



## **CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

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*A Research & Teaching Institution under the aegis of Govt. of India (ICSSR) & Govt. of Kerala  
(Dept.of Planning & Economic Affairs)*

### **PhD in Economics - Admission 2025**

Centre for Development Studies (CDS), an Autonomous Research Centre sponsored by the Government of Kerala and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) invites applications for its PhD Programme in Economics for the academic year 2025-26.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Candidates must possess the minimum eligibility criteria in terms of educational qualifications as mentioned in the prospectus and must have qualified for NET examination (i.e., Category 1. JRF qualified candidates, Category 2. Candidates qualified for Assistant Professorship without JRF, Category 3. Candidates neither qualified for JRF nor for Assistant Professorship but eligible for admission to PhD only).

Percentile of NET examination of June 2024 onwards will be taken into account for being eligible to apply for the academic year 2025-26. Previous NET percentiles/scores will not be considered.

JRF qualified candidate is also eligible to apply under NET category as per preference.

#### **NUMBER OF SEATS AND RESERVATION**

Not more than twelve candidates will be selected for the programme. Statutory reservation for Indian candidates belonging to SC, ST, OBC (NCL), Economically Weaker Section (EWS) & Persons with Disability (PwD) (with  $\geq 40\%$  disability) as per Government of India rules is provided.

## **SELECTION**

Selection of non-JRF holders and JRF holders who prefer non-JRF route will be done on the basis of the UGC-NET score and a personal interview. Final selection will be based on combined scores of the UGC-NET and interview; the scores will be combined by giving 70 percent weightage to UGC-NET score and 30 percent weightage to interview score

For candidates under JRF category, 100% weightage will be given for interview and selection will be purely on the basis of their performance in the interview.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Candidates are required to apply online through the online application portal given in the website [www.cds.edu](http://www.cds.edu). Application fee is Rs.500/- (non-refundable), which is to be paid online. There is no application fee for candidates belonging to SC, ST and PwD (with  $\geq 40\%$  disability) categories.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Opening date of online applications	07 August 2025
Closing date of online applications	25 August 2025 (Link closes at 17:00 hrs on 25 August 2025)