**Rural-Urban Field Immersion and Social Impact Programme**

Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR),

**October 25, 2024 – December 19, 2025**

The Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), founded in 1970, is a leading institution supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, and the Government of Gujarat.GIDR a premier research institution focusing on development economics, governance, and public policy.

GIDR has launched a two-month **Rural-Urban Field Immersion and Social Impact Program (RUFI)**— for students to immerse themselves in the realities of rural and urban life. This program goes beyond traditional learning, offering a transformative experience that fosters empathy, cultural understanding, and hands-on problem-solving skills. By connecting students directly with communities, it challenges them to apply modern technology, management practices, and academic knowledge to address real-world issues faced by marginalized populations.

The program emphasizes critical thinking and adaptability as students navigate the complexities of rural and urban development, housing, and livelihoods. Through fieldwork, students will engage deeply with local environments, culture, and socio-economic dynamics, gaining a richer perspective on community life. This program is designed to cultivate a new generation of socially conscious thinkers equipped to tackle the challenges of development. This program also offers students a valuable opportunity to grasp the real-world dynamics of policy implementation and evaluation. It delves into how policies are not just designed but put into action, critically assessing their effectiveness and, most importantly, their impact on the lives and livelihoods of marginalized communities. Candidates will also collaborate on research and evaluation projects, conduct interviews with stakeholders, government officials, and scholars. Meeting directly with rural community members, policy makers and policy implementations so students will hone their analytical skills, gaining valuable insights into the lives and livelihoods of marginalized groups. Through this, students gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and complexities involved in addressing social inequities through policy interventions.

**For Whom**

This program is designed exclusively for students pursuing their graduation and post-graduation from colleges and universities (both government and private) of social sciences disciplines to develop their acumen for research. The medium of communication will be Gujarati, Hindi and English language. Considerations for selecting participants include level of preparedness for the programme as indicated by educational qualifications and statements of purpose. There are only 30 seats in the programme. The Committee constituted for this Faculty members of GIDR, Experts from other institute like IRMA, GNLU, NIRMA university will review applications and may conduct personal / zoom interviews where required to decide the suitability for admission of candidates applying for the course

**Certification**

Participants in the RUFI program will receive a certificate of participation upon successful completion. In addition, the top-performing candidate will be honoured with the prestigious **RUFI Award**, recognizing their outstanding achievement and dedication throughout the program. This award not only celebrates and encourages a deeper commitment to research and development in the field.

**Important Deadlines and Registration**

The programme duration, fees and registration deadlines for the certification are given below.

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| **Programme Duration** | **Last Date for Submission of Application** | **Date for Intimation** |
| **October 25, 2024 – December 19, 2025** | **October 20, 2024** | **October 22, 2024** |

There is no fees charged for this program by GIDR. Student will be paid the scholarship of Rs. 15000 that covers their D.A. The participants will be housed in sharing rooms during the period of the field work. The cost of travel to and from Ahmedabad for their field work, expenses on accommodation and expenses incurred by participants on items like photocopying, computer printouts, typing, stationary or items related to this programme will be borne by the institute.

The candidates need to submit the completed application form on or before the given last date for the course. Selected candidates will be contacted directly.

**Application Procedure**

Brochure and the application form are available on the institute’s website [www.gidr.ac.in](http://www.gidr.ac.in) Applicants need to fill up the application form and submit it on e-mail id (rufi.gidr@gmail.com) before the deadline as specified. Decisions regarding admission to the programme will be communicated to the applicants within 2-3 days of the application submission deadline.

For any information, please contact

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**Rural-Urban Field Immersion and Social Impact Programme**

**October 20, 2024 – January 19, 2025**

Application Form **Affix photograph**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(in CAPITAL Letters)

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Age (Years) ----------------------------

Social Category: SC [ ]; ST [ ]; OBC [ ]; GEN [ ]

Qualification: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Discipline: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Accommodation Required: Yes [ ]; No [ ]

Note: Attach a statement of purpose not exceeding 300 words along with this application. It is important for the selection of the candidates for the course.

Date:

Signature of the Applicant

*Photocopy of this form can be used.*

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RECOMMENDATION Certified that the information given by the applicant is true and the applicant will be relieved in time to participate in the above FDP programme, if selected.

Name:

Date:

*Signature Dean/ Head of the Department Principal/ Registrar of the College/ Institution/ University (Office Seal)*