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About the university

The University of Kashmir is situated at Hazratbal in Srinagar. It is flanked by the world-famous Dal Lake on its eastern side and Nigeen Lake on the western side. The University of Jammu and Kashmir was founded in the year 1948. In the year 1969, it was bifurcated into two full-fledged Universities. The University of Kashmir at Srinagar and the University of Jammu at Jammu. The Main Campus of the University is spread over 247 acres of land divided into three parts Hazratbal Campus, Naseem Bagh Campus and Mirza Bagh Campus (serving residential purpose). The tranquil ambience of the Campus provides the right kind of atmosphere for serious study and research.

The University offers programmes in all the major faculties of Arts, Business & Management, Education, Law, Applied Sciences & Technology, Biological Sciences, Physical & Material Sciences, Social Sciences, Medicine, Dentistry, Engineering, Oriental Learning and Music & Fine Arts. It has been constantly introducing innovative/ new programmes to cater to the needs and demands of the students and the society. Over the years, the University has marched towards excellence in its programmes and activities. It has been re-accredited as Grade-A++ University by the National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC) of India. This is recognition and reflection of a high standard of quality in teaching and research at the University of Kashmir.

About the Department

The Department of Political Science was established in 1963, and it is one of the premier centers of the university. The Department offers Master's in Political Science, Public Administration, and Ph.D.

Apart from operating the M.A. Programme and Ph.D., the Department has significantly contributed to research. Scholars of the Department mark in both public and academic life. The pivotal areas of research have been State Politics, Federalism, International Relations, South Asia, Governance and Globalization, and Peace and Conflict Studies.

About ICSSR

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), established in 1969 by the Government of India, promotes and supports research in social sciences. It plays a key role in advancing quality, interdisciplinary, and policy-relevant research nationwide. ICSSR provides funding for research projects, fellowships, and academic events like seminars and courses. It also supports the publication and sharing of research to enhance academic and policy impact.

The Council works with national and international institutions to encourage collaboration and capacity building. It supports young researchers through training and methodology course. Operating through regional centres and research institutes across India, ICSSR aims to strengthen the social science research community and contribute to evidence-based policymaking. Its support for this course highlights its commitment to empowering researchers and fostering academic growth.

Objective of the course

The proposed workshop aims to empower researchers and scholars by providing comprehensive training in the theoretical, philosophical, and practical aspects of research.

It seeks to equip participants with the necessary skills to identify research problems, formulate hypotheses, and design a methodologically sound research proposal. The course will offer hands-on experience in both qualitative and quantitative data collection methods, using appropriate tools and techniques for data analysis. Additionally, it will focus on enhancing quality research proposals and scholarly papers suitable for publication in high-impact journals. A critical component of the course is to deepen the participants' understanding of research ethics, with particular emphasis on reference management and plagiarism detection.

Course Structure and Content

The ten-day Research Methodology Course will be conducted through a structured blend of lectures, interactive sessions, and hands-on training to provide a comprehensive learning experience. It will begin with the fundamentals of research, including its objectives, types, approaches, and methods for identifying and formulating research problems. Participants will learn the essentials of research design, such as topic selection, literature review, and proposal writing. Emphasis will be given to both qualitative and quantitative methods, including interviews, surveys, sampling, and fieldwork.

The course will also cover data analysis processes and techniques. Sessions on academic writing will help participants craft research papers, reports, and proposals while focusing on ethical writing, publication strategies and organized research practices.

Learning Outcomes and Impact

Upon completing the course, participants will be able to design and execute scientifically robust research projects, demonstrating proficiency in both qualitative and quantitative research. They will understand and apply ethical principles throughout the research process, including proper reference management and plagiarism avoidance. Additionally, they will acquire advanced academic writing skills for drafting high-quality manuscripts and research proposals, and will gain confidence in utilizing technological tools for data management, plagiarism detection, and reference organization, thereby significantly enhancing their overall research competence and professional impact.

Course Mode: Offline only
Venue: Department of Political Science
Course Timings: 10:00 AM - 5.00 PM
(Total 30 Sessions).

Eligibility Criteria: Researchers Scholars currently pursuing M.Phil., Ph.D. programs in Social Sciences in universities or recognized research institutions are eligible to apply. (Researchers in their initial stages of research will be given preference)

Registration Fee: No registration fee

Number of Seats: The Number of seats is limited to 30 (10 from outstation, 10 from within the UT, and 10 from within the campus) only.

How to apply

- Interested candidates must apply via the Google Form (https://forms.gle/6xKZbHZNYgiwaYf76).
- In addition to the online application, candidates must email the duly filled registration form signed by both the Supervisor and the Head of the Department or Institute, with the official seal affixed, to the email address: icssrpolku@gmail.com.

- A copy of the candidate's recent bio-data must also be submitted along with the registration form.
- A copy of a brief synopsis of their research.
- The completed application must be submitted on or before 15 September 2025.
- Incomplete or unsigned applications will be rejected. (The registration form is enclosed with this notification for download.)

The selected candidates will be informed via email and are required to bring the original hard copies of the following documents and submit them on the first day of the course.

- The duly filled and signed registration form with official seals from both the Supervisor and Head of Department/Institute.
- Proof of current academic status, such as M.Phil., Ph.D. registration letter, identity card, or other relevant documents

Accommodation and Travel Allowance

- Accommodation will be provided on a sharing basis only for outstation participants in the University hostel.
- Food and refreshments will be served to all participants during the course.
- Travelling Allowance will be paid to selected outstation participants as per ICSSR norms, limited to second-class/sleeper class train fare or the shortest route by bus from their institution.
- The participant has to submit their original travel tickets to claim the travel allowance.

Note: Participant selection will be made according to ICSSR guidelines.
- No leave will be permitted during the course duration.

Important dates:

Last date to apply	15 September 2025
Acceptance email (for shortlisted candidates)	20 September 2025

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REGISTRATION FORM

{Registration form should reach before 15th September, 2025}.

1. Name (Mr. /Ms.): _____

2. Category (OC/OBC-NCL/SC/ST/EWS): _____

3. Subject with Specialization: _____

4. Date of Ph.D./ M.Phil. Registration: _____

Passport photo

5. Title of Ph.D./M.Phil. thesis: _____
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6. Educational Qualifications: PG _____

7. Address for Communication: _____
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Tel: _____ email: _____Mobile: _____

8. Name/Address of the Research Institute/University/College:
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Tel: _____ email: _____

9. ***Accommodation Required (Yes / No):*** _____

I am hereby submitting my application form along with Photograph and duly forwarded by Head/Dean/Research Supervisor of the department.

Place: _____ Signature of the Participant
Date: _____

Recommendation of Head/Dean/Research Supervisor

With signature and seal