RESEARCH PROJECTS SPONSORED

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), under its Sponsored Studies Programme, invites proposals from individual/group of scholars/institutions for commissioning research studies in the following Thrust Areas of Social Science Research under the 12th Five Year Plan 2012-2017.

Themes under Sponsored Research Programme

I

1. Growth, Poverty and Inequality
2. The Agrarian Crisis
3. Globalization of Finance and its Implications
4. Corporate governance, Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility

II

1. Education – Issues Relating to Governance, Access, Equity and Quality
2. Economic and Social issues confronting the religious Minorities
3. Economics of discrimination: Implications for poverty and growth
4. Economic and social issues confronting the marginalized Social groups
5. Social-psychology of marginalization and Exclusion

III

1. Changing Nature of Public Protest and Political Mobilization
2. Identity, Interests and Coalition: Changing Nature of Politics in India
3. Electoral Reforms and Representative Democracy
4. Socio-economic Roots of Extremism in India
5. Law and Justice in the Post-liberalization Era
6. Changing, Dynamics of State politics: implication for Indian Federalism
7. The New Indian middle class
IV
1. Changing Nature of Global Hegemonic structures
2. Emerging Challenges of Indian Foreign Policy
3. Regional and Trans-regional South-South Cooperation
4. India’s Changing Security Environment

V
1. The Urban Transformation: Governance, and Socio-Political Articulations
2. Changing nature of Caste in Urban and Rural Context: Patterns and causes
3. The Post Liberalization Rural Transformation
4. Culture, Literature and Society: Emerging Trends
5. Theoretical issues in social sciences
6. Indian Intellectual traditions and their Contemporary Relevance
7. Social Media, Media ethics and Regulations: the Impending Issues
8. Research Methodology in Social Sciences with focus on disciplines of Political sciences, Sociology, Psychology, education.

VI
1. Gender Violence - concept, pattern and incidence in public and private (family) spheres
2. Gender Violence: Caste, ethnic, religious and regional dimensions
3. Social Roots of Gender Violence in India - processes related to economic, social, cultural transformation

Conditions for Consideration

a) The themes under the sponsored research program focus on the issues of contemporary relevance, less explored areas of study and those involving policy implication

b) In undertaking research on these themes, the ICSSR expects that the research will develop new understanding and insight on the issues which become bench mark in terms of concept, theory, methodology and research outcomes.
c) Given the significance of the sponsored research, the financial support from ICSSR would be of higher scale varying from a minimum rupee of fifteen lakh to seventy lakh depending on the nature of research.

d) Given the scale and nature of research under sponsored program, the ICSSR expects that the research will be inter-disciplinary in character and that researchers from different discipline will constitute a team. Research teams may consist of more than one department/Centers/institute. In some cases, individual researchers will also be considered

e) Proposals will be accepted under this scheme from scholars/institutions in a field of study with a proven record of research in the proposed field of study.

The last date to receive proposals is 15, July 2014.

Applications may be submitted to:

DIRECTOR (RPS)
INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH
ARUNA ASAF ALI MARG
NEW DELHI-67
1. General

1.1 This programme of Research Projects (Sponsored) is a series of research projects conducted simultaneously or sequentially on themes of critical significance and priority, as notified by the ICSSR from time to time.

1.2 The ICSSR expects that these research themes will develop new understanding and insight on the issues which is likely to become benchmark in terms of concept, theory, methodology and research outcomes.

1.3 Such research studies will be commissioned by the ICSSR to identified experts and research Institutions in a desired theme.

1.4 An institution/group of institutions, individual scholar of eminence or a group of scholars interested in carrying out a programme of research on any theme notified by ICSSR under this programme, having necessary facilities and expertise, may submit a proposal thereon to the ICSSR.

1.5 The extent and scope of these studies are expected to be more extensive and financial outlays will also be higher as compared to normal responsive project grants.

1.6 Given the scale and nature of research under sponsored program, the ICSSR expects that the research will ordinarily be inter-disciplinary and that researchers from different disciplines will constitute a team. Research teams may consist of more than one department/centre/institute. In some cases, individual researchers/Institutes may also be considered.
2. Eligibility for Award

2.1 Proposals considered under Sponsored Research may be solicited by the ICSSR on the recommendations of an Expert Committee, identifying the thrust areas and researchers with appropriate expertise to take up the study. Alternatively, applications may be sought from eminent social scientist/institutions to send proposals to the ICSSR. In either of the above cases, the prescribed application form will have to be submitted to the ICSSR for further financial and administrative processing.

