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DELHI NCR

# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ECONOMICS

Department of Economics  
School of Humanities and Social Sciences

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# GENERAL OVERVIEW



The Department of Economics at Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence (SNIOE) Delhi NCR has gained the reputation as one of the top centers for learning and research in India since its establishment in 2012. The department has a vibrant research community, and its faculty members are dedicated to guiding and supporting doctoral candidates throughout their thesis. The department excels in a diverse array of research areas such as, Development Economics, Economic Growth, Environmental Economics, Microeconomic Theory, Mechanism Design, Social Choice, Matching and Voting Theory, Game Theory, Information Economics, Industrial Organization, Labor Economics, Macroeconomics, Political Economy, Experimental and Behavioural Economics, International and Urban Economics, Applied

Econometrics, Computational Economics, Gender Economics, and Public Economics.

A distinguishing feature of the Doctoral (Ph.D.) Program in Economics is its emphasis on delivering top-notch theoretical training as a cornerstone for pursuing studies in these fields. With a relatively small size, the program fosters an open, welcoming atmosphere and maintains a favorable student-faculty ratio. Few programs in India rival the level of attentive supervision, faculty interaction, and personalized guidance offered to SNIOE's Economics Ph.D. candidates. Upon completion of the program, graduates are expected to be at the forefront of their research fields, actively contributing to the advancement of knowledge.

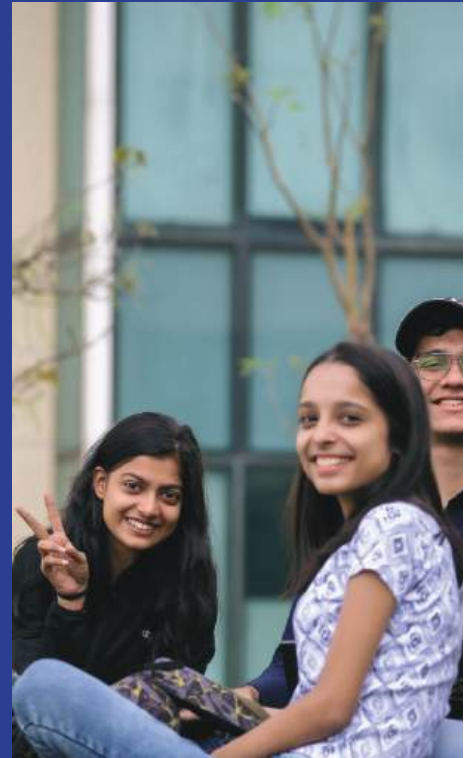
# ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS AND ADMISSION PROCESS

To be considered for admission, candidates must have achieved a minimum of 55% aggregate in their post-graduate degree or 75% in their four-year undergraduate degree in any discipline.

The admission process to the Doctoral Program begins with shortlisting potential candidates based on the GATE (Economics) score. This is followed by an in-person interview at the Shiv Nadar IoE, Delhi NCR campus. UGC NET JRF (Economics) qualified candidates are exempted from the GATE (Economics) based screening and will be invited directly for the interview.

Candidates shortlisted for interview are evaluated based on their knowledge of economics at the post-graduate (Master's) level.

Those who are interested in applying can find the online application link on this [website](#).



## COURSE STRUCTURE

Students who have been selected into the program are required to finish their doctoral dissertation within five years. The first semester of the program is dedicated to mandatory coursework, which will establish a base for conducting research in the subsequent years.

The doctoral program includes coursework comprising four courses covering microeconomics, macroeconomics, statistics, and research methodology. The courses enable students to develop advanced technical skills and pursue research in an extensive array of subjects, including development economics, behavioural economics, environmental economics, macroeconomics, labour economics, economic growth, public economics, game theory, network theory, gender economics, industrial organisation, and political economy.

By the conclusion of the first semester, doctoral candidates are anticipated to be capable of identifying a research area of interest and selecting a faculty member to serve as their dissertation advisor. Once they have satisfactorily completed foundational courses during their first semester, they may also choose to take elective courses offered by the department.

**The following is the list of elective courses offered by the department in recent years:**

- Industrial Organization
- Public Economics
- International Trade
- Environmental Economics
- Growth and Inequality
- Individual and Collective Choices
- Contract Theory
- Matching and Fair Division
- Open-Economy Macroeconomics and International Trade
- International Finance
- Time Series Analysis
- Social Choice Theory
- Labor Economics
- Game Theory
- Behavioral Economics
- Financial Economics
- Development Economics
- Macro Economics Workshop
- Political Economy Workshop
- Politics and Institutions
- Economics of Discrimination

Upon satisfactory completion of the required course work and research methodology, the student shall be considered Qualified to Candidacy for the Ph.D. degree and should select a research topic for the Doctoral Thesis. The minimum CGPA required for Qualification to Candidacy and continuation in the program is 7.00.

## PLACEMENTS

Our Ph.D. alumni have secured diverse academic and research positions. These positions comprise the role of Assistant Professor at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR) Mumbai, Evaluation Specialist at the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), Visiting Assistant Professor position at the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) located in Delhi, Assistant Professor at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad, Assistant Professor at University of Petroleum and Energy Studies Dehradun, and Senior Auditor at American Express.

