



Centre of Social Medicine
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Jawaharlal Nehru University,
New Delhi

ICSSR-SPONSORED TEN DAY RESEARCH METHODOLOGY COURSE

On

CONCEPTUAL FOUNDATIONS OF QUALITATIVE RESEARCH
IN CRITICAL HEALTH STUDIES IN THE DIGITAL ERA:
CONCEPTS, DESIGN, INTERPRETATION AND ACADEMIC WRITING



From 1 September to 10 September, 2026

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Course Date : From 1 September to 10 September, 2026
- Last Date to Apply : 15th July, 2026
- Intimations of Selection : First week of August, 2026
- No Registration Fee : 0 (Zero)
- Intake : 30 Seats Only



VENUE

Committee Room, SSS-I,
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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), established in 1969, is a premier central university known for academic excellence, critical inquiry, interdisciplinary research, and inclusive learning. JNU fosters innovative thinking, social responsibility, and a vibrant research culture across humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and professional studies.

JNU has been ranked 2nd among universities in India (NIRF 2025- University Category) and 9th overall; also ranked 130th in the Qs Asia University Rankings 2026 with a global rank of 558.

ABOUT THE CENTRE

The Centre for Social Medicine and Community Health (CSMCH) at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, established within the School of Social Sciences,

underserved populations. Since its Foundation Day on April 13, 1971, under the leadership of Prof. D. Banerji and early scholars Dr. Imrana Qadeer and Dr. P. Ramalingaswami. Over the past five and a half decades, the Centre has acquired vast experience in evolving problem-oriented interdisciplinary academic programmes in public health, in addition to building an active research base. At the same time, efforts have also been made at establishing institutional links with various academic, research, policy-making and non-governmental organisations.

ABOUT RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research methodology forms the backbone of all research, whether in the social or natural sciences. Scholars in the social sciences often encounter challenges when discussing methodology because methodological orientations are inherently complex. When conducting field research, their primary objective is to engage with individuals or groups, either directly or indirectly, which adds layers of complexity. Recognizing this, the Centre has undertaken the initiative to provide scholars with guidance and insights into these intricate epistemological frameworks, helping them navigate and apply research methodologies effectively, particularly qualitative methods.

ABOUT THE RESEARCH METHODOLOGY COURSE

The ten-day Research Methodology Course is designed to strengthen qualitative research capacity among emerging scholars across the broader social sciences, with a thematic focus on **Critical Health Studies in the Digital Era**. This is an interdisciplinary field of inquiry located within the wider domain of social science research. It brings together insights from Sociology, Social and Medical Anthropology, Medical Sociology, Medical Geography, Geography of Health, Social Work, Social Medicine, Community Health, Humanities, Gender Studies, Disability Studies, and other related fields to examine access to health, illness, care, embodiment, suffering, health systems, institutions, and inequality as socially produced and historically mediated realities.

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide conceptual clarity regarding the nature, scope, and philosophical foundations of qualitative research within the broader social science discipline in the digital era.
2. To introduce **Critical Health Studies** as an interdisciplinary thematic field for qualitative inquiry in the social sciences.
3. To train scholars in identifying research problems, framing research questions, and selecting qualitative designs appropriate to health-related social inquiry.
4. To familiarize scholars with major qualitative approaches such as phenomenology, narrative analysis, grounded theory, ethnography, narrative inquiry, case study, and thematic analysis.

Workshop Committee

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5. To build practical competence in qualitative data generation through in-depth interviews, observation, field notes, narratives, and documentary materials.
6. To develop scholars -writing, theme construction, interpretation, and qualitative argumentation.
7. To provide hands-on introductory exposure to selected qualitative data analysis tools like **MAXQDA** for data organization, coding, retrieval, and analysis.
8. To strengthen academic writing skills for methodology and design, analysis and interpretation, recommendations and policy suggestions for dissertation/thesis, and research articles.
9. To encourage ethically grounded, reflexive, and analytically rigorous qualitative research in social sciences on the issues of health, illness, and care; health systems, and governance
10. To contribute to the high-quality qualitative scholarship among researchers.

ELIGIBILITY

This Research Methodology Course is open to all registered PhD/PDF scholars in any Social Sciences discipline at recognized Indian universities or research institutes.

INTAKE & REQUIREMENTS

The course is limited to 30 participants - 10 from Delhi, 10 from Delhi NCR, and 10 from outside the Delhi NCR. Full attendance in all sessions is mandatory, and no leave will be permitted. Participants must bring their own laptops for practical training with qualitative software. Certificates will be awarded only to those who attend all sessions and actively engage throughout the course.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Candidates interested in participating in the course should submit a duly completed and printed registration form by **15th July 2026** through **Google Form only**. The registration form is included with this brochure. The submission should include the following documents:

1. **Registration Form** along with a **300-word write-up** outlining the area and the motivation for participating in the course.
2. **Brief Curriculum Vitae (CV)** of the applicant.
3. **Proof of Ph.D./PDF. Registration.**
4. **Self-attested caste/community certificate** (ST/SC/OBC/Minority/Disability), if applicable.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the attached **Application Form** and get it endorsed by the **Research Supervisor** and **Head of Department/Chairperson**. Complete all the details mentioned and submit a **scanned PDF copy** through the Google Form link provided below. You can also scan the QR code and submit the form.

<https://forms.gle/BEybsiFEhYCeEJd7>

If selected, a **hard copy** of the application must be submitted at the start of the course.

Applications that are incomplete or not endorsed by the Supervisor and HoD/Chairperson will be **rejected**.

REGISTRATION FEE

There is **no registration fee** for participants attending the course.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Outstation participants are eligible to claim reimbursement for **sleepers-class train tickets** or **actual bus fares** along the shortest route to and from the venue. Reimbursement will only be processed upon submission of **confirmed train tickets** or **original bus tickets**. Expenses for local transport, including taxis, personal car mileage, auto-rickshaws, or air travel, are **not eligible** for reimbursement, in line with ICSSR guidelines.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be provided for all outstation participants at the **University Guest House** on a **double-sharing basis** for the duration of the course.

LOCAL HOSPITALITY

Local hospitality will be provided.



Ten-Day Research Methodology Course in Social Sciences for Ph.D. Scholars

1-10 September 2026

(Offline mode)

APPLICATION FORM

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1. Full Name (in capital letters):

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3. Date of

4.

5. Mailing/Correspondence

6. Mobile/WhatsApp:

7. Email:

8. Discipline/Subject Area of PhD/PDF

9. Name of the University/Institute/College (Ph.D/PDF).

10. Institutional

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12. University/Institution type (IIT/ NIT/ Central University/ State University/ Deemed

13. Date of enrolment for Ph.D/PDF

14. Topic/theme of Ph.D/PDF.

15. Present status of research

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, give

18. Accommodation required:

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 JNU New Delhi.

Signature & Name of Research Supervisor

Head/Chairperson
(Sign with Seal)