



INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES KOLKATA

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7 Day PhD Proposal Writing Workshop

9 - 16 October 2025

Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK) is offering a seven-day **PhD Proposal Writing Workshop** for students of humanities and social sciences. It will be an interactive, rigorous and hands-on experience, ideal for students who are currently enrolled or have recently completed their master's programme. Students enrolled in four-year graduation programme can also apply, provided they are in their final year. The intended outcome of this workshop will be to train the students in the methods of writing a persuasive PhD proposal and providing tools for proposal writing in different disciplines.

Workshop Structure

The workshop will be in hybrid mode. The first three days will be in-person. Each day will have one lecture, followed by detailed discussion of selected proposals. All participants will receive individual feedback from the resource persons as well as the other participants. After the in-person sessions, the students will be given four days to work on their proposals on the basis of feedback they have received. During these four days they will also have access to the resource persons, IDSK library and online/pre-recorded sessions relevant to the proposal writing. At the end of the week each participant will have to submit revised proposal.

Duration

7 days (3 days in person + 4 days online)

Date

9 -11 October (in person) **13-16 October** (online)

Application Process

- Applicants have to submit a preliminary proposal (1000 words) and bio-note (300 words).
- Applicants need to submit the Proposal and Bio-note through email: writingworkshop.idsk@gmail.com.
- Last date of application: **12 September 2025**.
- Successful candidates will be intimated within **7 days**.

Eligibility Criteria

Students in graduation 4th year, Masters students, students who have completed masters and preparing for PhD application. This workshop is not for those who have already enrolled in a PhD programme. Students of history, sociology, political science, literature, anthropology, cultural studies are particularly encouraged to apply. Anyone working with quantitative methods will not find this workshop useful.

Certificate

Certificate will be provided after the participants submit reworked proposal at the end of the workshop.

Workshop fee

INR 3000/- (Non-refundable). Payment details will be shared with selected participants in due course.

Other Important Information

- During the workshop, participants will have full access to the IDSK library.
- IDSK will not be able to provide accommodation to outstation students. However, IDSK can help in finding suitable, affordable accommodations nearby the Institute.
- A working lunch during the in-person sessions, stationary and necessary course material will be provided to all the participants.
- Workshop language – English

Workshop Venue

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