## STUDENT TESTIMONIALS



**Bharti Nandwani (2014–18)**

Assistant Professor,  
Indira Gandhi Institute of Development  
Research, Mumbai

“In 2014, I enrolled in the Ph.D. program at Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR after completing my Master’s degree in economics. The program not only equipped me with the necessary technical skills but also prepared me for an academic career. We were encouraged to interact with seminar speakers and receive feedback from experts in other institutes. The faculty stressed the importance of presenting our research at conferences, networking with other researchers, and selecting appropriate journals for publication. This emphasis on visibility has proven to be valuable. The economics department at SNIoE has an incredible faculty who are supportive and helpful. I encourage students to engage with them, discuss research ideas, and seek feedback. SNIoE’s interdisciplinary approach, with complementary departments such as mathematics and sociology, is a unique advantage for Ph.D. scholars working on interdisciplinary topics. It is essential for them to interact with relevant faculty members and researchers from other departments.”



**Aakash Dev (2019–2025)**  
Associate Fellow, National Council of  
Applied Economic Research

“Enrolling in the Ph.D. Economics program at Shiv Nadar IoE in mid-2019 was a pivotal decision after earning my master’s from the Delhi School of Economics and gaining industry experience. Choosing a young and growing department at that time was a leap of faith, but it proved highly rewarding. Under the mentorship of my advisor, Prof. Partha Chatterjee and other distinguished Dept. faculty, I grew intellectually. Collaborating with Prof. Rajat Kathuria in my final year deepened my understanding of policy research. Post-synopsis (May 2024), I joined NCAER, New Delhi, as an Associate Fellow (Macroeconomist). The university’s support enabled me to present at several renowned conferences, including the Global Digital Conference (Slovenia, 2021), 100 Years Conference (Cornell, 2022), ASLE (Taiwan, 2023), and SANEM (Bangladesh, 2024). I wholeheartedly recommend this program to aspiring economists.”



**Subarna Banerjee (2021–25)**  
Stephan Klasen Fellow

“My journey as a Ph.D. student in the department has been incredibly fulfilling. The department provides strong support and resources to help students achieve their research goals. Ph.D. students are encouraged to present at national and international conferences, with the department fully funding one such opportunity for each student. In 2023, I had the privilege of presenting my research at the Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev) at the University of Washington, Seattle, with full sponsorship for travel and stay. The faculty is highly supportive, offering invaluable feedback that refines our work and prepares us for the job market. Their mentorship was crucial in securing my Stephan Klasen Fellowship at the University of Göttingen.”

# DEPARTMENTAL RESOURCES

Students of the economics department enjoy access to a variety of software and datasets. They have access to various statistical and computing software packages like Stata, Matlab, Mathematica, and E-Views, among others. Additionally, the department provides access to its own server for conducting computationally intensive data work. Furthermore, the university hosts a High Performance Computing (HPC) cluster. The department and the university subscribe to a number of databases such as the Consumer Pyramids Household Survey (CPHS) and Prowess database from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), Global Database and World Trend Plus from the CEIC Data, EPWRF India Time Series, Indiastat, ACE Equity among others. The department also hosts cleaned versions of datasets such as the National Sample Survey, Census, Annual Survey of Industries (ASI), and District Information System for Education (DISE) on its server. Students can access an extensive collection of books and journals from publishers like Elsevier and Wiley, along with essential research tools such as Econlit and the Times of India Historical Archives through the university library.



## FEE STRUCTURE AND FINANCIAL AID

All full-time Ph.D. students admitted into the program shall receive a doctoral award (teaching and research assistantship) consisting of a tuition-fee waiver (as per the department's discretion) and a monthly stipend of ₹45,000 for the first two years, and ₹50,000 for the next three years, subject to benchmarked performance.

All selected students shall receive annual tuition and hostel fee waiver of Rs 60,000 each. Additionally, a Research Grant of ₹1,50,000 (One Lakh fifty thousand) is available for students to be used for conference (only Scopus Indexed) travel (domestic and/or international) during the 5-year period of Ph.D. program.

**Note:**

Continuation in the program and 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 at the end of each semester.

Detailed information about the fee structure and the nature of assistantships is available on the [website](#).

## HOSTEL FACILITIES AND RECREATIONAL AMENITIES

The 286-acre residential campus houses more than 2500 students, 250+ faculties, and staff members. To ensure the residents' comfortable living, the campus has in-house resources, including cafes, grocery stores for daily needs, a fully equipped medical center, an indoor sports complex, a student recreational center, a central library, a post office, saloon, and also an in-house bank with ATMs.

The campus offers a variety of room types to accommodate the diverse needs of students. Each year, the management designates specific rooms for different courses based on availability and requirements. The allocation of rooms is conducted through various methods, including a first-come, first-served basis, random lottery, or any other appropriate mechanism determined annually. It is not guaranteed that all PhD students would be able

to receive hostel allocation although all attempts would be made to accommodate as many as possible depending on availability of hostel room inventory.

