



PROSPECTUS

Centre for Development Studies Thiruvananthapuram

ADMISSION 2018

MA Applied Economics

Centre for Development Studies (CDS) invites applications for its MA programme in Applied Economics for the academic year 2018-2019. The programme will commence on **Thursday, July 26, 2018**. Admission is open to Indian nationals as well as students from SAARC countries. Twenty seats are available for students from India and five seats are for students from SAARC countries. This prospectus provides details about the admission to the programme.

1. About the programme

MA (Applied Economics) at CDS is a unique programme that aims at providing rigorous training in theory, tools and methods for applied economic analysis, with a special focus on issues of economic development. **The degree is awarded by Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.**

Selected MA students will join a vibrant research community at CDS, comprising faculty, research scholars and visitors, working on various facets of development with an inter-disciplinary framework. Training in applied economics is expected to prepare students for careers in academia, government, national and international development agencies, research institutions, the corporate sector and the media.

2. Course Structure:

Students are required to complete sixteen courses: nine compulsory and seven optional courses as listed below. One compulsory course in the fourth semester is a project in which the student works on an empirical issue relating to India's economy under faculty supervision. Please note that all optional courses mentioned below may not be offered every year:

Compulsory Courses	
AE101 Fundamentals of Microeconomic Theory	AE105 Econometric Methods
AE102 Fundamentals of Macroeconomic Theory	AE106 Economic Development
AE103 Mathematical Methods	AE107 International Economics
AE104 Statistics	AE108 Indian Economic Development
AE208 Project	
Optional Courses (Seven courses to be taken from the following. All optional courses may not be offered every year)	
AE201 Public Economics	AE210 Gender and Development
AE202 Industrial Organisation	AE211 Labour and Development
AE203 Topics in Trade and Development	AE212 Law, Economics and Development
AE204 Economics of Technology and Innovation	AE213 Issues in Indian Agriculture
AE205 Population and Development	AE214 Issues in Indian Industry
AE206 History of Economic Thought	AE215 Political Economy, Development and Governance
AE207 Economic History of Modern India	AE216 Economics of Project Evaluation
AE209 Environment and Sustainable Development	

Apart from regular courses, a number of certificate courses are also offered. Certificate courses recently offered include the following:

1. Financial Econometrics
2. Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy
3. Advanced Economic Theory
4. 'R' Programme
5. Methods for Impact Evaluation

3. Scholarship for students from SAARC Countries.

With the funding from Kerala government, CDS provides five scholarships to students from SAARC countries who enroll in the MA programme. This year (2018-19) five scholarships are available and will be given to one student from each of the five SAARC countries Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka. If there is no candidate from a country, a candidate from another country will be selected on the basis merit. Monthly Scholarship of Rs. 15,000 will provided to each SAARC student which usually covers Course fee and other fees, boarding, lodging at the CDS hostel and Medical insurance apart from study materials for the entire duration of the course (including holidays). The scholarship does not cover travel expenses to and from the Centre to the home countries

4. Eligibility:

4.1 For students from India

- A bachelor's degree in any discipline under 10+2+3 pattern, with at least 50 percentage of marks.
- Candidates from SC, ST & Persons with Disability (PWD) (with $\geq 40\%$ disability) are eligible irrespective of percentage of marks secured in the qualifying degree.
- Those who are appearing for their final examination may also apply. Such candidates, if selected, shall be allowed to join the programme only if they have secured the minimum prescribed percentage of marks in their qualifying examination at the time of registration to the programme. They should also submit the final mark sheets of the qualifying examination at the time of registration to the programme.

4.2 For Students from SAARC Countries

- The candidate must have a Bachelor's/undergraduate degree (three year programme) with English as the medium of instruction and the three year undergraduate programme must be equivalent to an undergraduate programme of an Indian university.
- All certificates provided by the candidate must be Apostille certified before joining

5. Fees

MA students must pay a tuition fee of Rs. 8000/- (Rs.2000/-for SC/ST) per semester and a one-time JNU Registration/ Enrolment fees of Rs. 6115/-. All students will be provided hostel accommodation on a shared basis. There are hostels for men and women on campus. All rooms have attached bath and are modestly furnished. CDS hostel rent is Rs.200/- per person per month, which includes charges for electricity and water. All hostel residents are expected to have their meals at the cafeteria where simple and nutritious food is served. They are required to pay their mess bill monthly basis.

6. Admission

The *application form* and admission procedure are *separate* for students from Indian and those from five SAARC countries mentioned above.

