

**Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR)
(Deemed to be University)**

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**Selection Criteria as per Approved Minutes of Expert Panellists Meeting
to Select Students for IGIDR's MSc and PhD Programmes in 2022**

1. Based on the performance of applicants who appeared in an online entrance test held on 26 June 2022, and as per a selection criteria decided by the Admission Test Committee, 252 candidates (194 for the MSc in Economics programme and 58 for the PhD in Development Studies programme) were shortlisted for the interview round (see, [here](#) and [here](#), respectively).
2. For the MSc programme, the interviews were held online on 1-2 August 2022 across six panels wherein each panel had three experts. However, for normalization calculations, a panel is day-specific even if the composition of experts remains the same, and in a day if the composition of experts changes, which happened in three panels for both the days for logistic reasons, then the panel will also be session-specific. Hence, for normalization calculations there are 18 distinct panels.
3. For the PhD programme, the interviews were held online on 3 August 2022 across four panels wherein each panel had four experts. The interviews were held in a single day and there were no changes in composition of experts, and hence, for normalization calculations there are four distinct panels.
4. The faculty meeting of 27 April 2022 suggested double normalization of interview round scores (for each expert in a panel and for each panel), normalization of online entrance test scores for those who attended interviews, and then take an average of both these normalizations to determine the rank of the candidates.
5. In double normalization of interview scores, first, the score of the candidate from each expert is normalized ([actual score of candidate minus average of the scores by the expert for all the candidates in the panel] divided by the standard deviation of the scores by the expert for all the candidates in the panel). Note that the normalized scores across candidates will have a mean of zero and a standard deviation of one. And then, in the second step, a candidate-specific average of the normalized scores from all the experts is again normalized, ([candidate-specific average of the candidate minus its average across candidates, which will be zero] divided by the standard deviation of candidate-specific average of the normalized scores across candidates). This imposes a mean of zero and standard deviation of one for the double normalized scores for each and every panel.
6. In normalization of online entrance test scores, [actual test score of candidate minus average of the scores for all the candidates who appeared in the interview] is divided by the standard deviation of the scores for all the candidates who appeared in the interview.
7. From those shortlisted for the interview round (192 for MSc and 58 for PhD), the distribution of seats allotted, number shortlisted for interview, and the number appeared in interview across categories is given in Table 1.

Table 1: Distribution of Seats Allotted, Number Shortlisted for Interview and Number Appeared in Interview across Categories

Category	MSc in Economics			PhD in Development Studies		
	Seats Allotted	Number Shortlisted for Interview	Number Appeared in Interview	Seats Allotted	Number Shortlisted for Interview	Number Appeared in Interview
Open	19	79	65	6	24	20
Open PwD	1	4	3	-	-	-
ST	4	8	6	1	2	2
SC	8	33	26	2	8	7
OBC-NCL	12	49	44	4	16	13
OBC-NCL PwD	1	1	0	-	-	-
EWS	5	20	15	2	8	7
Total	50	194	159	15	58	49

Note: EWS is Economically Weaker Sections, OBC-NCL is Other Backward Classes-Non Creamy Layer, PwD is People with Disability (a horizontal category), SC is Scheduled Caste, ST is Scheduled Tribe.

8. The OBC-NCL PwD candidate shortlisted for interview did not appear in the interview, as this is a horizontal category; the seat is allocated to OBC-NCL in the preparation of merit/wait list.
9. The cut-off for merit/wait list based on the average normalization score of -1.0 for UR, EWS and OBC-NCL and -1.29 for SC, ST and PwD, the latter a horizontal category, for the MSc programme and an average normalization score of zero (0) for the PhD programme across all categories. Further, the first wait list could be restricted to a maximum of the number of seats in that category and opened up to subsequent wait lists as per above cut-off criteria if there is vacancy in that category and that the vacancy is made available within one month from the start of class. The number of candidates selected in merit list, the possible number of wait list as per above criteria and the seats not filled for not fulfilling criteria across categories is given in Table 2.

Table 2: Distribution of Selected Candidates as per Merit List, Possible Number in Wait List and Seats Not Filled for Not Fulfilling Criteria across Categories						
Category	MSc in Economics			PhD in Development Studies		
	Selected as per Merit List	Possible Number in Wait List	Seats Not Filled for Not Fulfilling Criteria	Selected as per Merit List	Possible Number in Wait List	Seats Not Filled for Not Fulfilling Criteria
Open	19	88	0	6	10	0
Open PwD	1	0	0	-	-	-
ST	1	0	3	0	0	1
SC	8	9	0	1	0	1
OBC-NCL	13	27	0	2	0	2
EWS	5	9	0	2	1	0
Total	47	92	3	11	10	4

Note: As in Table 1. The OBC-NCL PwD candidate shortlisted did not appear in the interview, as this is a horizontal category, the seat is allotted to OBC-NCL. The total for 'possible number in wait list' does not add up because of double counting as the number against open category also includes people from other categories (all from EWS and OBC-NCL for both the programmes and five from SC for the MSc programme) who satisfy the criteria for being included in that sequence of wait list for open category.

10. The Merit/Wait List of Candidates for Admission 2022 is to be prepared based on the above criteria.

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