



**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**  
**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**  
**PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY**



**(A Central University established by an Act of Parliament No. 53 of 1985)**

**Invites Applications for**

**Two Week Capacity Building Programme for Young Faculty Members in Social Sciences**

**(Sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi)**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Social science research is characterized by the diversity of theoretical perspectives, methodological strategies, data collection practices and analysis techniques. This has made it always necessary to provide training and orientation on a continuing basis to researchers to equip them with advanced methodological skills. It has been observed that many researchers could not produce research works of high quality because they are either not in touch with the latest research tools and techniques or do not have proper orientation to use the traditional research methods efficiently. The problem has further been aggravated by lack of opportunities for the social researchers to refine their methodological skills and to get insight in fresh areas of research in their respective fields. On the other hand the rapid advancement of knowledge in all disciplines of social sciences has made research an activity of solving problems, which add new dimensions and generalizations on the basis of gathered empirical evidences. Recognizing this need, Department of Politics and International Studies, School of Social Sciences, Pondicherry University, Puducherry is organizing a Two-Week capacity Building Programme for Social Science Young Faculty members from 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2108 sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.

The objectives of this programme are to develop capacity for conceptualizing and writing research proposals; to enhance skills to prepare an appropriate research design, including conducting a literature review, formulating research questions and hypotheses, collection of information and analysis; to enhance capacity for writing a research paper for publication; to develop the capacity for planning and writing a book and to develop the capacity for grant applications. The programme also strives to highlight some emerging philosophical and methodological issues emerging in social science research inculcating discussions on formation and selection of a research problem; design of research; sampling techniques; tools of research; collection of data; analysis of data; interpretation and discussion of results and report writing. In addition to enabling the participants to select and make use of suitable research methods appropriate research tools and to analyze their research questions with appropriate analysis of data in their research.

## **PROGRAMME CONTENT**

- *Introduction to Social Research, Philosophy and Generic Terminology (Ontology-Epistemology-Methodology-Methods)*
- *Fundamentals of Social Research (Theory-Theoretical Frame Work-Conceptual Frame Works-Concepts and Measurable Variables)*
- *Quantitative Research Methods (Methods and their Nuances-Social Survey)*
- *Qualitative Research Methods (Methods and their Nuances- Ethnography, Case Study, Content Analysis, Focus Group Discussion, Observation)*
- *Methodological and Measurement Issues in Social Science Research*
- *Triangulation and Hybrid Methods*
- *Developing Research Proposal*
- *Formulation of Problem in Social Research*
- *Research Design*
- *Sampling Method: Universe, Nature & Types of Sampling*
- *Hypothesis Concept & Types of Hypotheses, Formulation of Hypothesis, Testing of Hypothesis*
- *Designing and Formulation of Questionnaire and Interview Schedules*
- *Online Data Searching and Use of Internet*
- *Participatory Learning Methods*
- *Rapid Rural Appraisal*
- *Descriptive Statistics: Measurement of Central Tendency, Dispersion, Regression and Correlation*
- *Measurement of Correlation: Karl Pearson's Correlation and Rank Correlation*
- *Statistical Inference: Point and interval estimates, Parametric and Non Parametric Test (Chi-Square, Test of Differences, Significance and Freedom)*
- *Analysis of Variance and Co-Variance: One way and two-way classification*
- *SPSS*
- *Interpretation of Results and Presentation of Data*
- *Language of Research*
- *Ethics in Social Science Research*
- *Application of Research Findings*
- *Report Writing and Presentation of Research findings*

## **PARTICIPANTS**

The programme is open to all young faculty members of Social Science disciplines in Research Institutions, Colleges and University Departments.

Applications are invited on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. Only short listed candidates will be informed for participation in the programme. Lodging and boarding will be arranged by the organizers and eligible TA will be provided to outstation participants as per the University norms.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Duration of the Programme	: 18 <sup>th</sup> October to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2018
Eligibility	: Young Faculty members of Social Sciences from University, Colleges and Institutions.
Last date for receipt of application	: 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018
Confirmation by the Participants	: 5 <sup>th</sup> October, 2018
Total number of Seats	: 30
Official Email ID	: <b>cbdpis2018@gmail.com</b>

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**Note:** Interested candidates may download the application attached and send the filled in application to the Director.