

DOCTORAL RESEARCH PROGRAMME 2014-15

INFORMATION BROCHURE AND APPLICATION FORM



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APPLICATION FORM FOR PHD FELLOWSHIP (2014-15)

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Application No.		Cash Receipt/DD No. (Rs.150 for SC/ST and Rs.500 for other applicants)		Date:	
Discipline (as indicated in PG Degree certificate)					
PhD Programme: (Tick whichever is applicable)	Full Time		Part Time		
Please specify preferred Discipline for <u>Entrance Test</u> (Select 1 out of 10 Disciplines of Specialization listed on page 2, Sl. No. 8 of Information Brochure)					

Please read the instructions provided in the Information Brochure before filling the Application Form
(USE CAPITAL LETTERS)

1. Full Name of the Applicant: _____

2. Parents' Name (a) Father _____

(b) Mother _____

3. Present Address (for Communication) _____

_____ Pin Code No. _____

Telephone No. _____ Mobile No. _____ Email _____

4. Permanent Address _____

Pin Code No. _____ Telephone No. (if any) _____

5. Date of Birth and Age

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6. Sex.

Male	Female
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7. Nationality

8. Marital Status

Unmarried	Married	Widow/Widower
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9. Do you belong to SC/ST
(Enclose copy of certificate)

No	
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Yes	I belong to:
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10. Educational Qualification

Exams Passed/ Degree Awarded	College/ University	Year	Class/ Division	Aggre gate % of Marks	Subjects
Graduation					
Post Graduation					
UGC NET/ SLET (Enclose Proof)	Year of Passing			Valid up to	

11. Did you study any paper enhancing research skills such as statistics/Econometrics/Computer applications at post-graduation level?

Yes/ No

If yes, please give details:

At Master's:
In M Phil:

12. Have you submitted any dissertation at the Master's Degree level?
If yes, please mention below the title of your dissertation

Yes/ No

13. If you have completed/pursuing M Phil Degree, please give the following details

University	Period of study	Title of dissertation	Status of dissertation	
			Submitted (Date of submission)	In progress

14. Research/teaching/other experience, if any

Designation/Position (Indicate whether permanent or temporary)	Name and address of organisation	Nature of work	Period of service		Duration	
			From	To	Year	Month

15. Academic publications (please enclose only two Xerox copies of your publications)

List out your publications, if any, with details of reference.

16. Research Proposal

Mention the title of research proposal you intend to carry out for your doctoral research. Attach your research proposal/synopsis according to the specifications in the information brochure (see 14.iv on P. 4).

17. Additional Information

Any other information the applicant considers relevant to be furnished (Such as Seminars/conferences attended special interests etc.)

18. Name, address, email and telephone numbers of two academic referees

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I hereby certify that the information furnished by me in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Further, I agree to abide by the decision of the Institute's authorities regarding my suitability for selection to the Doctoral Research Programme.

Place:
Date:

Signature of the Applicant



Doctoral Research Programme

INFORMATION BROCHURE

1. The Institute

The Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) was founded by Professor VKRV Rao in 1972. Its primary objective is to provide high quality academic training to Ph D Students to prepare them as distinguished researchers and teachers in the field of social sciences. ISEC is presently affiliated to Bangalore, Mysore, Mangalore and Osmania Universities and the National Law School of India University, Bangalore for the award of PhD degree. We have collaborated with Maastricht University, Warsaw University, Centre for Asian Studies (Kyungpook National University, Republic of Korea), Bombay University, Central University of Rajasthan and University of Central Asia (Republic of Tajikistan).

2. Location

ISEC is located amidst sylvan landscape of 16-hectare at Nagarabhavi, Bangalore, adjoining campuses of Bangalore University and National Law School of India University. The Institute's campus is well maintained with sprawling gardens and lawns and also preserves a variety of flora and fauna. ISEC campus is situated 12 Kms away from Central Railway and Central Bus station with very good networks of buses. To find the location of ISEC campus, visit our website: <http://www.isec.ac.in/new-route-map.pdf>

3. Organisation

The Institute has ten academic research centres with different disciplines in social sciences. These are: Agricultural Development and Rural Transformation (ADRTC), Centre for Decentralisation and Development (CDD), Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources (CEENR), Centre for Economic Studies and Policy (CESP), Centre for Human Resource Development (CHRD), Centre for Political Institutions, Governance and Development (CPIGD), Centre for Study of Social Change and Development (CSSCD) and Population Research Centre (PRC), Centre for Research in Urban Affairs (CRUA) and Centre for Women's and Gender Studies (CWGS). The faculty members of these centres provide guidance to the Ph D Students for pursuing research in the individual disciplines. The strong point of training at ISEC is its emphasis on inter-disciplinary and socially relevant research.

