



CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STUDIES

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Ph.D PROGRAMME IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION 2023-2024

Established in 1980, the Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS) is an autonomous research institution supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi and the Government of Telangana. The Centre's research revolves around issues related to the economy, polity and society, with a particular emphasis on India and Telangana, among others. The Centre has state of an art library, computing and other infrastructural facilities available for carrying out good quality research. It is situated on a beautiful campus on the premises of the Nizamiah Observatory at Begumpet in Hyderabad. CESS, in collaboration with Telangana University, Nizamabad, invites applications for admission into the regular PhD Programme in Development Studies for the academic year 2023-2024.

The Programme is offered in the following disciplines:

1. **Economics**
2. **Sociology/Anthropology/Social Work**
3. **Development Statistics [Related to Research Areas of CESS]**
4. **Political Science/Public Administration**
5. **Commerce/Business Management [Related to Research Areas of CESS]**

Note: The above disciplines include allied subjects as follows: **Economics** – Agricultural Economics (M.Sc Agriculture); Development Statistics – Statistics (M.A), Statistics (M.Sc), Mathematics (M.Sc); **Commerce** – Master of Business Administration (MBA). The candidates from these subjects can also apply, provided they fulfil the eligibility criteria, but the Degree shall be awarded only in the five categories of subjects mentioned above.

The main thrust areas of research of CESS are Agriculture- Structural issues- Tenancy- Allied Agriculture; Industry, Service Sector, International Trade and Services; Multidimensional Poverty, Food Security, Employment and Unemployment, Rural Labour Market; Social Sector- Education and Health, Migration, Ecological Economics, Natural Resources Economics and Management focusing on Land and Water Resources, Environment and Sustainable Development, Climate Change; Governance; Gender Studies, Tribal Studies, Social Inclusion and Inclusive Growth & Development, Public Policy.

1. Academic Curriculum and Duration of the Course

The Programme involves coursework for one year and a Ph.D thesis. The duration of the programme will be five years of which one year is for course work; and four years for completion of Research/ thesis work after registration for Ph.D. The Research/Thesis work will be taken up only after completing the coursework and Registration for Ph.D.

2. Admission Procedure

The Ph.D Programme at CESS is in accordance with the UGC regulations - 2018.

- a) **Eligibility:** Candidates for admission to the Ph.D programme should qualify and pass Post-Graduate Degree with at least 55 percent marks or its equivalent Grade [50 percent marks for SC/ST/ Differently-Abled Categories] in the concerned subject from any recognised university.

OR

An M.Phil Degree in the subject concerned from any recognised university.

OR

- b) Candidates qualified in the National level tests in UGC-NET, State Level Eligibility Test (SLET) or Candidates in UGC-FDP (Faculty Development Programme) and Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship holders

c) **Admission**

- **Total number of seats: 12** (The Centre reserves the right to fill or not to fill all the seats if suitable candidates are not found).

- Statutory reservations will be followed as per Government of Telangana norms.

3. Selection Process (as per the norms of UGC)

Entrance test: An entrance test will be conducted Online/Offline by the Centre for admission to the Ph.D Programme. Qualifying marks in the entrance test will be 50%, provided that a relaxation of 5% of marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for candidate belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layers)/Differently-abled category in the entrance test. Candidates who qualify in the entrance examination shall be called for an interview. The medium of examination for the Entrance Test shall be English only. The Entrance Test consists of 2 sections – Section I – Research Methodology; Section II – Respective Disciplines.

UGC JRF fellowship candidates are exempted from the entrance test. They have to attend the personal interview.

As per the UGC notification, the selection of candidates for the PhD programme will be based on an entrance test (70% weightage) followed by an interview (30% weightage) of candidates who qualify in the entrance test.

4. Important Dates

Application submission deadline: 9 July 2023

Entrance test: Online/Offline Test: 27 July 2023

Interview shortlisted candidates: Personal/Online – 17 August 2023

Commencement of Programme: Last week of August 2023

In case of an Offline Entrance Test conducted at CESS, Hyderabad, the Centre will reimburse to-and-fro sleeper class train fare/bus fare to the outstation candidates by the shortest route from the place mentioned in the application (communication address) to Hyderabad (whichever fare is less) for attending the written test, only on production of the evidence of the travel. For applicants from Hyderabad, no conveyance will be paid by CESS. It may kindly be noted that CESS will not provide accommodation, and it is to be arranged by the applicant himself/herself.

