

INDIRA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH

(An Advanced Research Institute Established by the Reserve Bank of India)

DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY

ADMISSION NOTICE 2026

Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR) is an advanced research Institute established in 1987 in Mumbai by the Reserve Bank of India for the study of national and global development and policy issues. It is governed by a Board of Management comprising of distinguished academicians. The Institute is recognized as a Deemed to be University under Section 3 of the UGC Act.

IGIDR invites applications for admission to the following Ph.D. programmes:

- (i) PhD in Economics
- (ii) PhD in Development Studies
- (iii) PhD in Energy, Environment and Climate Change

Eligibility

- (i) The applicants to Ph.D. programmes must have a valid UGC-JRF/CSIR-JRF/GATE score to pursue Ph.D. A valid GRE score along with other international level scholarship to pursue PhD is a must in the case of international applicants.
- (ii) The applicants to PhD programmes must have studied Mathematics at the higher secondary or higher level*.
- (iii) The applicants to different PhD programmes must have the qualifying percentage of marks or its equivalent in the qualifying degrees as indicated below:

Programme	Qualifying Degree	Qualifying marks across different categories of students	
		GEN	SC/ST/ GEN-EWS/ OBC-NCL /PwD
PhD in Economics	Master degree in Economics/Statistics/Operations Research/Physics/Mathematics	55%	50%
	Four year BA/BSc/BStat and BE/B.Tech	60%	55%
PhD in Development Studies	Master degree in Economics/Statistics/Operations Research/Development Studies/Physics/Mathematics/ Management	55%	50%
	Four year BA/BSc/BStat and BE/B.Tech	60%	55%
PhD in Energy, Environment and Climate Change	Master degree in Economics/Environment Studies/ Statistics/ Operations Research/ Physics/Mathematics/ Management/ Development Studies	55%	50%
	Four year BA/BSc/BStat and BE/B.Tech	60%	55%

Note: GEN is General, GEN-EWS is General-Economically Weaker Sections, OBC-NCL is Other Backward Classes-Non-creamy Layer, PwD is People with Disabilities, SC is Schedule Castes, ST is Schedule Tribes

* Any student having done mathematics at 10+2 level is eligible to apply. Any student having done mathematics from NIOS that is equivalent to 10+2 level is eligible to apply. Any student having done mathematics of any type as part of the allowed set of qualifying bachelor degrees are eligible to apply, even if he/she has not done mathematics at 10+2 level.

- (iv) All candidates appearing for their final degree examinations on or before **15th July 2026** are eligible to apply. However, their admission in the PhD programme will be treated as provisional and subject to meeting the eligibility requirements as applicable. The final official marks sheet of the qualifying degree, as relevant, must be submitted to IGIDR on or before **31st August 2026**.

Admission to Ph.D. Programmes

- (i) Applicants with a valid UGC-JRF, CSIR-JRF, or GATE score on the **last date of application ONLY** are eligible to apply.
- (ii) International applicants with a valid GRE score on the last date of application and those availing international scholarships for pursuing Ph.D. are eligible to apply.
- (iii) Candidates have to mention clearly in the application their preference from among the three Ph.D. Programmes mentioned above.
- (iv) Only shortlisted applicants will be called for the interview.
- (v) Candidates selected for admission to the Ph.D. Programme are required to complete the course work and meet the minimum CGPA requirement as per IGIDR Rules.
- (vi) All students admitted to the Ph.D. Programme will be assigned a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) upon joining the Programme. The RAC will mentor the student in their choice of core and elective courses based on their research interest and monitor her/his progress and advise on remedial steps to take, to help the student meet minimum academic requirements at IGIDR.

Reservation Policy

- The total number of seats for the Ph.D. programme in the academic year 2026-27 are Nine (9) in PhD (Economics); Two (2) in PhD (Development Studies); and Four (4) in PhD (Energy, Environment and Climate Change).
- The Institute follows a Reservation Policy as per Government of India (GoI) Rules. Applicants availing of reservations must produce the necessary documents as per GoI rules.

Application Fee: To be paid online ₹500/-only for General category and ₹100/-only for all others (GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST and PwD).

Last Date for Acceptance of the Filled Application Form – May 31 2026.

List of shortlisted candidates for an OFFLINE interview at IGIDR premises would be uploaded on the IGIDR website. Candidates are advised to keep checking the institute website for regular updates.

Candidates who wish to apply for the PhD Programmes 2026 at IGIDR are required to fill the online application form.

The link for the application form will be uploaded and made active on the IGIDR website on Monday, April 13, 2026