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**Advertisement for Admission to Ph.D. Program in the School of Humanities & Social Sciences,
Under Special Recruitment Drive for the candidate belonging to SC/ST/EWS/OBC(NCL)/ PwD
category**

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) invites applications for admission to the Ph.D. program under special recruitment drive from eligible candidates in Economics. The applicants are requested to kindly read the instructions carefully and apply through the online portal link given below for each category of admission.

Research Areas:

Economics:

- Energy Economics
- Monetary Economics
- Macroeconomics

A. Important Dates:

Start date of applications: 24.09.2026

Last date of receipt of applications: 30.10.2026

Application Fee for Ph.D. Admission:

Category	Amount in ₹
OBC(NCL)/EWS/Transgender/Foreign Nationals	200
Women/SC/ST/PwD	100

Mode of Payment: Online mode mentioned in the application form.

B. General Info and Regulations:

https://iitmandi.ac.in/pdf/ordinances/Ordinances_PhD_2026_onwards.pdf

C. Candidates may apply under one of the following categories:

1. Full-time Ph.D. Program

Minimum Eligibility:

- Postgraduate degree in Economics and Development Studies with a minimum of **50% marks or a CGPA of 5.5 on a 10-point scale for candidates belonging to reserved categories (SC, ST, OBC (NCL), EWS and PWD)**, with the prescribed 5% relaxation as per Institute norms. (Note: Minimum marks are already relaxed as per institute guidelines).
- Must have qualified UGC–JRF/NET/GATE/ or equivalent examination. *

* Candidates who have completed their BS-MS/M.Sc./MA/MBA/or equivalent postgraduate degrees from IITs, IISERs, IISc, IIMs or any of the top 100 institutes according to NIRF ranking 2025 (overall category) at the time of application will be exempted from the mandatory requirements of qualifying UGC–JRF/NET/GATE/or equivalent examination.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates are encouraged to fill the online application form available in the following link: <https://iitmandiadm.samarth.edu.in/admission/>

2. Part-time Ph.D. Program

Minimum Eligibility:

- Postgraduate degree in Economics and Development Studies with a minimum of **50% marks or a CGPA of 5.5 on a 10-point scale for candidates belonging to reserved categories (SC, ST, OBC (NCL), EWS and PWD)**, with the prescribed 5% relaxation as per Institute norms. (Note: Minimum marks are already relaxed as per institute guidelines).
- Minimum two years of work experience (employed in industry/organization having R&D facilities and recognized by DST/IIT Mandi, national laboratories, reputed universities/colleges, or employed in research/analysis jobs in the public or private sector).

How to Apply:

Interested candidates are encouraged to fill the online application form available in the following link: <https://iitmandiadm.samarth.edu.in/admission/>

3. External Registration Program

(ERP) Minimum Eligibility:

- Postgraduate degree in Economics and Development Studies with a minimum of **50% marks or a CGPA of 5.5 on a 10-point scale for candidates belonging to reserved categories (SC, ST, OBC (NCL), EWS and PWD)**, with the prescribed 5% relaxation as per Institute norms. (Note: Minimum marks are already relaxed as per institute guidelines).
- Minimum two years of work experience (employed in industry/organization having R&D facilities and recognized by DST/IIT Mandi, national laboratories, reputed universities/colleges, or employed in research/analysis jobs in the public or private sector)
- A research scholar under the External Registration Program normally carries out part or all the research work at the place of employment under the supervision of a co-supervisor also employed in the same organization and a supervisor at IIT Mandi.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates are encouraged to fill the online application form available in the following link: <https://iitmandiadm.samarth.edu.in/admission/>

D. Important Information:

- Candidates are required to produce original testimonials/certificates at the time of the interview.
- Part-time and External Registration program applicants are required to furnish a 'No Objection Certificate' issued by their employer at the time of the interview.
- In case of two applications by the same candidate for the same research area, the latest application will be considered.
- Applications for areas not invited or not matching interest areas of a potential guide may be rejected.
- **Incomplete applications will not be processed.**

Notes:

- *The school reserves the right to recruit or not recruit in the advertised area.*
- *Reservation policies as per prevailing GOI rules will be followed.*
- *IIT Mandi reserves the right to admit / not admit for any of the advertised areas and apply appropriate criteria for shortlisting.*
- *The decision of the competent authority in all matters relating to the eligibility of the candidate, written test/Interview and admission would be final and binding on all the candidates. In case of any dispute/ ambiguity that may occur in the process of admission, the decision of the Institute shall be final.*
- *All the details furnished in the online application will be treated as final and no changes shall be entertained. Non-submission of valid/required documents and/or incomplete applications shall be summarily rejected.*
- *For any other queries regarding the Ph.D. program in SHSS, please contact the SHSS office via email at shss_admissions@iitmandi.ac.in.*
- *For any issues regarding the filling-up of the online applications, please contact it_helpdesk@iitmandi.ac.in.*

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