Winter Programme on
Social Science Faculty Capacity Building
Workshop in Research Methodology
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Objectives

Social scientists and research scholars engaged in social research generally compile a large body of useful data. Lacking proper knowledge and training in analytical techniques and computer programmes, they are often at a loss to make sense of the data they have collected. They face such questions as which procedure of analysis to follow and what techniques to apply for data on hand, what do the results show, how are the results to be interpreted and explained, how are the findings to be reported, etc. This Programme is intended to help social scientists and research scholars find answers to these and similar questions. It seeks to enhance social researchers’ knowledge of data analysis, both qualitative and quantitative, and trains them in the use of computer software for social research.

The specific objectives of the Programme are to:

1. To familiarize the participants about the nature of social research data and the problems and prospects of qualitative and quantitative data.
2. To train the participants in the use of appropriate modes of analyzing quantitative and qualitative data.
3. To help the participants understand the assumptions of applied statistical techniques.
4. To familiarize the participants with various software packages for social sciences.
5. To provide the participants with hands-on training in the use of computer for data analysis.

Who can benefit from the Programme?

The program is most useful to:

1. University and college teachers engaged in research and/or teaching research methodology.
2. Social researchers in institutions or organizations engaged in research on socio-economic issues and implementation/evaluation of programmes.

Number of participants: The total number of candidates for the Programme is 30 participants – 20 outside Mumbai and 10 Mumbai. The small batch of participants facilitates and fosters better interaction between instructors and participants, and among the participants themselves. Participants are also assured of individual attention and sufficient access to computer facilities for practice.

Selection: Preference will be given to applicants who have reached the stage of data processing/analysis or are engaged in research or teaching of research methodology. Selected candidates would be informed through E-mail or Phone (please mention clearly your phone number and email address).
About the Institute: Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS) (Deemed University) is known for excellence in education in the field of Social Work, Human Resource Management, Health Sciences, Development studies and various other courses. TISS is recognized by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) as a centre for providing guidance and consultancy in selected areas of research and in data processing and analysis for scholars and researchers from all over the country, but particularly from the Southern Zone.

TISS has conducted a number of training programmes in the field of computer applications in social research. It has many qualified and senior faculty members in different subject of specialities in social sciences, a computer centre with state-of-the-art electronic data analysis facilities.

The core faculty for the Programme consists of teachers in the Centre for Research Methodology and International Institute for Population Sciences (Prof. N. Jayaram, Prof. T Rajretnam, Dr Anil Sutar and Prof. D.P. Singh, Prof. Laishram Ladu Singh, Prof. Sayeed Unissa, Dr. S. K. Singh, Dr. K Ravindran, Dr Chandrasekhar, Dr. Lakshami Kant Dwedi, Dr. Abhisek Singh, Prof. S. Parasuraman) and the Computer Centre (Shri V. Sivakumar). Expertise will also be drawn from the faculty of other School in the Institute and from reputed institutes in Mumbai and elsewhere.

Last date for the receipt of duly completed applications: 15th September, 2015. Those desirous of participating in the programme must send in their application (original) by regular mail so as to reach the Coordinator on or before the last date. They may, however, send an advance copy of the application by Fax or E-mail. Applications not forwarded by appropriate authorities will not be considered. Please remember only selection would be made who are teaching research methodology or teachers who are enrolled as research student as Ph. D. level. Ph.d. And M.A. Students are requested not to apply for this course.

Application must accompany an application processing fee (Rs. 100) payable through crossed Demand Draft or multicity cheque drawn in favour of ‘The Registrar, TISS’. This fee does not guarantee selection to the Programme, nor is it refundable, please note.

Fees: The Programme is financed by ICSSR, New Delhi. Out-station participants will be reimbursed their actual Third AC Train or Bus fare, and are provided boarding facility (breakfast, lunch and dinner) as per ICSSR provision. Participants will have to pay a nominal registration fee. The registration fee to be paid only after confirmation of selection.

Important Dates:

Last date for the receipt of application: 15th September 2015
Date of announcement of selection: 16th to 20th September, 2015

Application form can also be downloaded from http://www.tiss.edu