



**NIT**  
**Rourkela**



# 10-DAY RESEARCH METHODOLOGY COURSE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES FOR PHD SCHOLARS



21-30 September 2026



Offline mode

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**Department of Humanities and Social Sciences**  
National Institute of Technology Rourkela



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Application Deadline

30 Jun 2026



Selection Notice

15 July 2026



Confirmation Deadline

21 July 2026



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## About NIT Rourkela

National Institute of Technology Rourkela, an institute of national importance, is one of the premier national-level institutions for technical education in the country and is funded by the Government of India. With a vision to become an internationally acclaimed institution of higher learning that will serve as a source of knowledge and expertise for the society and be a preferred destination for undergraduate and graduate studies, NIT Rourkela has been constantly striving to serve the society since its very inception in 1961. At present, it is ranked #99 in QS Southern Asia University Rankings (2026), #396 in QS ASIA University Rankings (2026), #34 in NIRF Overall category (2025), and is steadily progressing to achieve all the epitomes of world level recognitions.

## About the Department

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences has been functioning as a full-fledged department catering to both undergraduate and postgraduate students. The faculty has wide experience in teaching and research and in communicating with students of diverse backgrounds. The Department offers a full-time PhD programme in the disciplines of Economics, Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, English, and Sanskrit; an MA Programme in Development Studies; and compulsory HSS courses for Undergraduate students.

## About the Research Methodology Course (RMC)

- Social science research is highly relevant for understanding social life and for the decisions we make each day. It answers questions and solves problems. It seeks to find explanations for unexplained phenomena and to correct misconceived facts.
- An understanding of social research methodology is vital for young researcher scholars. It will help them avoid many pitfalls in selecting research strategies, methods, and data collection practices.
- Training in research methodology is necessary to equip budding researchers with methodological skills, as they lack these skills or there are inadequate skill-building exercises. Training in research methods is also important to ensure that the correct procedures are followed and to gain an appreciation of the choices available to young researchers. The training will also help to maintain high-quality academic standards and research outputs.

## Aim of the Workshop

The aim of the RMC workshop is to improve the research-methodological and writing skills of budding young scholars and enhance their ability to undertake research as promising social scientists/researchers. The programme will provide an in-depth understanding of social research strategies, including qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods, research designs, design of questionnaire, sampling, statistical techniques, data analysis and interpretation, and elements of academic writing.

## Broad themes for the course

- Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Research Methods
- Writing Research Proposals and Designing Research

- Conducting interviews
- Constructing Questionnaire and Schedule
- Conducting fieldwork
- Case Study, FGDs
- RRA/PRA/PLA
- Sampling and Scaling Techniques
- Basic and Advanced Quantitative Techniques
- Quantitative and Qualitative Data Analysis
- Software (MAXQDA, SPSS, etc.) in data analysis
- Practical labs
- Digital Methods for Social Research
- E-library training
- Academic writing, and Ethics in writing
- Eligibility Criteria for the Course

## Eligibility Criteria for the Course

The Ph.D. Research Scholar in Social Science in Indian University/Institute will be eligible to apply/participate in the course.

## Number of Seats

The number of seats is limited to 30, of which 20 seats are for out station and 10 for local participants. The details are as follows:

- Ten (10) for the Scholars from outside the state of Odisha (they will be selected from all over India),
- Ten (10) for the Scholars from within the state of Odisha, and
- Ten (10) for the Scholars from the city of Rourkela.

## Training Methodology

The programme will consist of lectures by eminent scholars and senior social scientists, hands-on exercises by the participants, practical sessions on computers, interactive (question-answer) sessions, library work, Research practice (fieldwork), report writing, and presentations. Participants will be provided with necessary materials/e-resources. All the selected participants are requested to bring their laptops with them for the practical sessions and research practice, and for deriving maximum benefits from the Research Methodology Course.

## Resource Persons

Resource persons shall be eminent Professors/Researchers with expertise and extensive experience in their respective areas from Institutes of repute.

## Registration Fee

No Registration fee would be charged to the participants for attending the Course.

## Travel Cost

Outstation participants are eligible for sleeper class train or actual bus fare in the shortest route to and from.

Reimbursement shall be made only on submission/production of confirmed train tickets or original bus tickets. No local conveyance would be reimbursed. Taxi, Own Car Mileage, Auto, Air Fare shall not be admissible under any circumstances (as per the ICSSR guidelines).

## Accommodation

Free accommodation will be provided to all outstation participants in the NITR Guest House (North Block) on a double-sharing basis during the programme.

## Local hospitality

Outstation participants would be provided with local hospitality (food and tea/coffee/snacks).

Local participants (outside the NITR) would be provided only lunch and tea/snacks during the programme break.

## Participation Certificates

On successful completion of the course, certificates of participation will be given to the participants. Full attendance is compulsory for the course participation certificates.

## How to Apply?

- Research Scholars interested in attending the Research Methodology Course should:
- Fill out the attached Application Form and have it forwarded by his/her Research Supervisor and Head of the Department. Submit the same (scanned copy in PDF) through the [Google Form link](#) below.
- A hard copy of the application must also be submitted upon joining the course, if selected.
- If the application is incomplete or not forwarded/recommended by the Supervisor and the HoD, it may be summarily rejected.

## Last Date for Submission of Application:

**30 June 2026**

## Intimation to Selected Candidates only (through e-mail):

**15 July 2026**

## Confirmation by Selected Candidates (through e-mail):

**21 July 2026**

## Chief Patron

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## Link to submit your application

<https://forms.gle/YX4Pi4ssQxwaiaMaA>

## Click to submit





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### APPLICATION FORM

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1. Full Name (in capital letters): .....
2. Gender:.....
3. Date of Birth:.....
4. Category:.....
5. Mailing/Correspondence Address:.....
6. Mobile/WhatsApp: .....
7. Email: .....
8. Discipline/Subject of PhD:..... MA/MSc:.....
9. Name of the University/Institute/College (Ph.D. enrolled):.....
- .....
10. Institutional Address:.....
- .....
11. State:.....
12. University/Institution type (IIT/ NIT/ Central University/ State University/ Deemed University/College/Other:.....
13. Date of enrolment for Ph.D.:.....
14. Topic/theme of Ph.D. research.....
- .....
15. Present status of research work:.....
- .....
16. Have you attended any Research Methodology Workshops earlier? Yes/No. If yes, give details:..
- .....
17. Are you familiar with any data analysis software? Yes/No.....If yes, give details:.....
- .....
18. Accommodation required: Yes/No.....

#### **Declaration:**

I hereby declare that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date:

Signature of the Applicant

#### **Endorsement of the Supervisor and the Head of the Department/Institution**

Mr/Ms \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_  
University/Institute/College \_\_\_\_\_  
is permitted to attend the Research Methodology Course at NIT Rourkela.

Signature & Name of Research Supervisor

Head of the Department  
(Sign with Seal)