



**INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH
NORTH-WESTERN REGIONAL CENTRE: P.U. CHANDIGARH**

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No. Seminar Grant: SG/2024-25

Dated: August 08, 2024

The Chairperson of the
University Department / Principal of the College.

Subject: Invitation for seminar/conference proposals during the financial year 2024-25.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

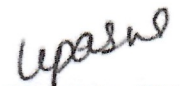
The ICSSR North-Western regional Centre is providing financial assistance to organise seminars/conferences in the region i.e., (Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Union Territories of Chandigarh and Leh Ladakh) for the current financial year 2024-25. Proposals are invited from the Departments of the Universities and Colleges to organise a seminar/conference focusing on North-Western Region, as a whole or on an individual state. Keeping in view the significance and merit of the theme and fulfillment of the conditions, the proposal could be considered by the ICSSR NWRC for financial assistance (maximum upto Rs.1.00 lakh for each proposal) on the thrust areas as identified by the ICSSR (List attached). The actual sanctioned amount will however, depend on the quality of the proposal, importance of the theme, seminar location and number of participants as decided by the Seminar Grant Committee. Copy of proposal proforma, conditions and list of thrust areas are enclosed.

You may send complete proposal giving its title, theme/sub themes, significance and its budget estimate. The budget estimate should clearly show the breakup of expenditure on travel, hospitality, stationery, secretarial assistance and contingency. The proposal would be considered, only if there is no Un-adjusted grant already given by the ICSSR North-Western Regional Centre stand in the name of university department / college concerned. If the proposal is accepted by the Regional Centre, the total amount of the grant would be routed through the Registrar of the university (in case of university departments) and through the principal, in case of colleges. The grant is meant for current financial year and it will not be allowed to carry forward it in the next financial year. The department / college must draw 75% of amount sanctioned in advance as 1st installment, before the commencement of the seminar and must intimate the dates of the seminar in advance.

The academic background of the convener and paper presenters must be in conformity with the theme of the proposed seminar / conference. The list of thrust areas as identified by the ICSSR is attached herewith. The concept note must specify (a) sub themes (b) the research questions being addressed and (c) possible contribution / outcome of the seminar / conference to the existing body of social science research. The proposal should highlight the impact of the seminar for the society and nation in 500 words each.

The proposals may be sent to The Honorary Director, ICSSR, North-Western Regional Centre, A.C. Joshi Library Building, P.U. Chandigarh-160014, latest by SEPTEMBER 09, 2024, stating on the envelope –Seminar Proposal.

With regards,


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Enclosures: (i) Proforma (ii) Copy of conditions (iii) List of thrust areas.

