

About Himachal Pradesh University

Himachal Pradesh University, named after the State of Himachal Pradesh, was founded on 22nd July, 1970. The University is located at Summerhill, a suburb at the western end of Shimla, 5km from the city, a 5-minute walk from the Summerhill Railway Station and about 15km from the Jubbar Hatti Airport. The University has a total of 13 faculties; 10 of which include 44 departments and institutes, 16 Chairs and 11 Research, Study and Training Centres, offering more than 135 academic programmes. The courses offered range from certificate and diploma to graduation, post-graduation, PhD and DLit degrees. The University has over 400 teachers, 800 non-teaching employees and 120 technical employees. Approximately 7,500 students and 1,150 research scholars are enrolled at the University Campus. Himachal Pradesh University affiliates 353 colleges at the graduate and post graduate levels. The University sprawls over an area of about 200 acres and features a distinctive architectural style.

About Department of Geography

The Department of Geography, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, was established in 1989 and has been imparting quality research and teaching for over three decades. The department currently offers M.A Post graduate course and PhD Programme in geography. Presently, about 25 research scholars are engaged in doctoral-level research in various fields of Geography. The department is also handling research and consultancy projects funded by ICSSR, ICHR, UGC and Government of Himachal Pradesh. There are currently four faculty members- one professor, one associate professor, two assistant professors and one post-doctoral fellow.

About the Capacity Building Programme (CBP): Capacity building refers to the process of enabling and empowering individuals or communities to improve their skills and knowledge for sustainable and gainful living. A capacity building programme for social scientists aims to impart essential tools and establish networks, thereby enhancing their ability to produce substantial and excellent research outputs for the betterment of human society. Under the sponsorship of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, the Department of Geography, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, is organizing a capacity building programme for early and mid-career faculty members from various social science disciplines. Scheduled from 23rd September to 4th October 2024, this programme aims to improve research skills in the social sciences.

Bharat is rapidly changing with advancements in science, engineering and technology and creating a need for a skilled and multidisciplinary workforce. Bharat's goal of becoming a knowledge economy demands higher education reforms, particularly in the social sciences, which have lacked emphasis, especially in rural colleges of Bharat including Himachal Pradesh. The National Education Policy (NEP) - 2020 aims to address this by transforming higher education institutions and establishing the National Research Foundation. In response, Himachal Pradesh University is likely to introduce a four-year UG degree with a research focus in all its affiliated colleges starting from the academic session 2025-26. There is an urgent need to train faculty lacking research experience. This programme aims to enhance research skills and methodologies among social sciences faculty, preparing them to guide students and contribute significantly to their fields. This CBP will empower early-career academics by equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in their academic research initiatives.

By participating in this comprehensive CBP, young faculty will be better prepared to undertake research projects, publish their work in

reputable journals and advance knowledge in their respective fields. Besides, the programme will foster a vibrant academic community, promoting collaboration and elevating the overall research quality in the social sciences. Deliberations by eminent researchers and social scientists will educate and inspire aspiring teachers and researchers, contributing to the advancement of knowledge and quality education in Bharat.

Objectives of Capacity Building Programme

- To provide an overview of contemporary research methodology and review of literature
- To provide the platform for discussion on methodological requirements of research and to simulate and capture new approaches
- to develop the skills to formulate hypotheses and research questions, frame research design and identify sampling techniques
- To make the participants familiar with the art of using different research methods and techniques
- To provide the platform for discussion on the statistical requirements of the research in social sciences
- To train and inculcate the skills for data collection and analysis.
- To guide participants for publishable technical writings (including research ethics)

Topics to be covered: During the two-week Capacity Building Training programme, participants will have opportunities for networking, collaboration with established researchers and knowledge exchange. The following topics will be covered:

- Nature and Concept of Research in Social Sciences
- Meaning and Basic Parameters of Research
- Literature Survey: Methods of Reporting and Its Relevance
- Formulation of research Project Proposal
- Introduction to Quantitative & Qualitative Research
- Types of Research and Designs
- Research Process and Deductive and Inductive approaches of Scientific Research
- Sampling Strategies: Probability and Non-Probability Sampling techniques
- Concepts of Hypotheses Formulation and Testing of Hypotheses (Parametric & Non-Parametric tests)
- Primary & secondary data collection (tools and techniques)
- Questionnaire design and testing
- Descriptive & Inferential statistics through SPSS
- E-Resources for Learning & Research
- Plagiarism- Ethical and copyright issues in research
- Narrative, Meta and Content Analysis
- Research Writings

Expected Outcomes of CBP

After completion of the course the participants will be able to:

- Gain a thorough understanding of the nature, concept and basic parameters of research in social sciences, including types of research, designs and both quantitative and qualitative methods.
- Learn how to effectively conduct literature surveys, formulate well-structured and impactful research project proposals and design questionnaires.
- Acquire skills in primary and secondary data collection, sampling strategies, hypothesis formulation and testing (using both parametric and non-parametric tests), and descriptive & inferential statistics.

