

# Public Policy Research Institute

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## Research Methodology Course for Ph.D./PDF Scholars in Social Sciences

Theme: Essentials of Methods in Social Science Enquiry  
(June 19 to June 29, 2024)

Sponsored by  
Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi

### INTRODUCTION

The proposed research methodology course at the Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI), Thiruvananthapuram is intended to impart training to research scholars at different stages of their research work/PhD thesis in any discipline under social science. The course has been designed to provide a platform for research scholars to develop and fine-tune the theme of research, select appropriate methods, and learn the nuances of research writing and drafting a Ph.D. thesis, and research article publication.

The research methodology course will focus on theory informed empirical analysis. The scholars need to have a dynamic platform, particularly for young scholars, to perceive the contemporary changes in the emerging world order from its social, political, cultural, and economic milieu. The course will be administered to conscientize research scholars the importance of having conceptual clarity, analytical rigour and advanced skills in designing a research study. In this course, the thrust will be on formulating appropriate research questions in the broad area of research and orienting the participants to apply various tools and techniques. The methodology course will cover the process of research by sages in formulating research questions, writing a researchable proposal with a critical review of existing pool of thoughts on the area of research, collection of primary and secondary data, data tabulation, quantitative and qualitative tools of analysis, and detailed modules on writing research articles for publications. Participants of the research methodology course are expected to acquire comprehensive skill in research

from its conceptualisation to final drafting and publication of research articles in peer reviewed journals.

### OBJECTIVE

The research methodology course has the following objectives:

- To build capacity to design a researchable theme and choose an appropriate method of inquiry;
- Impart training to develop field survey tools, data tabulation and exposure to advanced software packages from a multi-disciplinary approach.
- Impart training in research writing and publishing of papers.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All registered PhD/PDF Scholars in recognized Indian university/research institute from any branch of Social Sciences may send their application for this Research Methodology Course. Shortlisted candidates would be informed 20-25 days in advance of commencing the workshop.

### INTAKE

The total intake for the course shall be 30 seats. Those who have not attended any research methodology workshop program sponsored by ICSSR in the past, will be given the preference. Preference will also be given to the candidate belonging to marginalised communities. The ICSSR guidelines will be followed by the selection committee for the selection of the candidate.

## HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates can submit the duly filled soft copy of the registration form along with statement of purpose and registration letter on or before May 10, 2024 to the Course Coordinator at the [info@ppri.org.in](mailto:info@ppri.org.in). Application form should be duly forwarded by the Head of the Department/Institute. All details and forms can also be downloaded from the institute's website [www.ppri.org.in](http://www.ppri.org.in). Details in the registration form are mandatory to be filled for selection process. Incomplete application forms will be rejected.

## COURSE CONTENTS

- Introduction to Research
- Perceiving and Writing a Critical Review of Literature
- Identification of a Research Problem
- Formulation of Research Questions and Hypothesis
- Design and Planning of Research Process
- Methods in Social Science Research
- Introduction to Database Sources in Social Sciences
- Types of Data Used in Social Science Research
- Quantitative Research methods and tools
- Qualitative Research Methods and tools
- Participatory Rural Appraisals
- Case Study Method
- Advanced statistical software for social science research
- Exposure to field survey
- Preparation of Survey Tools for Quantitative Research
- Data Cleaning and Tabulations
- Preparation of Research Report (field survey)
- Introduction to Referencing Software
- E-Resources for Social Science Research
- Research Writing and Plagiarism

## TRAVEL ALLOWANCES AND ACCOMODATION

Registration, boarding and lodging is free. Accommodation to out station participants will be provided on twin sharing basis in the hostel/guest house. Travelling Allowance would be payable to outstation participants only for second-class/sleeper class train fare/ordinary bus fare as per ICSSR rules. Original tickets have to be presented to the office for reimbursement.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Closing date of Application:  
May 10, 2024

Communication to the shortlisted Candidate:  
May 25, 2024

Workshop/Course Dates:  
June 19 to June 29, 2024

## VENUE

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Social Category (SC/ST/OBC/Minority/General/PH): .....

Degree Pursuing (PhD/PDF): .....

Date of Registration (DD/MM/YYYY): .....

Research Topic (Title): .....

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Subject: .....

Department: .....

University/Institute: .....

Address for Communication: .....

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Email ID: ..... Mobile: .....

Have you attended any similar course/workshop sponsored by ICSSR before? If Yes, give

details: .....

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Accommodation Required (Yes/No): .....

Place:

Date:

Signature of the Applicant

Signature (with seal):

Name:

(Supervisor/ Head of the Department/ Institute)