6.1 For students from India

Admission is based on an entrance test scheduled on **Sunday, May 20th 2018** from **10.00 am to 12.00 noon** at **Hyderabad, Kolkata, Kozhikode, New Delhi, Pune & Thiruvananthapuram**. No TA/DA will be provided for attending the Entrance Test. The candidates are advised to make their own arrangements for travel and lodging to attend the Entrance Test.

6.2 For students from SAARC Countries.

Separate application form is available for students from SAARC countries, which can be downloaded from our website: www.cds.edu. Scanned copy of the filled up and signed application form should be send to the email address: admission@cds.edu as an attachment with “MA-SAARC” on the subject line before April 11, 2018. Short listed applicants will be interviewed over Skype or telephone between 4th- 10th May. The candidates should also keep scanned copies of their mark list/grades sheets for later detailed verification before Skype/telephonic interview.

7. Reservation

Statutory reservation for candidates from India belonging to **SC, ST, OBC (NCL) & Persons with Disability (PWD)** ($\geq 40\%$ disability) as per Govt. of India rules. Reservation is applicable to only 20 seats earmarked for students from India.

8. Details on entrance test

8.1 Candidates will be tested for their analytical ability and aptitude. They are expected to be familiar with the course content of a standard Economics programme taught at the undergraduate (BA) level. They are also expected to be aware of current national and international economic issues of importance. An illustrative list of areas to be covered is given below, for the benefit especially of candidates without an undergraduate degree in Economics.

- 1) Microeconomics (Theories of consumer behaviour, production and the firm)
- 2) Macroeconomics (National Income, Theory of Income determination, Monetary Policy, Trade and Balance of Payments)
- 3) Statistics and Mathematics: Descriptive Statistics (Mean, Median and Mode, Standard Deviation, Correlation coefficient). Elementary Probability Theory, Mathematics for economists (Elementary Algebra, Coordinate Geometry and Elementary Calculus).
- 4) India's economy in the post liberalized period

The entrance test question paper consists of 50 questions. Each question will have multiple choice answers. There will be negative marking for incorrect answers. Each correct answer will carry two marks and each incorrect -1 marks. Of the 50 questions, 25 will be based on five passages (five questions from each passage). The duration of the entrance examination is **two hours and maximum marks will be 100**. Prospective candidates may find past question papers of the entrance examination on our website (<http://cds.edu>).

8.2 Minimum Marks to be obtained in the written test in order to be eligible for selection

General Category	– 40%
OBC (NCL)	- 36%
SC/ST/PWD	- 25%

9. How to Apply

9.1 Candidates from India

Completed application is to be submitted in the prescribed Format (**Application form with Hall ticket**) along with

- Copies of mark-sheets for Bachelor's degree (latest available)
- Age Proof- SSLC Certificate or any other relevant document.
- Candidates belonging to the following categories should submit self attested copies of latest relevant certificates issued from competent authorities
 1. SC/ST candidates - caste certificate
 2. OBC (non-creamy layer) candidates - **OBC (non-creamy layer)** certificate
 3. Person with Disability (PWD) (with $\geq 40\%$ disability) candidates – PWD certificate
- Candidates working in Government Departments and Public sector undertakings must forward their application through proper channel along with a no objection certificate from the competent authority. However, an advance copy may be submitted, if they expect procedural delays
- **Application Fee of Rs. 300**, in the form of a DD drawn from State Bank of India (SBI) **only** in favour of the Centre for Development Studies, payable at Thiruvananthapuram (SBI Thiruvananthapuram Medical College Branch Code- 070029). The application fee is non-refundable. **SC, ST** and **PWD** (with $\geq 40\%$ disability) applicants are **exempted** from payment of the application fee.
- Duly filled application form along with self attested copies of the above documents should be sent to **Academic Programme Office, Centre for Development Studies, Ulloor, Medical College P.O, Thiruvananthapuram – 695 011, Kerala** with the words '**Application for MA Admission-2018**' superscribed on the cover. The application must reach the Academic Programme Office, Centre for Development Studies **on or before APRIL 11, 2018**.
- For any additional information please contact Academic Programme Office at 0471 – 2774253/4.
- After announcing the results of the entrance test on the CDS website most probably in the fourth week of June, all communication from CDS to the selected candidates will be through e-mail only.

- Selected candidates may check their e-mail regularly after fourth week of June for further communication from CDS.

9.2 Candidates from SAARC Countries.

See section 6.2

LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: APRIL 11, 2018