

Concept Note

The NEP 2020 places special emphasis on research and innovation, aiming to foster a vibrant research ecosystem in higher education institutions. Additionally, it advocates for a transdisciplinary and interdisciplinary research framework that bridges traditional academic boundaries. Pertaining to this, a focused course on Research Methodology in the intersecting disciplines of humanities and social sciences is imperative for bringing together diverse discussions, methods, and forms of knowledge that address complex societal challenges in a more integrated and meaningful way. This ten-day Research Methodology Course (RMC) that will be conducted by 15 resource persons from diverse fields across the humanities and social sciences is specifically designed to address those practical difficulties that young PhD, MPhil and Post Doc scholars often encounter, particularly those working in fields like cultural studies, sociology, social work, literature, liberal arts, gender studies, and media studies.

Focus Areas

The brief outline of the focus and main objective of the course:

- > Understanding Research in Humanities and Social Sciences:
- ➤ Implications of NEP 2020 in Academic Research
- > Research Design and Literature Review
- Fieldwork and Data Collection Techniques
- > Integration of ICT in Humanities and Social Science Applicant must be in PG./Ph.D./PDF (early career) in Research
- > Academic Writing, Structure, and Communication
- Publishing and Academic Visibility
- > Referencing, Citation, and Bibliography Tools
- > AI Tools in Research: Opportunities and Ethical Concerns
- ➤ Plagiarism, Authorship, and Academic Ethics
- Library Resources, E-Archives, and Online Research Infrastructure
- Research Communication and Presentation Skills
- > Understanding the Emergence of New Texts such as Cinema and Web Series
- > Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Research Approaches

About NIT Durgapur and the City

National Institute of Technology Durgapur, is an Institute of National Importance under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. Durgapur is well-connected by rail, road, and air. The Institute is located just 7km from Durgapur airport and about 160 km from Kolkata. The nearest railway station is Durgapur [Code-DGR] on the Howrah-Delhi Railway Route. NH2 and SH9 pass through the city.

Fees

There is no registration fee for the selected participants. The instructional materials, kit, assignments, food (during sessions), and internet access throughout the campus are also free of cost.

Food, Accommodation & Travel

- Complimentary Lunch, Dinner and Refreshment will be provided to all the participants.
 - The selected participants will be provided with accommodation on the campus free of cost, subject to availability.
- To and fro travel costs of selected participants may be reimbursed only for second class/sleeper class/bus fare (a maximum of Rs 1000 to out-station participants).

Eligibility

Humanities and Social Sciences*

The organizers promote gender equality.

• Mere application is not a guarantee for selection.

Maximum number of Participants: 30 (* as per ICSSR guidelines).

> Kindly fill in the Google Form to apply: https://forms.gle/TW24dNNi5vGJaEvV6 Last Date of Application: 05 Sept 2025

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