2.2 Priority consideration will be given to proposals forwarded by organisations/institutions funded by Central/State Government. Only outstanding proposals from privately (not funded by Central/State Government) social science research institutions will also be considered.

2.3 Separate allocation of Project Grant shall be made for the SC/ST candidates as per allocations made in the ICSSR Plan Grant. To achieve physical and financial targets under these categories, relaxations in the guidelines may be permitted, as required.

3. How to apply

3.1 All applications for financial grant have to be made on the prescribed application form for Research Projects (Sponsored), as attached with these guidelines, along with all the following annexures and enclosures:

- Annexure-I Abstract of the Project Proposal on the Prescribed Format
- Annexure-II Brief Academic CV of applicant/s
- Annexure-III Full Length Research Project Proposal
- Annexure-IV Duly Attested .SC/ST/OBC/PH certificate, if applicable
- Annexure-V Institutional Profile for Applications forwarded by Non-Public funded Institutions, as per prescribed format

3.2 All application forms have to be submitted in soft copy through e-mail, followed by submission of a hard copy of the proposal, which must be duly
4. Duration and Financial Allocation

4.1 Normally a Sponsored Study will be required to be completed in two years, resulting in a Major publication of ICSSR by a reputed publisher. Limited extensions of time may be granted by the Chairman/Member-Secretary. However, any financial enhancement in the initially sanctioned grant shall be done only by the Council on the recommendations of the Research Committee.

4.2 The Institute/individual scholar/group of scholars will have a large autonomy for framing the budget subject to the following broad expenditure sub-heads:

**Distribution of Expenditure under the following heads:**

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5. Remuneration and Emoluments of Project Staff

5.1 Except for the field work staff, only an essential Secretarial core research staff should be employed for the project.

5.2 Such staff could be engaged by the Project Director/Coordinator on a full time or part time basis and the duration and consolidated monthly emoluments of their employment may be decided by the project director within the limits of the sanctioned financial allocation under this head.
5.3 A re-appropriation upto 10% of any expenditure head into another existing/new expenditure head shall be permissible, subject to approval by the ICSSR.

6. Procedure for award of sponsored research project

6.1 All the Sponsored Projects, whether on application or through solicitation, shall be approved by the Council after due process of evaluation by the Experts Committee and subsequent recommendation of the Research Committee.

6.2 The ICSSR may hold interactive sessions with the prospective recipients of sponsored studies to finalise the academic and financial details.

6.3 All research proposals received, along with those selected for research grant, will be placed before the Research Committee/Council for final approval.

6.4 Each Sponsored Research Study will have an average allocation broadly ranging between Rs.15 to 50 lakh, disbursed in three installments of 40%, 40% and 20% of the grant, the last being released on completion of the study and submission of report.

6.5 The formal sanction order will be issued on the receipt of date of commencement of the project along with the agreement duly signed by the Project Director/Coordinator on a non-judicial stamp paper of Rs.100/- only, countersigned by the head of the organization administering the study.

6.6 Installments subsequent to the first will be released on the basis of the receipt of progress reports, including statement of expenditure incurred on the project.

7. Monitoring and Evaluation

7.1 Each sponsored study shall have an Advisory Committee constituted by the ICSSR in consultation with the concerned Project Director/Coordinator. This Advisory Committee shall meet annually to monitor and sort out all the details
pertaining to administrative, financial and ethical issues.

7.2 The Formal minutes of these Advisory Committee meetings will constitute the Progress Report of the research study.

7.3 The Project Director is required to submit three copies (two hard copies and a soft copy) of the Project Report to the Council on completion of the project work.

7.4 All studies funded by ICSSR under sponsored projects are expected to acknowledge the supportive contribution of ICSSR in all forms of dissemination of findings of the study both in print and on electronic media.

8. Obligations of the Forwarding Institution

8.1 The forwarding institution, where the proposed research project is to be located and administered has to provide, in the prescribed format contained in the Application Form, an undertaking to administer and manage the ICSSR grant and provide logistical support for the study.

