

INDIRA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH
Visiting Scholars Program 2016

Overview: The Visiting Scholar Programme (VScP) has been instituted at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR) as one of its outreach activities with the objective of supporting research being conducted by Ph.D. Scholars and junior faculty members of colleges and universities in India. The scholarship will enable up to five selected scholars to spend three months at a stretch at IGIDR to work on a research proposal that can be satisfactorily completed during their stay. Selected researchers can join the programme during any one of the following two blocks (i) between May 15, 2016 and no later than October 15, 2016 (Block I), and (ii) between October 15, 2016 and no later than March 31, 2017 (Block II).

Eligibility: At the time of application, applicants should possess a Masters degree in any field and be registered for Ph.D. on a topic broadly involving any area of economics including energy and environmental policy. Applicants are required to submit their curriculum vitae (CV), a research proposal and two letters of recommendation. One of the letters of recommendation should be from the concerned Ph.D. supervisor in the case of a Ph.D. student, and the principal of the College/University in the case of a junior faculty member. Recommendation letters should clearly give the contact details of referees. Candidates should also mention in the application the preferred three-month period of stay at IGIDR.

Research Proposal: The proposal should focus on theoretical/empirical analysis of economic issues including those related to energy and environment. It should be strictly within 1,500 words, and its scope should be such that the project can be completed in three months. The research proposal should be accompanied by a signed certification by the applicant as well as by the concerned thesis supervisor/Principal, stating that the research proposal is original work of the applicant, and has not been submitted to any journal for publication.

Selection will be based on a joint evaluation of the CV, letters of recommendation and the quality of the research proposal submitted at the time of application.

Emoluments: Selected scholars will be paid a stipend of Rs.17,000/- per month, re-imbursed to and from three-tier AC train fare, and provided free accommodation on campus for their duration of stay.

Requirements: Selected scholars will be required to submit a progress report of the research project at the end of six weeks and a complete research report along with a seminar presentation of the research findings at the end of the three-month stay. Failure to submit the progress report at the end of six weeks on time may lead to the termination of the scholarship programme. Once the research project is completed and published, the scholar should acknowledge IGIDR in an appropriate way as will be indicated to them by IGIDR upon selection/joining.

Application Deadline & Notifications: Applications can be sent electronically or by post to reach IGIDR by **March 31, 2016 (Block I)/between August 1 and August 31, 2016 (Block II)**. Letters of recommendation should be sent by the concerned persons directly to IGIDR via email/post by the respective last date for application. The subject head for email and top of the envelope for post should indicate APPLICATION FOR VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM 2016. Selected applicants will be notified via email/post by **April 15, 2016 (Block I)/September 15, 2016 (Block II)**. Those selected will have to accept the offer latest by **April 30, 2016 (Block I)/September 30, 2016 (Block II)**

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