Guidelines for

ADMISSION TO PhD PROGRAMME IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES 2016
(Affiliated to University of Calcutta)

Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK), an ICSSR-recognized institute invites applications for admission to the PhD Programme in Development Studies. The programme is affiliated to the University of Calcutta.

Candidates with a Post Graduate Degree with at least 55% marks (50% for SC/ST) in any discipline from a UGC recognized University or with professional degrees, such as MBBS/BE/BTech are eligible to apply. The Reservation Policy of the State Government will be applicable in the selection of candidates.

Eligible applicants will have to appear for a written examination. Those who qualify in it will be called for an interview. Candidates who have cleared UGC/CSIR (JRF) Examinations/NET/SET/SLET/GATE/Teacher Fellowship or have passed the MPhil/MTech/MD/ME/MPharm or any equivalent examination shall not be required to appear at the entrance test but will have to appear for the interview. The final selection will be made on the basis of the candidate’s performance in the interview.

The filled-in application form should be accompanied by a research proposal of 1500 words, outlining a candidate’s topic of interest and plan of work. Applicants are advised to go through the research interests of the faculty members of IDSK in the website of the Institute before writing their proposals.

Selected candidates will be required to undertake course work of one year at IDSK. After the defence of the research proposal at the PhD registration seminar by the candidate, she/he will be allowed to register.

Few fellowships may be offered under the Institutional Doctoral Fellowships Scheme of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). Fellowships will be awarded after PhD registration, strictly on the basis of performance in the coursework, provided the candidates fulfil the criteria for eligibility for the ICSSR Doctoral Fellowship (visit http://icssr.org for details). Doctoral Research Fellows are expected to actively participate in the academic programmes of the Institute.
IMPORTANT DATES/ADMISSION SCHEDULE

Last date of submission of application : 4 August 2016
Entrance Test (See exemption criteria above) : 13 August 2016, 12 noon
Publication of list of candidates selected for interview : 22 August 2016
(Visit website/check IDSK notice board after 5pm)
Interview of selected candidates : 30 & 31 August 2016
Publication of the final list of selected candidates : 1 September 2016
Enrolment : 2 September 2016
Commencement of the programme : 5 September 2016

ENTRANCE TEST

Date : 13 August 2016
Venue : IDSK, DD 27/D, Sector I, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700 064
Time : 12 noon -2 pm
(Please reach the venue by 11:30 a.m.)

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates should apply in the prescribed form that may be obtained on payment of Rs. 500 (Rs. 300 for SC/ST) from IDSK Office during 11 am – 5 pm on all weekdays. Forms may be downloaded from IDSK website (www.idsk.edu.in). In case of a downloaded form, a demand draft of Rs. 500 / Rs.300 (in case of SC/ST) must be submitted along with the application. The demand draft should be in favour of Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, payable in Kolkata.

Completed applications along with a research proposal of 1500 words and self-attested copies of all mark sheets, certificates and other relevant documents should be submitted in the office of IDSK or sent through registered/speed post/courier to The Director, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, DD 27/D, Sector I, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700064 by 4 August 2016.