4. Amenities

4 (a) Hostels: The Institute has well equipped Hostel for boy and girl Students and an excellent and well furnished Guest House for visiting scholars. Full time Ph D Students are provided hostel accommodation at reasonable rent. Visiting scholars and academicians are provided guest house accommodation.

4 (b) Library: Dr V K R V Rao Library, which is digitized, is a treasure house of books, documents, reports and journals with more than 1.21 lakh collections. The library subscribes to more than 300 professional foreign and Indian journals. UNDP, World Bank, UN and a number of other international organizations have recognized it as a Depository Library. About 80 journals are accessible online. The housekeeping operations and catalogue is computerized using Libsys integrated library software and the database can be accessed online. One can access a large number of rare documents and have connection with similar libraries across the world.

4 (c) Computer Lab: The Institute has state-of-the-art computer laboratory with web enabled network of 2 mbps leased line connection for internet browsing and also Wi-Fi connectivity available for the use of PhD Students.

5. Ph.D. Programme

ISEC offers two categories of Ph D Programme - (a) full time (residential) for students and (b) part-time (non-residential) for serving academicians and interested scholars. The hallmark of our Ph D Programme is its bi-annual seminars and doctoral committees. Doctoral Committee will meet at least twice preceding bi-annual seminars and provides valuable inputs to the PhD Students besides monitoring progress of their thesis work. Every PhD Student is required to make presentation in the bi-annual seminars of the Institute in June and December till submission of thesis.

5 (a) Full Time (Residential)

Full time residential PhD Foundation Course at ISEC normally takes about four years to complete. During the first 10 months Students are provided rigorous training through a pre-Ph D Foundation coursework followed by the dissertation work which commences in the eleventh month. The doctoral students admitted under this Programme are paid scholarship during the coursework period and fellowship for three years thereafter besides providing hostel facilities up to 5 years. A separate hostel is available for lady students. Candidates are required to pay fees and comply with other requirements of University where they would be registered and pay an annual fee of Rupees one thousand to ISEC.

5 (b) Part Time (Non-Residential)

This Programme is open for working persons to pursue PhD on a part-time basis. Preference is given to those working in the Universities and Institutions of higher learning and ISEC employees under Faculty Improvement Programme. Eligibility requirements and selection criteria are similar as in the case of the full-time PhD Programme mentioned above except that of age, which is relaxable. Part-time candidates should pass the pre-PhD course work. They are welcome to attend the classes, though attendance is not compulsory. The part-time PhD students do not get any form of financial assistance from ISEC. Candidates are required to pay fees according to University norms and an annual fee of Rupees three thousand to ISEC. The part-time PhD Students must adhere to all the conditions and regulations stipulated by the University/Institute.

6. Doctoral Committee and Bi-annual Seminar

In addition to the PhD Supervisor, every PhD Student will have an advisory Doctoral Committee consisting of faculty across disciplines. Doctoral Committees meet regularly and advise the students at various steps in research. Bi-annual seminar provides an opportunity for research students to make presentations about progress of their PhD work and receive valuable inputs from Panel of experts.

7. Enrollment/Registration

After successful completion of the Pre-PhD Foundation Course, students are required to enroll/register with one of the universities where ISEC has recognition. They are required to comply with all the requirements of the university concerned with regard to enrollment/registration, and thereafter remit periodical fee such as tuition, service, processing, thesis submission etc.

8. Disciplines of Specialization

The test for admission will be administered only in the disciplines/specializations mentioned here. Eligibility requirements are the same for all candidates. The disciplines or specializations available for taking up entrance test for PhD in the Institute are:

- i. Agricultural Economics or Rural Development
- ii. Development Studies
- iii. Economics
- iv. Education
- v. Environmental Economics/Ecological Economics/Natural Resource Economics
- vi. Political Science/International Relations/Public Administration
- vii. Population/Demographic Studies
- viii. Sociology/Social Anthropology
- ix. Urban Studies
- x. Decentralization and Development

9. Eligibility Requirements

The aspirants for ISEC Ph D Programme and research fellowships must satisfy the following requirements:

- i. Master's degree or equivalent in any of the disciplines (see sub-headings 11 and 13) with at least 55% marks in the aggregate (50% in case of SC/ST applicants);
- ii. A pass in UGC-NET or SLET or M Phil is desirable (Please see Item No.13);
- iii. Age limit for ICSSR fellowships - below 35 years, 40 years in case of teachers and members of professional staff in Research Institutes.
- iv. There is no age limit for ISEC Fellowship, Part-time PhD Programme.

