



PROSPECTUS

Centre for Development Studies
Thiruvananthapuram 695 011

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Integrated MPhil/PhD in Applied Economics

CDS invites applications for admission to its Integrated MPhil/PhD **programme** in Applied Economics. The **full-time residential** programme will commence on **Wednesday, August 01, 2018**. **Under the programme, the selected candidates would be on course for a PhD once they** complete the requirements of M Phil course work/ dissertation as stipulated below:

The Integrated MPhil/PhD Programme at CDS admits students from any discipline. The unique aspects of the programme are a focus on Applied Economics from a plural perspective and adaptation of effective learning tools.

The degree is awarded by the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

The curriculum is designed to suit:

- Students of economics who wish to sharpen their skills in applied economic research;
- Students from other disciplines who are interested in social research and questions of development (the economic dimensions of social research). Professionals in Governmental/ Non-Governmental organizations, media, research organizations and consultants, who seek to enhance their skills in applied economic analysis.

1. Curriculum and Duration

The Programme involves course work and a dissertation.

The duration of the MPhil course is twenty four (24) months. Students must spend at least eighteen (18) months, including twelve (12) months on course work and six (6) months on the dissertation. Students may submit the MPhil dissertation any time after the stipulated eighteen (18) months. No requests for extension will be entertained beyond the stipulated twenty four (24) months. .

The **coursework**, spread over **4 courses in two semesters**, comprises modules on quantitative techniques, economic theory and its application to selected economic problems and Indian economy.

Dissertations topics include usually issues of economic development in the context of the regional/ national/ international economy or on social/ historical/ environmental problems with an economic dimension. Students may choose topics falling within any area of specialisation, provided they focus on a problem with an economic dimension.

2. Eligibility:

As per UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of MPhil/PhD Degrees) Regulations of 2016 mentioned below

Candidates for admission to the M.Phil programme shall have a Master's degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with **at least 55% marks** in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

A relaxation of **5%** of marks, from 55% to **50%**, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to **SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled** and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures.

Those awaiting results of the qualifying examination may also apply. Such candidates, if selected, will be allowed to join the programme only if their previous institutions certify that they have completed all requirements for award of degree. The name of such candidate shall stand automatically removed from the rolls of the Centre & University if he/she fails to acquire relevant marks/ grades stipulated above in Master's programme, when his/her results are announced.

3. Admission

- Statutory reservations will apply for **SC, ST, OBC (non-creamy layer) & Person with Disability (PWD)** ($\geq 40\%$ disability) candidates.
- Foreign nationals and officials nominated by the Government of Kerala will be considered separately.

4. The Selection Process:

The Selection process will be based on UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of MPhil/PhD Degrees) Regulations of 2016.

Selection is based on an entrance test and interview. Entrance test is scheduled on **Sunday, May 20th 2018** from **10.00 am to 12.00 noon** at **Hyderabad, Kolkata, Kozhikode, New Delhi, Pune & Thiruvananthapuram**. Candidates will be shortlisted for interview on the basis of the Entrance test. **Interview** will be scheduled **between July 02, 2018 and July 13, 2018** at **CDS, Thiruvananthapuram**. No TA/DA will be provided for attending the Entrance Test. The candidates are advised to make their own arrangements for travelling and lodging for attending the Entrance Test.

Outstation candidates will be reimbursed to and fro sleeper class train fare/bus fare by shortest route from the place mentioned in the application (Communication Address) to Thiruvananthapuram, or actual fare paid (whichever is less) for attending the **INTERVIEW**. The candidates have to make their own arrangements for their stay at Thiruvananthapuram, at their cost.

In view of clause of 5.4.1 and 5.4.2 of UGC Regulation of 2016 stipulated below

"5.4.1 An Entrance Test with qualifying marks as 50%. The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% shall be subject specific. The Entrance Test shall be conducted at the Centre(s) notified in advance (changes of Centres, if any, also to be notified well in advance) at the level of the individual HEI as mentioned in clause 1.2; and

5.4.2 An interview/viva-voce to be organized by the HEI as mentioned in clause 1.2 when the candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before a duly constituted Department Research Committee."

