

**SHIV NADAR INSTITUTION OF EMINENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**Doctoral Programme**

The department of sociology at Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence 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
- Hierarchy and inequality

**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:**

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. Details of the monthly stipend are available [here](#). 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.

## **Important Dates**

Application Deadline: 20 March, 2023

Interviews: Mid-April, 2023

Start of Monsoon 2023 Semester: Early September

## **Guidelines for Application**

The Department of Sociology at SNU invites applications for its PhD programme, commencing in September 2023.

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.

- **A Writing Sample**  
(minimum 3000 to maximum 8000 words) Detection of plagiarism will disqualify an applicant.

**The application deadline is 20 March 2023.**

**Candidates will be shortlisted on the basis of the above submissions. All short-listed candidates will be invited for an interview in the middle of April 2023.**

**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.
  - Passport size color photograph
  - Current CV including names and contact information of 3 referees.
  - All Mark sheets/Degree Certificates (10<sup>th</sup> Standard onwards)
  - Standardized Examination certificate- CSIR, UGC, GATE etc. (If applicable)
- **The application fee can be paid online.**

**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. Ravi Nandan Singh [ravi.singh@snu.edu.in](mailto:ravi.singh@snu.edu.in) for clarification.

For other information please contact:

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