



Ph.D. PROGRAMME 2010-11

The way to Academic Excellence

THE INSTITUTE

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 PhD scholars 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 for the award of PhD degree. We also have PhD collaboration with foreign universities including Maastricht University.

ORGANISATION

The Institute has eight academic research centres with different discipline in social sciences. These include, 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). The faculty of these centres provide guidance to the PhD Scholars for pursuing research in the individual disciplines. The strong point of training at ISEC is its emphasis on inter-disciplinary and socially relevant research.

HOSTEL AND GUEST HOUSE

The Institute has well equipped Hostel for boy and girl scholars and an excellent and well furnished Guest House for visiting scholars. Full time PhD Scholars are provided hostel accommodation with reasonable rent. Visiting scholars and academicians are provided guest house accommodation.



LIBRARY

Dr. V K R V Rao Library is a treasure house of books, documents, reports and journals with more than 1.21 lakh collections. The library subscribes more than 300 professional foreign and Indian journals. UNDP, World Bank, UN and a number of other international organisations have recognized it as a Depository Library. The housekeeping operations and catalogue is computerized using Libsys integrated library software and the database can be accessed online. Further, the library is being digitized with financial assistance provided by Government of Karnataka. This will provide web access to large number of rare documents and connection with similar libraries across the world. Besides, this will also create access for Universities and Institutions in Karnataka.



COMPUTER LAB

The Institute has state-of-art computer laboratory with web enabled network 2 mbps leased line connection for internet browsing. This is an exclusive Computer Lab facility created for the use of PhD Scholars.



PhD PROGRAMME

ISEC offers two categories of PhD Programme: Full time (residential) for students and part-time (non-residential) for serving academicians and interested scholars. The hallmark of our PhD Programme is its bi-annual seminars preceded by student's presentation before doctoral committee comprising of subject experts. The Institute constitutes a Doctoral Committee to provide valuable inputs to the PhD Scholars besides monitoring the progress of their thesis work. Every PhD Scholar is required to make presentations in the bi-annual seminars of the Institute.

I. Full Time (Residential)

Full time residential PhD course at ISEC normally takes about four years to complete. During the first 10 months Scholars are provided rigorous training through a pre-PhD course work followed by the dissertation work which commences in the eleventh month. The doctoral scholars admitted under this programme are given fellowships for three years and provided with hostel facilities up to 5 years. A separate hostel is available for lady scholars. Candidates are required to pay fees according to University norms and an annual fee of Rupees One thousand to ISEC.



ii. Part Time (Non-Residential)

This Programme is open for working persons and scholars 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 and they are welcome to attend the classes, though attendance is not compulsory. The part-time PhD admission does not carry 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 Scholars must adhere to all the conditions and regulations stipulated by the University/Institute. The part-time scholars require on-campus stay for the period stipulated by the supervisor.

DOCTORAL COMMITTEE AND BI-ANNUAL SEMINAR

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

DISCIPLINES OF SPECIALIZATION

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

- ◆ Agricultural Economics or Rural Development
- ◆ Development Studies
- ◆ Economics
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Environmental Economics / Ecological Economics / Natural Resource Economics
- ◆ Political Science/International Relations/Public Administration
- ◆ Population/Demographic Studies
- ◆ Sociology/Social Anthropology.

(For detailed specializations in the above disciplines see the website: <http://www.isec.ac.in/academic.html>)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

The aspirants for ISEC PhD programme and research fellowships must satisfy the following requirements:

- ◆ Master's degree or equivalent in any of the above disciplines with at least 55% marks in the aggregate (50% in case of SC/ST applicants).
- ◆ A pass in UGC-NET or JRF or SLET or M Phil is desirable.
- ◆ Age limit for ICSSR fellowships - below 35 years, 40 years in case of teachers and members of professional staff in Research Institutes.
- ◆ There is no age limit for ISEC Fellowship.

(Other Discipline-wise Eligibility Requirements see the website: <http://www.isec.ac.in/phd.html#ph.d%20programme>)

FELLOWSHIP

Candidates who have passed UGC-JRF are paid the fellowship as per the UGC norms. The candidates who qualify with UGC-NET or SLET are paid a fellowship of Rs.6,000 p.m. while others are paid Rs.5,000 p.m. The fellowship is initially for one year; upon successful completion of PhD course work the fellowship is extendable to a further period of three years. In addition, the scholars are eligible for an annual contingency grant of Rs.12,000 during the fellowship period.

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-adv-2010.htm>. The duly filled-in application form with all the relevant enclosures should be submitted along with the application fee of Rs. 300/- (Rs.60/- 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 course work begins in the first week of August 2010.

Completed application form should reach the following address on or before May 15, 2010.

Registrar
INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE
Professor V K R V Rao Road, Nagarabhavi P.O., Bangalore - 560 072, (Karnataka)

FOR SELECTION PROCEDURE & OTHER DETAILS

Visit the ISEC website: <http://www.isec.ac.in/PhD-2010-Infor-Appl.pdf>
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- Registrar