Conditions for organizing seminars/conferences

1. The seminar papers should be based on actual empirical research with clearly defined focus on the North-Western India as a whole or individual State of the Region i.e. Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and the Union Territories of Chandigarh and Leh Ladakh.
2. The participants in the seminar should be drawn only from the North-Western Region. One or two participants can, however, be invited from outside North-Western Region.
3. The grant for seminars will not cover expenses on printing or publication of papers. However, invitation cards for inaugural / valedictory function, can be got printed from the funds of the seminar grant. The cards & banners should clearly show that seminar is sponsored by the ICSSR N. W. Regional Centre, Panjab University, Chandigarh.
4. The duration of seminar will be limited to a maximum of two days. Only those outstation participants would be entitled for T.A., who presents a paper.
5. No honorarium is to be paid to any speaker, invitee / participants or organizers. The supporting staff can, however, be paid token allowance if put on work beyond office hours in connection with the seminar as per University/ Institution rules / availability of funds.
6. Gifts and Mementos are not allowed out of the grant sanctioned by the Regional Centre.
7. TA/DA to various invitees to the seminar will be allowed as per the rules of the University/Institution concerned. Contingent expenditure incidental to the holding of the seminar such as stationery, postage, typing, photocopying etc. can be charged to the seminar grant;
8. The grant-in-aid to the proposals which are accepted would be routed through the Registrar of the University in case of university departments, Principal of the College and through the Head of the Institution in other cases.
9. The proposal would be considered, only if there are no unadjusted grants stand in the name of the University Department/College. The first instalment of grant (i.e., 75% of the total amount sanctioned) will be released only after receiving the final dates of the seminar, names of the participants along-with their complete addresses, the name of the participant delivering the key-note address / inaugural / valedictory address and the date-wise / session-wise schedule of the seminar. The dates of the seminar be intimated in advance to enable the Regional Centre to depute its representative.
10. The grant is meant for current financial year and it will not be allowed to carry forward to the next financial year, under any circumstances. The Department/College must draw 75% of amount sanctioned in advance, before the commencement of the Seminar as 1st installment and shall be released on receipt of Grant-in-aid bill. Remaining 25% shall be released as 2nd installment on receipt of (2 copies) of Utilisation Certificate in Form GFR 12-A (Copy attached) alongwith two sets of Seminar Papers (in hard bound form) and one copy of Summary of the seminar. We allow budgeting on specific heads that are essential for the organization of the seminars/conferences/workshops and limit to these only.
11. Certificate showing the utilization of the amount spent and the major findings / recommendations of the seminar along- with two sets of papers presented at the seminar may be submitted to the Honorary Director, ICSSR North-Western Regional Centre, Panjab University, Chandigarh, within one month of holding the seminar, failing which the second instalment of seminar grant would be withheld. One copy of findings / recommendation of the seminar is to be communicated separately to the concerned State and to North-Western Regional Centre so that the same may provide useful inputs in the formation of plans and policies.
12. The college / university department / institute / office shall be liable to refund the entire grant amount together with the interest @10% per annum from the date of credit in account, in case the even did not take place within the stipulated period or the financial year for which the grant had been released.



Thrust Areas identified by ICSSR

Development Studies

- a) Innovations in Agriculture and Rural Development
- b) Entrepreneurship and Start ups
- c) Women Led Development
- d) Artificial Intelligence: Socio-Economic Impact
- e) Blue Economy
- f) Maritime Studies
- g) Natural Resources and Regional Development
- h) Sustainable Livelihood
- i) Indigenous Technology Innovation and Development
- j) Human Resource and Holistic Growth
- k) Trade and Commerce

2) Governance and Diplomatic Strategies

- (a) International Relations
- (b) Geo-Politics
- (c) G20 Declaration and Global Sustainability
- (d) Defence and National Security Studies
- (e) Ethical Governance
- (1) Indo-Pacific strategic relations
- (g) India's cultural diplomacy and soft power

3) Social and Regional Studies

- (a) Demography
- (b) Migration
- (c) Diaspora Studies
- (d) Multiculturalism
- (e) Janjatiya Studies
- (f) Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)
- (g) Sociology of family in India



(h) Social Auditing

(i) Rural and Urban Tourism

(1) Marginality Studies

4) Environmental Studies

(a) Green Economy Transition

(b) Climate Change

(c) Renewable Energy Resources

(d) Sustainable Development Goals in Indian Context

(e) Social innovations in Science and Technology

(f) Philosophy & Environment

5) Health Studies and Social Psychology

(a) AYUSH & Community Medicine

(b) Indigenous Healing Methods and Practices

(c) Health of Women & Divyangjar studies

(d) Mental Health & Social Inclusion

(e) Sports and Fitness

(f) Transforming MEN'tality

6) Education

(a) Digital Learning & Technology Integration

(b) Indian Knowledge Systems

(c) National Education Policy: Implementation and Challenges

(d) Ethics, values and innovation in Education

(e) Legal and Para-legal Studies

(f) Ethics of Artificial Intelligence

7) Culture Studies and Linguistics

(a) Mass Media and its Socio-Cultural Impact

(b) Digital Humanities

(c) Gender Studies

(d) Sociolinguistics & Language Studies

(e) Life, Literature and Thought

(f) Art practices and folk forms

