**Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS)**

(Planning Department, Govt. of Telangana & ICSSR, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

**Division for Graduate Studies**

**Summer Internship Programme-2025**

**About CESS**

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 focuses on issues related to economic development, governance, public policy, and social change, with special emphasis on the state of Telangana, among other areas. The Centre is equipped with state-of-the-art library, computing, and other infrastructural facilities to support high-quality research. It is located on a picturesque campus within the premises of the Nizamiah Observatory at Begumpet, Hyderabad.

**CESS Faculty Areas of Specialisation**

Agriculture and allied sectors, wetlands and fisheries, soil fertility management, rural labour and land markets, industry, informal sector and enterprises, services sector, international trade in services, social sector (health and education), gender studies, microfinance, migration, Dalit studies, tribal economy, livelihoods of marginal communities, employment and unemployment, applied econometrics, poverty studies, environment, sustainable development goals, urban studies, decentralized governance, WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene), groundwater and groundwater irrigation, and labour markets.

**Objectives**

The internship program is aimed at preparing students who wish to gain valuable mentoring and guidance necessary for conducting research.

**Programme Requirements**

* Interns must attend the institute on working days, and attendance is mandatory.
* Interns are required to work on research areas as advised by the mentor (CESS Faculty), can be accommodated in projects carried out by the mentor, or can work on their own research under the supervision of the mentor.
* They will be encouraged to attend seminars and workshops conducted by CESS.
* Interns must present their research papers at the end of the internship and submit a hard copy to the Division for Graduate Studies (DGS) office, the faculty mentor, after incorporating the suggestions made during the presentation.
* Upon successful completion of the internship program requirements, students will be awarded a Certificate of Completion.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for an internship:  
i. Candidates must have an undergraduate degree and be enrolled in a Master's program in Social Sciences.  
ii. Students in the final year of the Social Science Post-Graduate Program.  
iii. Students in the final year of the Social Science Undergraduate Program.  
iv. Candidates who have completed their Master’s program in the last academic year (2024-25).

**Note:** Preference will be given to students pursuing the post-graduate program.

**Facilities and Resources**

The selected interns will be assigned mentors who are faculty members at CESS. Interns will be provided access to the library, reading rooms, and Wi-Fi connection.

**Submission of Application**

Interested students are advised to download the application form from the CESS website (www.cess.ac.in). The completed application form, along with letters of recommendation from the relevant faculty members (from the university/institute of the applicants), should be submitted as a scanned copy by email to **krishnarao@cess.ac.in** with the subject line "Summer Internship Application CESS-DGS-2025" on or before 10 April 2025. Incomplete applications will not be considered for selection to the internship program.

**Selection Procedure**

Students will be selected based on the availability of faculty mentors and the Centre's areas of interest. Only short-listed students will be notified with an internship offer letter via email.

**Duration of Internship**

Students are required to attend the institute for approximately two months, from 1 May to 30 June 2025, to complete the internship program. However, there will be flexibility regarding the joining date, subject to the prior permission of the Dean, DGS office.

**Important Dates**

Commencement of Application: **28 March, 2025**

Last date of application: **10 April, 2025**

Announcement of Shortlisted Candidates: **15 April, 2025**

Joining date: **01 May, 2025**

**Important Note**

Applicants must note that the institute will not be providing a monthly stipend, food, and accommodation to the selected interns. Candidates are advised to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

For further details on the programme, please contact Dr. Kasturi Alivelu, Dean, DGS.