ICSSR Institutional Doctoral Fellowships for the year 2023-2024 in Economics and Sociology

Online applications are invited for award of ICSSR Institutional Doctoral Fellowships in Economics and Sociology only for the year 2023-24.

**Eligibility:**

- The candidate must have a confirmed Ph.D. registration (Research Advisory Committee (RAC) approved) at any of the institutions from UGC recognized Institutes of national importance, universities/deemed universities, ICSSR research institutes and colleges having approved Ph.D. programme with requisite infrastructure as defined by MOE/UGC etc., to pursue and complete their doctoral research in Economics and Sociology. It includes the requirements of clearance of Research Entrance Test (RET); The Ph.D. topic must have been confirmed.

- The candidate must not be more than 40 years of age on the last date of application. There shall be an age relaxation of 5 years for SC/ST/OBC-(NCL) candidates & Persons with benchmark disability (PWD).

- The candidate must have secured a minimum 45% marks in Graduation and 55% in Post-Graduation or equivalent grades in any social science disciplines. Five per cent (5%) relaxation of marks will be given to SC/ST/ OBC-(NCL) candidates & Persons with benchmark Disability (PwD). The submission of marks sheets, particularly of Graduation and Post-Graduation are mandatory otherwise the candidate shall be considered as Not Eligible.

- NET will carry weightage in the assessment of research proposal. But NET qualification is not mandatory for eligibility purposes. However, the submission of the NET Certificate is mandatory to secure weightage in assessment.

- Candidates who have already availed UGC Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) / Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) / Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) / ICSSR / ICAR / CSIR / ICPR / ICMR / ICHR / Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Foundation Fund Fellowship (JNMF) or any such major doctoral fellowship are not eligible to apply. Candidates drawing UGC Non-NET Fellowship are eligible.
**Value and duration:**

a) Doctoral Fellowship is a full-time research work.

b) The duration of the fellowship is strictly for two years or till the date of Ph.D. submission at the university, whichever is earlier.

c) The value of the fellowship is Rs.20,000/- p.m. and contingency grant is Rs.20,000/- p.a.

d) The scholar has to join the fellowship within two weeks of the date of the award letter by submitting the required documents including an Undertaking for mandatory Ph.D. thesis submission to ICSSR through the affiliating/administering institution. The Joining date may be extended by the ICSSR up to six months in deserving cases only.

The Institute reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any reason. The Institute is also not responsible for any postal loss/delays in communications.

Applicants are required to read the eligibility conditions carefully and apply in accordance with the ICSSR Fellowships Guidelines annexing the required documents as notified by them on their website: [www.icssr.org/doctoralfellowship](http://www.icssr.org/doctoralfellowship)

Applicants are requested to submit an online application on the link provided by the ICSSR: [https://app.icssr.org](https://app.icssr.org) The research proposal is required to be uploaded in the format provided in Section IV of the online application form. The candidates are also required to submit an attested copy of the research proposal/synopsis submitted in their respective universities where they are registered as Ph D students. The proposal must contain the title of research clearly. Further the candidates will tick the appropriate box of “ICSSR Research Institute” given at Section III (Type of affiliating institution) in the online application form and upload forwarding letter by the Supervisor and forwarding letter by the competent authority of the affiliating institution. Format of forwarding letters are available on the website of ICSSR.

The last date for online submission of applications is **October 27, 2023**. After submission of the online application, the applicants are required to download the filled-up application form and send it by post along with all the annexures to The Deputy Director (Research), Doctoral Research Fellowship Division (RFD), Indian Council of Social Science Research, JNU Institutional Area, Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, New Delhi – 110067. latest by November 6, 2023. On the top of the envelope, please write “Application for the ICSSR Institutional Doctoral Fellowship”.

Any questions regarding the fellowship can be referred to the Director’s Office at email ID: diroffice@iegindia.org with a copy to sushil@iegindia.org

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