- Understand the importance of ethical research practices, including plagiarism prevention, copyright issues and the use of e-resources for learning and research.
- Develop strong research writing skills, enabling them to produce high-quality research papers, reports and publications.
- Become proficient in narrative, meta and content analysis, equipping them with the tools necessary to interpret and analyze research data effectively.

Venue: The venue of the CBP will be the UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), formerly known as HRDC, Himachal Pradesh University, Summerhill, Shimla.

Participants: The course is open to faculty members from all disciplines of Social Sciences. Eligible participants should be Assistant Professor or equivalent at UGC-recognized Indian universities, deemed universities, Colleges, institutes of national importance or ICSSR Research Institutes.

The course will accommodate at least thirty (30) participants from social science disciplines, with ten (10) participants from the HPU, its affiliated campuses & Shimla city, ten (10) from the state and ten (10) from outside the state.

Participants must attend all classes (or sessions) with 100% attendance, as it is mandatory. No leave of any kind is permitted during the course period. Certificates will be provided upon successful completion of the course.

Registration Fee: There is no registration fee for participating in the programme.

How to apply?

Interested candidates may apply using the online application form using the Google link provided below. Alternatively, you can fill out the application form enclosed at the end of the brochure and send it along with a brief CV detailing academic qualifications, work experience and publications in single PDF copy via email at brthakur53@gmail.com. Only fully completed application forms, duly signed and forwarded through the proper channel, will be accepted. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications will be evaluated based on academic qualifications, work experience, record of previous workshops attended and publications. Selection will be based on the guidelines provided by ICSSR. Please note that registering for the course does not guarantee participation. The list of selected candidates will be communicated by the **second week of September, 2024**.

Important Dates for CBP Application

- Deadline for receipt of application forms: 5th September, 2024
- Deadline for Notification of selected candidates: 11th September, 2024
- CBP commencement date: 23rd September, 2024

Travel allowance and Accommodation for Participants

Participants will be reimbursed for round-trip travel expenses for III tier AC by train or Volvo Bus upon submission of original tickets, in accordance with Himachal Pradesh University rules. Accommodation for outstation participants will be provided on a twin-sharing basis in nearby hotels and the University faculty house. There will be no boarding and lodging charges for participating in the CBP.

Hospitality: Participants will not be charged any hospitality costs.



ICSSR Sponsored Two-Week Capacity Building Workshop for Young Faculty in Social Sciences
23rd September to 4th October, 2024

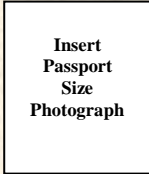


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Summerhill, Shimla-171005, Himachal Pradesh

APPLICATION FORM

Participant Details

- 1) Name:
- 2) Date of Birth:
- 3) Gender:
- 4) Social Category (General/ST/SC/OBC):
- 5) Department/ Institution:
- 6) Designation:
- 7) Subject with specialization:
- 8) Address for Correspondence:
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- 9) Mobile:
- 10) Email ID:
- 11) Educational Qualifications (Please enclose detailed CV):
- 12) PhD Completed/Ongoing
- 13) Title of PhD Thesis:
- 14) Date of appointment:
- 15) Teaching experience after appointment as Assistant Professor:
- 16) Have you attended a similar Research Methodology course earlier?
Yes () / No ()
- 17) If yes, provide following details:



Name of the course	Organizing Institution	Duration of the programme	Event Dates

- 18) Statement of purpose for participation in the CBP in 100 words (attach a separate sheet):
- 19) Emergency contact name and number:
- 20) Accommodation Required: Yes ()/No ()

Date: _____ Signature of the Applicant
Place: _____

Recommendation of the Forwarding Authority

I recommend Dr./Ms./Mr..... [Name]..... [Designation]..... at [University/College], for the "Two-week Capacity Building Training Programme for Young Faculty in Social Sciences" organized by the Department of Geography, Himachal Pradesh University, Summerhill, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, and sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi, from 23rd September to 4th October, 2024. If selected, [he/she] will be granted leave in a timely manner to participate in this capacity building training programme.

Signature of Head of Department/ Registrar/Principal
(With Date & Seal)

(Note: Please complete all the details online using the following application form Google link: <https://forms.gle/EuDkEhdhh32rw1x58> The hard copies should be submitted when you report for the CBP.

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