8.2 Such institution will be under obligation to ensure submission of the final report and audited statement of accounts.

8.3 The affiliating institution shall make suitable arrangements for preservation of data such as filled-in schedules, tabulation sheets, manuscripts, report etc, relating to the project.

8.4 The Council reserves the right to demand raw data or such part of it as may be specified to be transferred to the Council.
# Application for Research Project (Sponsored)

1. Name of Project Director (PD)/Co-Directors

2. Present Position and Institutional Address of the organization of the Project Director/Co-Directors

   - Telephone
   - Email

   Mailing Address

3. Category to which the PD belongs:
   *(Tick one or more boxes, as applicable. Enclose relevant certificates, if any)*

   - General
   - SC
   - ST
   - OBC
   - Woman
   - Minority
   - Physically Handicapped

4. University/Institutes/Organisation where the project would be located
   *(Please give complete address. Kindly refer to clause 8.1 of the Guidelines)*

   - Phone no.
   - Fax:
   - Email:
   - Website
5 | **Type of Institution where the project will be located and administered**
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Central University
State University
ICSSR Research Institute
Other public funded research institute
Public Deemed University
Private Deemed University
State Private University
Government College
Aided Private College
Unaided Private College
NGO/Registered Society
Foreign University in India
Other (please specify)

6 | **Educational Qualification and academic attainment of the PD & Project Co-Directors (Please enclose a brief academic CV as annexure II)**

7 | **Indicate if PD has received any ICSSR grant previously**
*(Please tick)*
- Research Projects
- Fellowships
- Seminar Grant
- International Travel
- Publication Grant

8 | **If completed, specify**
- Date of Completion
- Report submitted: Yes \[\square\] No \[\square\]
|   | Title of the project proposal  
(Please enclose five copies of the proposal along with an abstract as per the format given in annex I) |
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**Declaration**

If any of the above information supplied by me is proved to be incorrect my project may be cancelled.

Place:  
Date:  
Signature of the Candidate

**Annexure/Checklists**

1. Abstract of Project Proposal as per Annexure I with this form  
2. Brief academic CV of Project Director/Co-Director as annexure II  
3. Full length research proposal not exceeding 12000 words as Annexure III  
4. Duly attested caste/physically handicapped certificate as applicable as annexure IV  
5. Institutional Profile as per Annexure V with this form (Only for proposals from not funded by the Central/State governments)  
6. Detailed estimates of the budget as Annexure VI.
Forwarding Letter

(By Head of the Institution/Registrar in a University)

The Director,
Research Projects Division
Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)
JNU Institutional Area
Aruna Asaf Ali Marg,
New Delhi - 110067

The ________________________________ (Name of the organization) forwards application of ________________________ (Name of the applicant) for the ICSSR Research project entitled ____________________________

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With an undertaking that this organization agrees to administer and manage the ICSSR Grant, provide basic required infrastructure facilities, make available all its research facilities such as library, laboratory and other equipment and provide the material and managerial assistance for the project against the earmarked institutional overhead of 7.5 % of the project’s budget.

If the scholar directing the project leaves our institution to join some other institution after a part of the sanctioned grant has been received, we would have no objection to the transfer of the project to a new institution, if the Project Director/ICSSR, so desires. The institution, however, shall continue to be responsible for submitting the audited statement of accounts and utilization certificate for the grant received by it, for this purpose.

Signature

(Seal)

Place: __________________________

Date: __________________________

Name: __________________________

Designation: ____________________
### ABSTRACT RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSAL

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### Annexure II

Brief CV of the applicant/s with details of academic attainments, especially research publications, projects undertaken, in not more than 1000 words.

### Annexure III

Full length research proposal not exceeding 12 thousand words including survey of literature, research questions, nature and scope of the study, methodology and tentative chapterisation of the study and bibliography

### Annexure IV

Duly attested caste certificate, if applicable
Annexure V

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR PROPOSALS FORWARDED BY NON-PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS/ ORGANISATIONS NOT FUNDED BY CENTRAL/STATE GOVERNMENT

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**Enclosure/Check list:**

Enclose the following documents with annexure V

1. Attested copy of registration certificate
2. Memorandum of Association
3. Photocopy of Income tax exemption certificate issued to your organization
4. Annual Reports of last three years
5. Audited statements of last three years