

**SHIV NADAR UNIVERSITY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**Doctoral Programme**

The Department of Sociology at Shiv Nadar University (SNU) is establishing itself as a centre of research and runs a vibrant doctoral programme that is alive to the plurality of South Asian cultures and societies and welcomes comparative analyses from field sites around the world. While individual faculty members have varied interests in unfolding contemporary processes – including the study of markets, law, communalism, violence, dispossession, citizenship, media, poetics, visual and material culture, and ecology in diverse urban and rural contexts – the Department as a whole emphasises a critical empiricism that is central to the fieldwork and ethnographic tradition of sociology and social anthropology. Simultaneously, we foreground sustained theoretical training and encourage interdisciplinary work. We are especially committed to exploring the disciplinary processes of ethnographic writing.

**The Doctoral Programme** is for a duration of 4 years and in exceptional cases may be extendable up to a maximum of 1 year.

During their doctoral programme, Ph.D. scholars will undertake coursework, conduct a pilot study and write an extended proposal on their area of research. Subsequently, such students will engage in fieldwork, participate in a writing programme, and present their work to the faculty of Sociology and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS). Students will be expected to contribute as Teaching Assistants for the undergraduate programme in Sociology. All Ph.D. scholars will work with a faculty advisor and a thesis advisory committee. Completed theses will be examined by two external examiners.

**Coursework**

Ph.D. scholars will have to complete 6 courses for a total of 24 credits in their first year in residence.

In the first semester, Ph.D. scholars are required to take 2 intensive reading and writing courses.

The first course – *Objects, Codes, Techniques* – will train students on the relation of theory to practice and the world of everyday objects. The course will be structured around readings that show the relationships between material artifacts, rules of their organisation, and the values that are embedded in such artifacts.

The second course – *Field, Archive, Ethnography* – will emphasise the significance of field-based research along with comparative traditions of enquiry and will help in interrogating and affirming disciplinary boundaries.

In addition, in both the first and second semesters, each scholar will be required to take a course called *Independent Studies in Sociology*. This course will be designed to address critical

areas of scholarship or other requirements, such as language training, for individual projects and will be pursued under the supervision of a faculty member.

### **Pilot and Research Proposal**

In their second semester, students will develop a pilot project around their specific areas of enquiry and prepare an extended proposal for doctoral research. The proposal will serve as a qualifying examination for proceeding to candidacy in the programme. At the end of the semester, each student will prepare an oral presentation of her project and proposed fieldwork. Students will be required to demonstrate proficiency in the language/s spoken in their proposed field sites. The Department will work with individual students to support their language training requirements.

### **Fieldwork**

Generally, fieldwork will be carried out during semesters 3 and 4, with the option of extending it through another semester (i.e. 12-18 months). During their fieldwork, scholars will be registered at SNU and will remain in touch with their faculty advisor. They will submit semester-wise fieldwork reports to their thesis advisory committee.

### **Writing Up**

Scholars will typically spend 18-24 months (i.e. 3-4 semesters) writing up their theses. During this period, scholars will participate in a thesis writing group in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), where they will present their field research and draft chapters, as well as critically engage with other scholars and with faculty members. Ph.D. scholars will also be required to contribute to the undergraduate teaching programme during their writing up period.

### **Departmental Life**

Ph.D. scholars play an active role in all aspects of departmental life, contributing to a dynamic and growing community of students and scholars of sociology at SNU. In addition to gaining teaching experience, scholars help organise and participate in a whole range of intellectual activities, including academic seminars, conferences, exhibitions, library and archive projects, reading groups, and ongoing research initiatives and collaborations.

The Department is committed to fostering a collegial life at SNU, where research scholars will be strongly encouraged to participate in the intellectual and social activities of SHSS and the University.

## Doctoral Programme in Sociology | Overview

Requirement	Semester/s	Credits
Objects, Codes, Techniques <i>Seminar Course</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	4 credits
Field, Archive, Ethnography <i>Seminar Course</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	4 credits
Extended Research Proposal	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	4 credits
Fieldwork: Pilot Study	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	4 credits
Independent Studies in Sociology	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semesters	4 + 4 credits
Fieldwork	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Semesters + 1 additional semester, if required	
Writing Up	Upto 8 <sup>th</sup> Semester (18-24 months)	

### Faculty Profiles

For information on the Department and faculty profiles, please visit:

[http://snu.edu.in/humanitiessocialsciences/humanities\\_social\\_sciences\\_sociology\\_faculty.aspx](http://snu.edu.in/humanitiessocialsciences/humanities_social_sciences_sociology_faculty.aspx)

## Fees, Assistantship and Grants

SNU strongly encourages research in the social sciences and has liberal assistantships and grants for doctoral scholars.

All admitted students will receive a Teaching/Research Assistantship of **₹ 35,000/- per month for 4 years (48 months)**. In addition, PhD scholars receive a **90 percent fee waiver** on tuition fees and a **70 percent waiver on hostel fees** for the duration of the 4-year program.

Admission Fee (one-time):	₹ 24,000	
Refundable Security Deposit (one-time):	₹ 75,000	
Recurring fees (after waivers)	₹ 49,204 per year	₹ 2,20,816 (4 yrs)
Teaching/Research Assistantship	₹ 4,20,000 per year	₹16,80,000 (4yrs)

Continuation of financial assistance is subject to satisfactory performance evaluated continuously, and compliance with all University regulations.

For further information, please see Annexure 1. [\[1\]](#)

In addition, the Department may provide grants for pilot projects and extended fieldwork. Travel for national conferences may also be made available.

## Guidelines for Application

The Department of Sociology at SNU invites applications for its PhD programme, commencing in August 2017.

