

SHIV NADAR

UNIVERSITY

DELHI NCR
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Doctoral Programme

The department of sociology at Shiv Nadar University (SNU) runs a vibrant doctoral programme that is alive to the plurality of South Asian cultures and societies and welcomes comparative or focused analyses in field sites around the world. Individual faculty members have varied interests in both classical and contemporary themes. The department emphasizes critical empiricism as central to the fieldwork and ethnographic tradition of sociology and social anthropology as well as sustained theoretical and interdisciplinary research.

Some of the faculty areas of interest and expertise include:

- Law and society
- Anthropology of the body and mind
- Military cultures
- Ethnography and methodology
- Political anthropology
- Research/Art interface
- Atmospheres and ecologies
- Biopolitics and the social
- Identity and Governance
- Discourses of respectability and self-respect
- Nomadism and pastoralism
- The city and urban research
- Religion and spiritual theology
- Material cultures
- Anthropology of death and the dead

The Doctoral Programme is for a duration of 5 years and is fully funded.

During their doctoral programme, Ph.D. scholars will undertake coursework, conduct a pilot study and write an extended proposal on their area of research, and proceed to their independent research and fieldwork. Students will be expected to serve as teaching assistants for the undergraduate programme in Sociology or as research assistants.

Fees and Financial Assistance:

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All full-time Ph.D. students admitted into the program shall receive a doctoral award (teaching and research assistantship) consisting of tuition-fee waiver and a monthly stipend of ₹40,000 for the first two years, and ₹45,000 for the next three years, subject to benchmarked performance. The continuation of the award is subject to satisfactory performance in the program evaluated continuously and compliance with all University regulations. Support will be available for deserving Ph.D. students to disseminate their work through conferences and publications.

Coursework

Details of coursework are available [here](#).

Information on the PhD Programme

<https://snu.edu.in/admissions/graduate-programs>

Faculty Profiles

All interested candidates are advised to go through the faculty research themes [here](#) before they apply.

Guidelines for Application

The Department of Sociology at SNU invites applications for its PhD programme, commencing in August 2022.

- 1. Application Deadline – 11th July, 2022**
- 2. Tentative interview dates – 20, 21, 22nd July, 2022**
- 3. Release of offer letter – Last week of July, 2022**
- 4. Fee payment deadline – 6th August, 2022**
- 5. Semester begins – 16th August**

Please note that applicants are admitted once every year.

Eligibility

Interested students must have a four-year bachelor's degree and/or a Master's degree in Sociology, Social Anthropology, or other related disciplines.

If the Qualifying degree is in a field other than the one to which admission to the Ph.D program is sought, the candidate will be expected to demonstrate sufficient mastery of the fundamentals in the field through the interview.

Selection Process

All candidates who qualify the minimum eligibility criteria (as above) must submit supporting documents. In addition, all candidates must submit:

- o **A Statement of Purpose**

The statement of purpose should be between 500 and 1000 words and consist of the candidate's background and motivation to pursue a PhD in sociology/social anthropology.

o **Research Proposal**

The research proposal should be a minimum of 3500 and maximum of 5000 words and consist of the main research questions, engagement with literature, and methodological intentions. Detection of plagiarism will disqualify an applicant.

o **A Writing Sample**

(minimum 3000 to maximum 8000 words) Detection of plagiarism will disqualify an applicant.

Candidates will be shortlisted on the basis of the above submissions. All short-listed candidates will be invited for an interview as per tentative dates mentioned above.

Candidates are advised to check the department website for updated information on dates and other information: <https://sociology.snu.edu.in/>

Checklist of Documents for Eligibility

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

- Fill all the mandatory fields
- Please upload the following documents online.
 - o Passport size color photograph
 - o Current CV including names and contact information of 3 referees.
 - o All Mark sheets/Degree Certificates (10th Standard onwards)
 - o Standardized Examination certificate- CSIR, UGC, GATE etc. (If applicable)
- **The application fee can be paid online or a Demand Draft can be sent to the University.**

Please note that the application is not deemed complete until all the necessary prescribed documents and application fees have been submitted online.

Questions: If you have questions of an academic nature write to Dr. Devika Bordia on devika.bordia@snu.edu.in for clarification.

For other information please contact:

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