

MPhil/PhD Programme Selection Norms

We are delighted that you are considering a study programme of CDS.

Currently we are offering two research-based programmes leading to the MPhil in Applied Economics and PhD in Economics respectively; both affiliated to the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

- MPhil Programmes has two semester coursework followed by a dissertation to be completed in a maximum of two semesters.
- PhD Programme allows submission of thesis after a minimum of two years from the date of registration.

Admission to MPhil Programme.

You are required to submit a research proposal with your application. Your proposal is a means for us to assess your research interests and aptitude.

The Selection Process has two stages.

Preliminary Screening is based on the aggregate score for the candidate's academic record and the research proposal. Ordinarily, candidates with an aggregate score of 12 out of 20, with appropriate lower cut offs for reservation categories, will be shortlisted for the second stage.

Shortlisted candidates will then undergo a written test and viva voce at CDS.

Final selection will be based on the aggregate for the written test and viva voce (interview)

Evaluation of Application:

- **Academic Score** will be the weighted sum of the percentage of marks for *the 12th, Bachelor's and Master's*. $\{(2 \times \text{percentage for the } 12^{\text{th}}) + (3 \times \text{percentage for the } \textit{Bachelor's}) + (5 \times \text{percentage for the } \textit{Master's})\}$.
- The **Research Proposal** will undergo multiple evaluation by CDS faculty and its score shall be the average of the grades given. It will be evaluated in terms of the reasoning and economic insight
 - While the candidate can be innovative in approach and presentation, the write-up should show a critical understanding of the literature in the subject area; be specific in terms of study issues and objectives; and some understanding of the analytical framework and data base.
 - It should be written in English; preferably typed or word-processed and should be of about **2000** words. **It should be the candidate's own work.**
 - **It should not be just an essay nor should it be a copy of a study presented as part of any other programme.**
- The **written test** will have 75% objective and 25% descriptive components on subject areas at Master's level.
- The issues emerging from the proposal will also be discussed in detail during the **viva voce**. The *viva voce* will thus reflect a comprehensive appraisal of the candidate's academic capabilities and research motivation/ competence.