

ICSSR SPONSORED TRAINING PROGRAMME
ON
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN SOCIAL SCIENCES
(1ST March to 11th March 2016)

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About

The department of Political Science Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University is the oldest Post Graduate department in the University established in 1945. The department has since been known for its vibrant academic contributions in the region. Throughout this more than half century of its journey it has contributed to the political discourse of the nation and has given a considerable number of worthwhile alumni. The department has in the recent past engaged itself in the understanding of both the national as well as international politics as the major component of its course content. It has therefore been in the forefront in the region in organizing national as well as international programmes to cater to the academic agenda it maintains as well as promotes. The department is also concerned with the research which it is continuously generating through its M.Phil and Ph.D. programmes as well as the individual researches of its faculty members. Formally as well as informally the department is providing training of research methodology to the students of political science as well as others so as to improve upon the research works of both the students and the faculty members. The present training programme is one in the league of the many programmes conducted by the Department for the academic enhancement and the development of research capabilities of the students.

Research Methodology of the Social Sciences

The social sciences are now having a rich resource in terms of the methodologies it has evolved to understand the social/human phenomena. The range is diverse as well as impressive and it has contributed in the understanding of the human society and its organization. However, the human society as its nature is, constantly in a flux, keeps on throwing challenges both in terms of its understanding but also providing meaningful solutions. The uncharted areas of human existence as well as the constant change in the human behavior as well as conditions keep the social scientist always on its toes to grasp the situation. This requires a sound understanding of the human disciplines and the social theories- both in terms of historical developments and the contemporary evolution. These provide an ontological frame of reference to approach the human condition and address the challenges it poses to a researcher. The meta- frameworks of modernity and the post-modernity attended by the range of ontological positioning within these have been the source of our understanding as well as contestations. It is therefore, absolutely necessary to understand the development and the evolution of the methodologies in the social sciences for the better placement of the research one would like to conduct. There is a relationship of 'praxis' between the theoretical relations and the empirical evidences collected to substantiate the claims of the research. Apart from the theoretical frameworks which are available to us, empiricism provides us a valuable data as an evidence to validate the claims of the research. Thus, theoretical understanding and empirical substantiation go hand in hand in any good research. The research methodology of the social sciences establishes this process as the necessary tool to understand the human societies.

Objectives of the Course

1. To provide the methodological tools of understanding necessary for the approach to a good research.
2. To enhance and develop the capabilities of the researcher to achieve his/her research objectives in a proper manner.
3. To equip him/her to undertake various research including the writing of Ph.D, Proposal and report writing of research projects, research paper writing etc.
4. To enhance the capacities and develop the ability in the use of statistical methods along with the use of computer based statistical programmes.

Method of Instruction

1. The method of instruction during the course will be largely based upon lecture, discussion and participation methods
2. It will also include field based study, its report making and presentation during the programme for assessing and enabling the participants to apply what they have learnt in the course.
3. It will include library work as well as take home assignments necessary for the proper appreciation of the course content.
4. The ICT part will be computer based along with practical instructions.

Guidelines and Eligibility

1. The course is scheduled for 10 days excluding the holidays or Sundays.
2. Preference is given to the SC/ST candidates. If sufficient candidates from the SC/ST categories are not available then other categories like the OBC and the Minorities can be considered.
3. Women candidates are encouraged to apply.
4. Only Ph.D registered candidates are eligible to apply for the programme.
5. Post doctoral fellows of ICSSR are also eligible to apply.
6. There is no registration fee for the eligible candidates.
7. Lodging and boarding will be free and will be arranged by the organizers.
8. The selected candidates will be paid to and fro travel fare of bus or train.
9. Application can be downloaded from the website. www.nagpuruniversity.org or can be collected from the department of Political Science, RTM Nagpur University.
10. Applications can be directly submitted to the office of the Department of Political Science or can be emailed to vikasnagpur@gmail.com

Last Date of submission of Application Form

The last date of submission of the application form is 25th February 2016 by 4:00 p.m.

The shortlisted candidates will be intimated on 25th February 2016 through mail or by phone.

Travel and Accommodation

1. There is no registration fee for the selected candidates.
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Application Form

Participants Details:

1. Name: _____
2. Institution/ Department: _____
3. Subject specialization: _____
4. Ph.D Registration No.(attach registration letter): _____
5. Topic of Ph.D Thesis: _____
6. Name and Address of Guide: _____

7. Date of Birth: _____
8. Gender (Male/Female): _____
9. Social Category (SC/ST/OBC/Minority/General): _____
10. Address for communication: _____

11. Mobile/Telephone no.: _____
12. Email id.: _____
13. Education Qualification (enclose Biodata): _____
14. Teaching/research experience(in years): _____
15. Name and contact no of person in case of
emergency: _____

16. Are you going to bring your own laptop: Yes/No
17. Accommodation required: yes/No

Date:

Place:

Signature of Applicant