Trust Lab Fellowship: General Guidelines

All institute rules[1][2] will be followed and in addition, the following general guidelines are to be adhered to:

General Guidelines:

To be considered for IITB Trust Lab Ph.D. Fellowship:

1. The candidate should be enrolled in or offered admission to the Ph.D. program at IITB[3]
2. Post admission, the candidate must work in the Digital Trust space and should be supervised by one of the faculty members associated with the Trust Lab.

Furthermore, the following points are to be considered while applying for the Ph.D. under IITB Trust Lab:

1. The Candidates will be offered a stipend of a consolidated - Rs. 50,000 for a maximum duration of 5 years.

2. **Enhanced Stipend**
   - After clearing the qualifier exam, candidates can apply for an enhanced stipend of Rs. 75,000. The decision to give the enhanced stipend will be considered by RPC and Program Director (Trust Lab). The Fellows will be required to build a case for enhancing the Fellowship.
   - The metrics on which the Candidates will be judged will include (but are not restricted to): demonstrated research potential, publications, performance in international competitions, grades, and recommendations from the associated faculty members, which can be used to build the case for the enhanced Fellowship.
   - The enhanced stipend will be downgraded to regular stipend if an APS evaluation falls below the **'Excellent'** rating. But the Fellow is welcome to reapply for it subsequently.
3. The Candidate is mandated to devote at least 20 hours weekly to the activities of the Trust Lab

In addition to the stipend, the researchers will be given a fixed allowance for attending national/international conferences as a part of the Fellowship.

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[1] Refer - https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/Ph.D.Brochure2023-24.pdf

[2] Refer - https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/phdRules.pdf

[3] Refer - https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/PHDSpringadvertisement2022.pdf & https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/phdBrochure2022.pdf