

MADRAS INSTITUTE OF
DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (MIDS)

PHD ADMISSIONS 2026

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30 April 2026**



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Who can apply

Applications are invited for admission to the PhD programme of MIDS from:

- Candidates with post-graduate degree in the fields of **Economics and Development Studies** and
- Candidates with UGC/ICSSR/any other fellowships are encouraged to apply.

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For more details please visit:
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Areas of Research

- Education and Development; Migration; Financial Inclusion; Local planning; Informality; Intellectual Property Rights; Gender.
- Fiscal Federalism; Industrial Policy; Energy Transition; Political Economy and Labour Market.
- Applied Finance; Macroeconomics; Efficiency Measurement.
- Agricultural Economics; Agrarian crisis; Agricultural Production, Food processing, Marketing, Trade, Input Markets;
- Health and Nutritional Economics; Food and Nutritional Security.
- Environmental and Natural Resource Economics; Sustainable Development.
- Development Economics.

The Ph.D. programme has been an integral part of the academic activities of the Institute. Given the academic focus, freedom, and flexibility for working in broad areas of development and social sciences, the Institute has won recognition for maintaining quality, rigour, and originality in scholarly works published in various forms.

Eligibility Criteria

- Candidates who have completed Post-Graduation with at least 55% marks (50% marks, in the case of SC/ST candidates) or equivalent grade point average in Economics, Development Studies are eligible to apply.
- Employed applicants must submit written consent from their employer at the time of joining the programme.
- Candidates should have cleared the National Eligibility Test (NET) for PhD admission (or) two years of research experience in the relevant areas.
- Candidates should not be more than 35 years of age (relaxation in age by 5 years permissible for SC/ST candidates) as on 01.04.2026. For part-time candidates, age is relaxed up to 45 years.

Affiliation

MIDS is a recognised research institute affiliated to the University of Madras. The candidates admitted to MIDS should follow the Ph.D. guidelines set by the University of Madras. Students admitted to the MIDS Ph.D. programme should complete the coursework and mandatory credit requirements for their registration with the University of Madras. Candidates' continuation in the programme shall be subject to completing the coursework and passing the coursework assessments. If the candidate fails to clear the coursework or register successfully with the University of Madras, the provisional admission of the candidate at the Institute will be cancelled.

Regulations and Guidelines

The selected candidates must follow all the rules and regulations of the Institute, applicable fellowship, and the PhD regulations issued by the **University of Madras** and **University Grants Commission**. Along with these regulations, MIDS also follows specific rules to strengthen the PhD programme in the Institute. While offering PhD admission, the Institute will take a signed undertaking from the student to abide by the rules and regulations set for the MIDS doctoral research programme.

Fellowships

- Candidates with fellowships from the UGC or any other funding agencies for a minimum period of three years are encouraged to apply for the programme. In the absence of fellowships, candidates have to support themselves or may explore scholarships available from various funding agencies and follow the guidelines set by them.
- Candidates applying for ICSSR Institutional Doctoral Fellowship may note that application for ICSSR Institutional Doctoral Fellowship can be made only after the candidate's (a) admission to MIDS, (b) admission and confirmed registration in the University of Madras and (c) Doctoral Committee is approved by the University. Fellowships will be granted by ICSSR as per conditions announced by ICSSR from time to time. Such decisions solely rest with ICSSR and that may include rejection as well. See more about **ICSSR doctoral fellowships here**.
- Two MIDS institute fellowships are available for two years on competitive basis.

Selection Process

Shortlisted candidates will be called for a written test and an interview. Those who have secured UGC-Junior Research Fellowships for PhD will be exempted from the written test and directly called for the interview. The final selection from the shortlisted candidates will be based strictly on the quality of the research proposal, evaluation of the candidate's performance in the written test, interview, and the availability of Supervisors in her/his area of specialisation. Institute is not responsible for any postal loss/delay in communication.

Application Process

Interested candidates may submit their application through [this Google Form link](#) (may require signing in to Google) and forward the copy of the filled-in form received in their registered email to phdcoordinator@mids.ac.in on or before 30 April 2026.

Other Information

The Institute has no hostel facility, and the scholar has to find her/his own accommodation for the entire duration of study at the Institute.



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