

CENTRE FOR STUDIES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES, CALCUTTA

R-1, Baishnabghata Patuli Township,
KOLKATA 700094

ADMISSION TO M. PHIL. IN SOCIAL SCIENCES PROGRAMME 2015-17

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. Eligibility:

At least 50% marks or B+ on an eight-point scale at the post-graduate level in any of the social science disciplines (e.g., Economics, History, Sociology, Political Science, Cultural Studies [Literature, Film Studies, Philosophy etc.], Development Studies, Environmental Studies, Geography, Social Anthropology, Education). Candidates from non-Social Science disciplines may also apply provided they have a Master's degree or equivalent.

2. Application forms will be available from the Centre's website and also from the Office of the Programme Officer, M.Phil.- Ph. D. at the Centre's Baishnabghata Patuli campus on weekdays from 2- 3pm.
3. The last date for submission of application form is **Friday May 8, 2015**. Applications submitted, or received by post, after the notified last date will not be considered. No reviewed mark-sheet will be accepted after the last date of submission of forms.
4. Applications must be submitted with a Research Proposal, i.e., a summary description of the research problem in which the applicant is interested, of not more than 1000 words.
5. The applicants will have to attach all the necessary documents along with the application forms.
6. The form is to be submitted along with a draft of **Rs. 100/-** payable in favour of **Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta**.
7. **Selection Procedure:**
 - a) Candidates will have to sit for a one-hour written '**Admission Test**' and will be called for **Interview** only if they qualify the Admission test. The final selection will be made on the basis of the student's performance in the Interview.
 - b) The '**Admission Test**' will consist of two essay-type questions. One question will test students' understanding of general social science concepts/debates. The second question will also require engagement with particular concepts/theories, but from the specific vantage point of a discipline.
 - c) **Visually challenged** students may arrange to have a scribe to assist them in the written examination or a scribe can be provided upon request (the request should be made at least a week before the exam). The scribe should bring a valid ID proof at the time of the examination.
 - d) The list of eligible candidates for (a) Written Test and (b) Interview will be announced on the Centre's website [www.cssscal.org] and Notice Board.
 - e) Date, Time and Venue and result of the (a) Admission Test (b) Interview will be announced on the Centre's website and the Notice Board.

9. Candidates are requested to produce the following documents at the time of Written Test:
 - (i) Original Mark-sheets of all Examinations passed including reviewed mark-sheets, if any, and photocopy of each mark sheet (if not submitted along with the application)
 - (ii) Admit Card of School Leaving Examination for age verification
 - (iii) SC/ST/PD Certificates (where applicable)
 - (iv) 'No Objection' certificate from the appointing authority in case the applicant is employed.
10. List of candidates finally selected for the M.Phil. in Social Sciences Programme 2015-17 will be put on the Centre's website and Notice Board. The maximum number of students (including the number of reserved candidates) that may be admitted is **twenty-five**.
11. Provisionally selected candidates will be required to bring the following documents at the time of admission:
 - (i) Three recent passport size photographs
 - (ii) All original mark-sheets and certificates
 - (iii) Admit Card of Madhyamik or Class X or equivalent Examination (for age verification)
 - (iv) Discontinuity certificate, where applicable
 - (v) In case of employed candidates, a 'No Objection' certificate from the appointing authority mentioning the candidate's designations, date of appointment, present salary, scale of pay etc
12. All admissions are provisional
13. Tentative dates:
 - Admission Test: **22 May, 2015**
 - List of candidates to be called for Interview: **May 26, 2013**
 - Interview: **June 9, June 10 and June 11, 2015**
 - Results (on web-site): **June 15, 2015**
 - Admission: **June 18, 2014 and June 19, 2015**

First day of session (Orientation): **June 22, 2015**

Forms duly filled in will be received in the Office of Programme Officer (M.Phil.- Ph.D.) at the Centre between 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 & 3 p.m. to 5:30 pm (Mondays to Fridays) or the forms may be sent by post or courier to the Programme Officer (M.Phil.- Ph.D.), Centre For Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, R-1, Baishnabghata Patuli Township, Kolkata-700094.

Date: March 31, 2015

Programme Officer (M.Phil.- Ph.D.)
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