5. Fees

The fee structure is as follows

Admission Fee **Rs. 5,000/-** [Rs. Five Thousand only] - One time

Tuition Fees **Rs. 25,000/-** [Rs. Twenty-Five Thousand only] per annum

Course Work Examination Fee **Rs. 500/-** [Rs. Five Hundred only] - Per paper

Registration Fee **Rs. 5000/-** [Rs. Five Thousand only] - One time

Re-Registration Fee **Rs. 5000/-** [Rs. Five Thousand only] - One time

Thesis Adjudication Fee **Rs. 10000/-** [Rs. Ten Thousand only]

6. Financial Assistance/Fellowships

The selected Scholars may avail of ICSSR fellowships on a competitive basis after registration. Scholars are encouraged to avail fellowship through national fellowships such as UGC–JRF, RGNF, Ministry of Tribal Welfare, and Savitribai Jyoti Rao Phule Fellowship for Single Girl Child. The selected candidates from SC/ST categories with annual income less than the prescribed limit may avail of the fee concession.

The Inclusive Development Unit of the Institute provides two fellowships to scholars working in the area of “Inclusive Development”.

7. Accommodation

Hostel accommodation is fully available for girls and moderately for boys on campus for the outstation students. The rent for the hostel room will be charged as per the rules.

8. Course Work and Pre-Ph.D Test

All the candidates who are admitted to the Ph.D Programme have to undergo One Year Course Work (Two Semesters) on a Regular mode and also have to write the Course Work Examination/Pre-Ph.D test. Attendance is Compulsory.

(a) Course Work

The course work consists of the following Six Papers:

Semester-I

- Paper 1 – Research Methodology
- Paper 2 – Perspectives and Paradigms of Development
- Paper 3 – Fundamentals of Econometrics/Development Statistics*

Semester-II

- Paper 4 – India’s Development Debate
- Paper 5 – Applied Econometrics/Applied Statistics*
- Paper 6 – Paradigms in Social Sciences*

**As applicable to the respective disciplines*

(b) Course Work and Examinations

The final examinations will carry 60 marks, whereas 40 marks will be awarded based on continuous evaluation during coursework (Assignments, Book Reviews/Seminar Presentations). The candidates must secure 50 per cent marks in each paper to qualify/pass the paper. The candidates should pass all the Six Papers of the Course Work exam to become eligible for the thesis work. The medium of examination for the Pre-Ph.D test/Course Work Examination and the thesis shall be English only.

9. How to apply and List of Documents to be submitted

- Application should be submitted in the prescribed format
- Age Proof –SSLC Certificate or any other relevant document
- Master’s Degree Certificate and Marks Card (Provisional marks card obtained and signed by the relevant authority of the University in case second year PG results are awaited)
- M.Phil certificate (if applicable)
- UGC-NET-JRF Certificate/letter (if applicable)
- Candidates in the following categories should submit self-attested copies of the latest relevant certificates from competent authorities. 1. SC/ST candidates - Caste certificate
2. BC candidates –BC Certificate 3. The person with Disability (PWD) (with 40% disability) candidates– PWD Certificate

- Applications of eligible 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
- Research proposal (1000 words)
- Copies of academic publications (if any)
- **Application fee:** Log on to <http://www.cess.ac.in> to access the home page of "Online Application for Ph.D". Application Fee of Rs.1000/- is non-refundable
- **Application form Details:** The application form and the guidelines can be downloaded from the CESS website: www.cess.ac.in
- **Application Link:** [APPLICATION FORM FOR ADMISSION OF PH.D PROGRAMME IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES – Centre for Economic and Social Studies \(cess.ac.in\)](#)

LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: 9th JULY 2023

Applications can be submitted online. Alternatively, applications can be downloaded and duly filled in application forms along with self-attested copies of the above documents should be sent/submitted to: **"The Dean, Division of Graduate Studies, Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Nizamiah Observatory Campus, Begumpet, Hyderabad - 500016"** on or before **9th July 2023**.

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