### Eligibility

Interested students must have a Master's degree in any discipline, with a minimum of 55 percent in the Humanities and Social Sciences and 60 percent in other fields.

### Selection Process

The selection of candidates will be based on an assessment of the application materials (see below), especially the quality and originality of the research proposal. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an on-site written test and interview with a panel of faculty members to be held in early July 2017, after which a final decision will be taken.

**Please note that not all candidates meeting the minimum eligibility criteria may be shortlisted.**

Admission is sought for a maximum of **5 seats** in the department. **Please note that the University reserves the right to admit lower number of students if suitable candidates, according to the admission committee, are not found.**

## **Application Fees**

Applicants will be required to pay a non-refundable application fees of Rs. 1,200 (One Thousand Two Hundred Only) by credit/debit card or Demand Draft drawn in favor of **Shiv Nadar University** payable at **NOIDA**.

Candidates may note that the University reserves the right to accept or reject any application based on its departmental screening criteria, hence all application may not be shortlisted for the written examination and interview. Therefore, no requests for refund of the application fee shall be entertained whether or not the candidates are called for the written examination.

## **Application Instructions**

All interested applicant shall apply online from the link given below or on the website. Please follow the instructions carefully.

- Fill all the mandatory fields
- **Online upload** of following document is required
  - Passport size color photograph
  - Current CV
  - All Mark sheets/Degree Certificates (10<sup>th</sup> Standard onwards)
  - Standardized Examination certificate- CSIR, UGC, GATE etc. (If applicable)
  - **Names and contact information of 3 Referees**
  - **A Statement of Purpose**
  - **A Research Proposal (Doctoral Proposal)**
  - **A Writing Sample**
- **The application fee can be paid online or a Demand Draft can be sent to University.**
- After online submission, print the completed form and send by speed post to the University at the address given below with following document (You may add additional documents if required)
  - Completed form
  - Demand Draft for application fee (If online fee payment mode is not used)

**Please note that the application is not deemed complete until we receive all the necessary prescribed documents and application fees.**

Supporting documents may be sent by Speed Post to:

**Ms. Mamta Nagar**

*EA to the Department of Sociology*

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Shiv Nadar University

NH-91, Tehsil Dadri

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**Questions?** If you have questions of an academic nature, please write to, Head of Department, Prof. Deepak Mehta ([deepak.mehta@snu.edu.in](mailto:deepak.mehta@snu.edu.in)) or the Graduate Advisor, Dr. Mekhala Krishnamurthy ([mekhala.krishnamurthy@snu.edu.in](mailto:mekhala.krishnamurthy@snu.edu.in))

**Deadline: 31 May 2017**

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## Annexure 1

### Doctoral Program Fees Structure 2017 – 21 (in ₹)

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Full Program
<b>(1) One time charges</b>					
Admission Fee (Non-refundable)	₹ 24,000				₹ 24,000
Security Deposit (Refundable)	₹ 75,000				₹ 75,000
<b>(2) Recurring Charges</b>					
Tuition Fee	₹1,00,000	₹1,00,000	₹1,00,000	₹1,00,000	₹4,00,000
Hostel Fee (Single)	₹1,20,000	₹1,20,000	₹1,20,000	₹1,20,000	₹4,80,000
Medical Insurance	₹3,204	₹3,204	₹ 3,204	₹3,204	₹12,816
<b>(3) Total Charges (1)+(2)</b>	<b>₹ 3,22,204</b>	<b>₹ 2,23,204</b>	<b>₹ 2,23,204</b>	<b>₹ 2,23,204</b>	<b>₹ 9,91,816</b>
<b>(4) Financial Assistance</b>					
Tuition Fee Waiver 90%	₹ 90,000	₹ 90,000	₹ 90,000	₹ 90,000	₹3,60,000
Hostel Fee Waiver - 70%	₹ 84,000	₹ 84,000	₹ 84,000	₹ 84,000	₹ 3,36,000
<b>(5) Net Payable (3)-(4)</b>	<b>₹ 1,48,204</b>	<b>₹ 49,204</b>	<b>₹ 49,204</b>	<b>₹ 49,204</b>	<b>₹ 2,95,816</b>
<b>Cost Excl. Security Deposit</b>					<b>₹ 2,20,816</b>
<b>(6) Teaching/Research assistantship of ₹35,000 per month (max 48 months)</b>	<b>₹ 4,20,000</b>	<b>₹ 4,20,000</b>	<b>₹ 4,20,000</b>	<b>₹ 4,20,000</b>	<b>₹ 16,80,000</b>

**Note:**

1. Medical Insurance is compulsory for all Ph.D. Students. Premium for Medical Insurance may change as per the prevailing rate offered by the insurance service provider.
2. Waivers
  - a. Waivers for tuition and hostel fee is for 8 semesters only. Beyond 8th semester, the student has to pay the hostel charges and tuition fee in full.
  - b. The Department reserves the right to reduce the waiver based on the academic credentials of the applicant.
3. Continuation of financial assistance is subject to satisfactory performance evaluated continuously, and compliance with all University regulations. The student is required to maintain a minimum CGPA OF 7.00.
4. The Assistantship is assured for maximum of 48 months only and cannot be combined with any other fellowship or stipend.
5. All charges are payable at the beginning of the Academic Year as per schedule announced separately.
6. Mess and Laundry Charges: In addition to above mentioned charges, every Ph.D. student has to pay ₹ 450 per month for laundry. The mess charges approximate at about ₹ 4,300 per month. Student has the option of joining either of two messes.
7. Security deposit is refunded on Graduation after deduction of any recoveries.