/accepted for publication in a refereed journal of repute and at least one full paper accepted and presented in an International Conference. This is only indicative. Scholars in the past have published more publications than the minimum required.