10. Other Discipline-wise Eligibility Requirements:

- i. Candidates applying in Agricultural Economics/Rural Development should have a Master's Degree in Economics, Statistics, Agricultural Economics or Rural Development.
- ii. Candidates applying in Economics should have a Master's Degree in Economics/Statistics/Econometrics.
- iii. Candidates applying in Environmental/Ecological Economics/Natural Resource Economics should have Master's Degree in Economics or other relevant disciplines including Biological Sciences and engineering.
- iv. Candidates applying in Education should have a Master's Degree in Education preferably with specialization in Economics of Education/Sociology of Education/Educational Planning and Management.
- v. Candidates applying in Political Science/International Relations/Public Administration should have a Master's Degree in Political Science/International Relations/Public Administration.
- vi. Candidates applying in Population/Demographic Studies should have Master's Degree in Demography/Population Studies or Economics/Statistics/Sociology or Anthropology or Geography, preferably with specialization in Population Studies.
- vii. Candidates applying in Sociology/Social Anthropology should have Master's Degree in Sociology/Anthropology (Social Anthropology).
- viii. Candidates applying in Development Studies should have Master's Degree in any of the Social Sciences, MBA or acceptable Master's degree by IDS, Mysore.
- ix. Candidates applying in Urban Studies should have Master's Degree in Economics/Sociology/Geography/Public Administration/Urban Planning/Public Policy preferably with specialization in Urban Studies.
- x. Candidates applying in Decentralization and Development should have Master's Degree in Economics/Political Science/Sociology preferably with specialization in Decentralization and Development.

11. Fellowship

The candidates selected for ICSSR/ISEC fellowship are paid a scholarship of Rs.6,000 p.m. during the PhD Foundation Coursework period besides an annual contingency grant of Rs.12,000. Upon successful completion of PhD Coursework the fellowship is extendable to a further period of three years, fellowship payable during these years would be Rs.16,000/- p.m. and a contingency of Rs. 15,000/- per annum. These Fellowship holders should comply with all the PhD Programme requirements of ICSSR/ISEC, from time to time.

12. Selection Procedure

Preliminary screening of applications is done based on the quality of their research proposal submitted with the application. The short listed candidates will be called for a written test to be held on July 14, 2014. The list of candidates to be called for written test shall be displayed on our website www.isec.ac.in on or before 16th June, 2014. Candidates qualifying in the written test will be required to appear for an interview at Centre level on July 15, 2014.

13. How to Apply

The prescribed application form can be downloaded (only on A4 size paper) from the ISEC Website: <http://www.isec.ac.in/phd-advt-2014.htm>. The duly filled-in application form with all the relevant enclosures should be submitted along with the application fee of Rs.500/- (Rs.150/- in case of SC/STs) in the form of a Demand Draft drawn in favour of the Registrar, ISEC, Bangalore. Candidates who are awaiting their second year PG results may also apply. However, it is mandatory to produce the proof of final PG examination results at the time of the admission test. The Pre-PhD Coursework begins in the first or second week of August 2014.

Completed application with requisite attachments should reach the following address on or before May 16, 2014.

Registrar, Institute for Social and Economic Change,
Professor V K R V Rao Road, Nagarabhavi P.O.,
Bangalore-560 072, (Karnataka)

14. Instructions for Filling the Application Form

The candidates should clearly mention the preferred discipline (one of the ten specializations listed in sub-heading 8) in which they are interested to take up **Entrance Test (written test)** in the application form.

- i. The application form should be duly filled and incomplete applications are liable to be rejected.
- ii. Do not use dash (-) or dots (...) If any item in the application is not applicable to you, write as N.A.
- iii. Attach only self-attested photocopies of certificates and testimonials to the application.
- iv. The completed application form must be accompanied by a **typewritten (on A4 Size paper; Font: Tahoma, Size-10, spacing 1.5) research proposal within 8000 words or 15 pages, back to back and unbound**. This Proposal will be evaluated critically and used as the **yardstick** for short-listing candidates for the written test. The Research Proposal should not bear name of the applicant anywhere. The proposal should be original and shall provide a detailed description of research work that the candidate intends to carry out and, shall include the following:
 - Purpose of the study with scope and significance
 - Statement of problem, review of literature and theoretical underpinning
 - Objectives of the study and the analytical framework.
 - Methodology and the sources of data with sampling techniques, the tools of data collection and analysis.
 - The potential intellectual contribution of your research study to the discipline and its social, economic and developmental relevance.
- v. Selected applicants must be in a position to furnish the Transfer Certificate or migration certificate at the time of joining the Ph D Programme from the Institution attended earlier.

15. List of Documents to be submitted

The candidate must submit the following documents along with the application form:

- i. Matriculation Certificate (as a proof for date of birth).
- ii. Master's Degree Certificate and Marks Card.
- iii. UGC-NET or SLET Certificate/letter (if applicable).
- iv. M. Phil Certificate (if applicable).
- v. Research proposal (without applicant's name or identity anywhere).
- vi. Copies of academic publications (if applicable).
- vii. Testimonials of work experience (if applicable).
- viii. Caste Certificate (applicable to SC/ST applicants only).

16. FOR MORE INFORMATION contact over telephone (080) 23217013

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