



Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS)

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

Summer Internship Programme-2026

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 revolves around issues related to Economic Development, Governance, Public Policy, and Social Change, with a special emphasis on the state of Telangana, among others. The Centre has state of the 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 Faculty Areas of Specialisation

Agriculture and allied agriculture, 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 & unemployment, applied Econometrics, poverty studies, environment, sustainable development goals, urban studies, decentralized governance, WASH, groundwater and groundwater irrigation, labour market, nation state challenges, Political Economy of International Relations.

Objectives

The internship programme is designed to prepare students wishing to gain valuable mentoring and guidance necessary for conducting research.

Programme Requirements

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

Eligibility

To be eligible for an internship,

- i. The candidates must have an undergraduate degree and be enrolled in a Master's programme in Social Sciences
- ii. Students in the final year of the Social Science Post-Graduate Programme
- iii. The candidates who have completed their master's programme in the last academic year (2025-26)
- iv. Students in the final year of the Social Science Undergraduate Programme

Note: Preference will be given to students pursuing the post-graduate programme

Facilities and Resources

The selected interns will be assigned mentors who are the faculty at CESS. Interns will be provided access to use of Library, Reading rooms, and a Wi-Fi connection.

Submission of Application (ONLINE)

Interested students are advised to go to the CESS website (<https://cess.ac.in/>) for the online link. Submit the application form online, along with letters of recommendation issued by the faculty members concerned (with the university/institute of applicants) **on or before 10 April 2026**. The online link for the submission at: <https://forms.gle/2vbUzyaxUFSASae86>. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the selection to the Internship programme.

Selection Procedure

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

Duration of Internship

Students are required to attend the institute for about two months, from 04 May to 03 July 2026, for the completion of the internship programme. However, there will be flexibility with regard to the joining date with the prior permission of the Dean, DGS office.

Important Dates

Commencement of Application: **26 March, 2026**

Last date of application: **10 April, 2026**

Announcement of Shortlisted Candidates: **17 April, 2026**

Joining date: **04 May, 2026**

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. Srinivas Junuguru, Academic Coordinator, DGS.