



INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH
NORTH-WESTERN REGIONAL CENTRE: P.U. CHANDIGARH
Ministry of Education (Govt. of India)

ICSSR-NWRC invites online applications for Research Projects for the year 2025-26 from Social Science Faculty in the North Western Region for **Minor Research Projects** in Social Sciences.

Key objectives of the call

- To contribute to the development of elaboration of new theoretical or methodological approaches to research;
- To maintain and sustain various disciplinary research activities;
- To promote collaborative, multidisciplinary research activities among researchers in the social sciences.

Focus Areas of Research

S.No	Broad Domains	S.No	Broad Domains
1.	Economics / Development Studies	8.	Health Studies
2.	Management/ Commerce	9.	Political Science
3.	Sociology/Social Work/ Social Anthropology	10.	Public Administration
4.	Culture Studies/ Diaspora Studies	11.	Environmental Studies
5.	Socio-Philosophical Studies	12.	Modern Social History
6.	Education	13.	Library Science
7.	Gender Studies	14.	Language Studies
		15.	Indian Knowledge Systems

Eligibility to apply:

- Researchers who are permanently employed or retired as faculty from UGC Recognized Indian Universities/Deemed to be Universities/ Affiliated Colleges/Institutions under (2) F or 12(B), ICSSR-NWRC Research Institutes, ICSSR-NWRC Recognised Institutes and Institutes of National Importance as defined by the Ministry of Education (MoE) are eligible to apply. The research project grant is meant for the states of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Leh Ladakh and Chandigarh. The applicants having substantial research experience demonstrable through publications of books / research papers / reports are eligible to apply. The Project Director and Co-Project Director must also hold a Ph.D. Degree.
- In exceptional cases, independent researchers with Ph. D. degrees who are not affiliated permanently with any institution mentioned in Clause 2.1 but have produced at least two sole-author books published by reputed publishers and/or 05 articles in peer-reviewed journals can also be considered as Co-Project Directors. Such scholars will be required to collaborate with a faculty from institutions given in 2.1 above.

- Further, those researchers with Ph.D. degrees who are in contractual appointment in academic/research institutions mentioned in Clause 2.1 and have produced at least two sole-author books published by reputed publishers and/or 05 articles in peer-reviewed journals may also apply as Co-Project Directors. In the event of their contract expiry, they may continue as Co-Project Directors until the completion of the project.
- Senior and retired government and defence officers (having not less than 05 years of regular service) possessing a Ph.D. degree in any social science discipline and having produced at least two sole-author books published by reputed publishers and/or 05 articles in peer-reviewed journals can also apply as Co-Project Directors, in collaboration with a faculty from institutions given in 2.1 above.
- Non-academic participants/stakeholders/local community may also be part of the research team in the capacity of Key Informant.

The application format is available at following link:
<https://forms.gle/ToEQvjx383mwU4yV8>

Applicants can mail duly filled applications with forwarding letter of their Institution head at following email id: icssr@pu.ac.in

They are also requested to send duly filled form along with Institution forwarding letter (Hardcopy) at the following address:


ICSSR -NWRC, Guest House
 Sector – 14, Panjab University Campus,
 Chandigarh, India -160014

Online Application will be Accepted from 07th July, 2025

LAST DATE FOR THE RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS (Softcopy & Hardcopy)
FOR AY 2025-26 is:

08th August, 2025

To know more, kindly visit ICSSR-NWRC Website: <https://icssrnwrc.org>


 Signature
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 Honorary Director