Minimum Marks to be obtained in the written test in order to be considered for interview will be 50%. Final Selection will be based on an interview by a duly constituted committee.

5. Eligibility Criteria for Provisional Admission to PhD in Integrated MPhil-PhD Programme:

Candidates who have been admitted to the Integrated MPhil-PhD shall be eligible for provisional admission to the programme leading to award of Ph D at the CDS, if he/she has passed the MPhil. Course work with at least 5.00 CGPA (4.5 CGPA in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC(Non-creamy layer)/Differently – abled categories) ;

Provided that if a student has taken more courses than the prescribed number of courses and has secured the grade higher than 'F' in each course then in that case the best grade of the required number of courses shall be taken in to account for calculation of CGPA for the purpose of deciding his/her case for provisional admission to the PhD programme. And

Submitted Dissertation in partial fulfilment for the award of MPhil Degree, the evaluation of which is pending.

6. Confirmation of Admission:

6.1. The JNU CDS Committee of Direction shall confirm the admission of the candidates, who fulfil the eligibility criteria for confirmation in the PhD Programme as research scholar.

6.2 To meet the eligibility criteria the candidates must have:

i. Completed the MPhil Programme with overall minimum FGPA of 6.00 (5.5 CGPA in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-creamy layer)/Differently-abled categories) including the grades of dissertation and coursework. And

Provided that if a student has taken more courses than the prescribed number of courses during the coursework and has secured the grade higher than 'F' in each course, then in that case the best grade of the required number of courses shall be taken into account for calculation of FGPA for the purpose of deciding his/her case for confirmation to the PhD programme. And

ii. His or her research proposal/synopsis is approved as stipulated under:

- The candidates provisionally admitted to the Integrated MPhil/PhD programme shall have their research proposal/synopsis approved by the JNU CDS CD within two years of the date of submission of MPhil dissertation.

7. The name of such candidate shall stand automatically removed from the rolls of the Centre & University if he/she fails to fulfill any of the eligibility conditions stipulated above.

8. Admission to PhD Programme under the Integrated MPhil/PhD Programme is subject to the provisions of UGC regulations.

Selected PhD scholars may avail ICSSR fellowships on a competitive basis through a separate interview in the presence of sponsoring agencies.

A limited number of opportunities exist for internship in a university/institution in Europe/UK for three months and may be availed by confirmed CDS PhD Scholars on a competitive basis through the stipulated selection procedure.

9. Financial Assistance

Selected candidates will be offered a **Fellowship by the CDS** for a period of 24 months or up to the time of submission of the MPhil dissertation, whichever is earlier.

Fees

1. Tuition Fee: Rs. 120 per semester
2. JNU Registration/Enrolment fee: Rs. 5115 (One time fee)

All students will be provided **Hostel accommodation** at least on a shared basis. All rooms have attached bath and are modestly furnished. The rent for the hostel room is Rs. 250 per person per month, including electricity and water charges. All residents are attached to the mess and must pay the monthly mess bill.

Selected candidates are required to join the Programme on August 01, 2018

10. How to Apply

Application is to be submitted in the prescribed format along with

- Copies of Mark sheets and Certificates of Bachelor's and Master's Degrees
- 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.

- Applications of candidates working in Government Departments and Public sector undertakings should be forwarded through proper channel along with a no objection certificate from the competent authority. However an advance copy may be submitted, if expecting procedural delays.
- **Research Proposal written in English (Please read the guidelines with the Application form for details) Applications without Study Proposal will be summarily rejected.**
- Application Fee of Rs. 300, as a DD taken only from State Bank of India (SBI) drawn in favour of the Centre for Development Studies, payable at Trivandrum(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

LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: APRIL 11, 2018

Duly filled application form along with self attested copies of above documents should be sent to **Academic Programme Office, Centre for Development Studies, Ulloor, Medical College P.O, Thiruvananthapuram – 695 011, Kerala** with the superscription over the cover ‘**Application for Integrated MPhil/PhD Programme- 2018**’ on or before **APRIL 11, 2018**.

For any additional information please contact **Academic Programme Office at 0471 – 2774254**.

Communications regarding the admission process will be intimated to eligible candidates only through E-Mail.