**Announcement for PhD Programme in Economics – 2014 Cycle**

The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has announced admission to PhD Progamme in Economics for the July 2014 cycle. The Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), Ahmedabad has been recognized as a Regional Research Centre (RRC) for the programme by the IGNOU in the year 2011. Interested candidates who want to pursue their PhD in Economics can apply to IGNOU. The minimum eligibility to apply for the programme is Master’s Degree in Economics or related discipline(s) (55% for general category and 50% for reserved categories) from any recognized university or other qualification recognized as equivalent thereto in such fields of study as are notified for the purpose from time to time by the University (see, IGNOU Prospectus). The selection of the candidates for the programme involves: i. applying in the prescribed format of the IGNOU along with submission of relevant documents and a demand draft of Rs. 1000 drawn in favour of IGNOU payable at New Delhi; ii. appearing at the entrance examination conducted by IGNOU at the university campus in New Delhi; iii. successful candidates making a presentation of their proposal before the doctoral committee of IGNOU in New Delhi.

IGNOU may recommend the candidates to undergo course work which includes home assignment, term paper and appearing in a written examination. The candidates need to pay Rs. 7000 as course fee per annum. The candidates recommended for a coursework need to pay an additional onetime fee of Rs. 10,500. Once the candidates meet all the requirement of IGNOU, if they choose they can pursue their doctoral work at the GIDR, Ahmedabad. The registration is initially for five years. The continuation of the candidates depends upon their performance based on progress report to be submitted every six months. For details about terms and conditions interested candidates are requested to go through the Prospectus of IGNOU in detail before sending the applications. The last date for receiving the application by the university is January 20, 2014.

Those candidates wishing to pursue the PhD Programme at GIDR are requested to send a separate mail to phdcordinatorgidr@gmail.com, informing that they have applied for the Programme. However, the Institute makes it absolutely clear that it is not involved in the selection process of the candidates by the IGNOU. Hence, applications should be sent to the address given below.

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The [original advertisement from IGNOU](http://gidr.ac.in/pdf/phd/Original%20Advt%20for%20Admission%20to%20MPHIL%20and%20PhD%20Programme.doc), the application form ([Part A](http://gidr.ac.in/pdf/phd/Part%20A%20IGNOU%20Application%20form.pdf) and [Part B](http://gidr.ac.in/pdf/phd/Part%20B%20%20Application%20form%20for%20PhD%20applicants%20only.doc)), the [prospectus](http://gidr.ac.in/pdf/phd/Prospectus%20for%20%20MPhil%20and%20PhD%20July%202014%20Admission.doc) and 2 corrigenda ([Corrigendum I](http://gidr.ac.in/pdf/phd/corrigendum%20%281%29.pdf) and [Corrigendum 2](http://gidr.ac.in/pdf/phd/CORRIGENDUM-2.pdf)) are given on the GIDR website with this notification. Interested candidates are requested to read the prospectus carefully before filling up the application form.

**For any assistance the candidates can also contact**

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[Note: Candidates interested to undertake doctoral work at GIDR should note that the Institute does not offer any fellowship and the programme is not a residential one.]