

PhD programme in Epidemiology
(The Tamil Nadu Dr.MGR Medical University)

Information Brochure - 2019

Highly motivated individuals with good academic credentials and keen desire to pursue research in area of epidemiological science are invited to apply for the PhD programme in Epidemiology at the ICMR - National Institute of Epidemiology [ICMR-NIE] recognised by The Tamil Nadu Dr.MGR Medical University(TNMGRMU), Chennai.

ABOUT ICMR-NIE

ICMR-NIE is one of the permanent institutes of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Department of Health Research (DHR) of Govt. of India. ICMR-NIE, based in Chennai is ICMR's flagship organization that focuses on training and research in epidemiology and public health (www.nie.gov.in). The ICMR-NIE conducts/co-ordinates epidemiological studies in communicable, non-communicable diseases and health systems research. It has extensive collaborative partnerships with various national, international institutes and agencies. ICMR-NIE is a WHO collaborating centre for leprosy research and epidemiology. ICMR-NIE has the principal mandate to develop the sciences of epidemiology and support capacity building in this area under the auspices of ICMR School of Public Health.

ELIGIBILITY

A recognized qualifying Higher Specialty Degree, Post Graduate degree / Diploma with a minimum marks [50% for medical degrees; 55% for non-medical degrees] in the qualifying examination or a second class or equivalent in the qualifying Post Graduate degree / Diploma. The qualifying degree has to be registered with the respective Council / Recognised University. The degree should be recognized by TNMGRMU.

Refer to TNMGRMU PhD guidelines for qualification eligibility details including degrees:

https://www.tnmgrmu.ac.in/images/Research-ph-d-d-s-c/phd_regu_till49sab_v1_24042015.pdf

Age limit: While there is no upper age limit for consideration, admission will depend on the aptitude and ability / capacity to undertake research and will be the criteria for selection.

Nationality: Indian Nationals only are eligible to apply.

SELECTION PROCESS

Step 1: Screening of applications for eligibility

Applications will be screened for eligibility as per University guidelines. Eligible candidates will be called for personal discussion at ICMR-NIE.

Step 2: Personal discussion at ICMR-NIE for candidates qualifying the eligibility criteria

While appearing for the personal discussion the candidates have to bring attested copies and originals of the relevant documents (Mark sheets and passing certificates of higher secondary examination i.e. 10+2 onwards, proof of date of birth and JRF award certificate, if applicable). No TA/DA will be paid for attending the personal discussion. ICMR – NIE Academic Committee will also assess requirement for additional course work in research methods on a case-to-case basis.

The decision of the ICMR-NIE Academic Committee / Director, ICMR-NIE will be final and no correspondence will be entertained in this regard. The decision the Director, ICMR-NIE to assign PhD guide/co-guide will be final. Canvassing in any form and/or bringing in any influence will mount to disqualification. Candidates should note that non-fulfillment of the eligibility criterion will result in cancellation of candidature at any stage of PhD programme.

Step 3: Research proposal review by ICMR-NIE Academic Committee

Candidates short-listed after personal discussion should submit their PhD research proposal for review by ICMR-NIE Academic Committee.

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Step 4: Research proposal review by ICMR-NIE-Institutional Ethics Committee (Academic)

Research proposals approved by ICMR-NIE Academic Committee should be submitted for review and approval by ICMR-NIE-Institutional Ethics Committee (Academic).

Step 5: Application for Eligibility Certificate at TNMGRMU

Candidates should apply for the Eligibility Certificate to TNMGRMU in stipulated time as per University guidelines. PhD registration is subject to approval of Eligibility Certificate by TNMGRMU.

Application for issue of Eligibility Certificate is available from the following TNMGRMU weblink:
<https://www.tnmgrmu.ac.in/images/Research-ph-d-d-s-c/ecappform.pdf>

Step 6: Provisional registration with TNMGRMU

After obtaining the Eligibility certificate, selected candidates should apply for provisional registration to TNMGRMU in stipulated time as per University guidelines.

FEE DETAILS

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| ICMR-NIE : Application Fee | : Rs. 1,000/- (One time) |
| Research Proposal Review Fee | : Rs. 4,000 (One time after selection at ICMR – NIE) |
| Tuition Fee | : Rs.25,000/- (Per year for candidate provisionally registered with TNMGRMU) |

Bank details for online fee transfer

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| Account Name | DIRECTOR ICMR NIE ACADEMIC |
| Bank Name | CANARA BANK |
| Branch Name with Address | AMBATTUR BRANCH CHENNAI |
| Account Number | 0936101107126 |
| IFSC Code | CNRB0000936 |

TNMGRU : Applicable fees to be paid to the University as per Ph.D guidelines

APPLICATION

ICMR-NIE : Completed online application form with necessary attachments to be uploaded to NIE website (www.nie.gov.in)

Due Date : **31st MARCH 2019**

TNMGRU : Separate application to be submitted to the University as per PhD guidelines (after selection at ICMR –NIE)

TNMGRMU recognized guides at ICMR-NIE:

| Name | Qualification | Designation | E mail |
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| Dr.Tarun Bhatnagar | MBBS, MD(PSM.), PhD (Epid.), PGDBE (BioEthics) | Scientist E | tarunbhatnagar@nie.gov.in |
| Dr. P Manickam | BSM&S, MSc (Epid.), PhD. (Epid) | Scientist E | manickam@nie.gov.in |

Candidates must be willing to work in areas of expertise available at ICMR-NIE.

Visit the website (www.nie.gov.in) for more information about the guides
For any queries contact: 044-26136420 during 9 am to 5:30 pm(Monday to Friday).