The university offers a wide range of extracurricular activities and clubs, such as music, dance, literature, and sports clubs, as well as community service and leadership development opportunities. The university's location in the Delhi NCR region allows easy access to the city's cultural and recreational opportunities.



# FACULTY

The faculty members in the economics department specialize in research areas such as, Development Economics, Economic Growth, Environmental Economics, Microeconomic Theory, Mechanism Design, Social Choice, Matching and Voting Theory, Game Theory, Information Economics, Industrial Organization, Labor Economics, Macroeconomics, Political Economy, Experimental and Behavioural Economics, International and Urban Economics, Applied Econometrics, Computational Economics, Gender Economics, and Public Economics. Their research has been published in several top international journals like Journal of Applied Econometrics, Oxford Economic Papers, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, Economic Journal, Economics Letters, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Applied Economics, Ecological Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Development Studies, World Bank Economic Review, Economics of Education Review, PLOS ONE, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Journal of Association of Environmental and Resource Economics, Games and Economic Behavior, and Journal of Mathematical Economics among others. Several of our faculty regularly publish in national and local media like Times of India, Economic Times, Mint, Hindustan Times, Hindu Business Line, Telegraph, Anandabazar Patrika, Indian Express, and MoneyControl.

In addition, the faculty members have received prestigious awards and grants from various national and international organisations. The most recent distinctions include a Visiting Scholar position at UNU-WIDER in 2025, a travel award from the World Inequality Lab at the Paris School of Economics, selection for a competitive award granted to a limited number of accepted papers at the Econometric Society World Congress, Seoul, South Korea, Best Paper Award in the Applied Economics category at the Econometric Society–Delhi School of Economics Winter School 2023, the M.J. Manohar Rao Award 2021, appointment as an Honorary Fellow at the Global Labour Organisation, appointment as a Non-Resident Fellow at the Centre for Development Economics and Sustainability (CDES), Monash University, and the Marty Weinbaum Award. Further, our faculty members have been awarded research grants from organisations such as the International Growth Centre (IGC), the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR), Azim Premji Foundation, CSSR-Equipment, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, among others.



**Shraman Banerjee**

Assistant Professor  
Ph.D. (Southern Methodist University)  
Specialization: Micro Economic Theory,  
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**Yogeshwar Bharat**

Assistant Professor  
Ph.D. (Michigan State University)  
Specialization: Macroeconomics, Banking  
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**Shampa Bhattacharjee**

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Ph.D. (University of British Columbia)  
Specialization: Development Economics,  
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**Partha Chatterjee**

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Specialization: Environmental Economics,  
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**Amrita Ghosh Dastidar**

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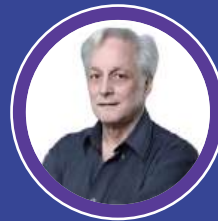
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### Darryl W Reed

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Specialization: Development, Business Eth-  
ics, Cooperatives, Social Enterprises



### Arka Roy Chaudhuri

Associate Professor & Postgraduate Advisor  
Ph.D. (University of British Columbia)  
Specialization: Economics of Education,  
Development Economics



### Punarjit Roychowdhury

Associate Professor and Head of  
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Ph.D. (Southern Methodist University)  
Specialization: Applied Microeconomics,  
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### Gitanjali Sen

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### Indranil Sen Gupta

Professor of Practice  
M.A. (Economics), Jawaharlal Nehru  
University New Delhi  
Specialization: Financial Markets, Monetary  
Policy, Economic History



### Ankit Singh

Guest Faculty  
Ph.D. (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi  
Center)  
Specialization: Mechanism Design and  
Social Choice



### Suchismita Tarafdar

Associate Professor  
Ph.D. (Arizona State University)  
Specialization: Macroeconomics, Theory of  
Optimization

# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

All interested applicants shall apply online by clicking the “Apply Now” tab on the website. Please follow the instructions carefully. Along with the mandatory documents, candidates need to upload their GATE (Economics) scorecard and UGC-JRF (Economics) qualification certificate as applicable. Those who are UGC-JRF (Economics) qualified need to state that in the exam details section.

Please note that UGC-NET without JRF is not sufficient to be called for interviews.



# APPLICATION FEES

Please note that the university has the discretion to accept or reject any application based on its departmental screening criteria. This means that not all applications may be shortlisted for the interviews. As a result, we will not entertain requests for a refund of the application fee, regardless of whether or not candidates are called for the interviews.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Last date for the receipt of the completed application form & application fee:

May 10, 2026

Ph.D. interviews

(in-person at Shiv Nadar IoE):

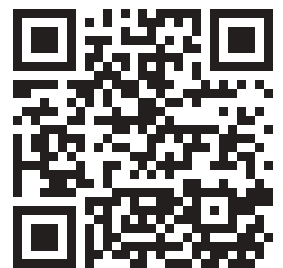
May 25, 2026 (tentative)

Semester start date:

August 17, 2026 (tentative)

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