NIDM Doctoral Fellowship Programme
on
Disaster Studies

Detailed Guidelines

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT,
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DETAILED GUIDELINES

NIDM DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME ON DISASTER STUDIES

The following are **Research Areas** for NIDM Doctoral Fellowship Programme for submission of proposals:

Research Areas

1. Landslide
2. Flood
3. Cyclone
4. Earthquake
5. Fire

Research Interventions:

i. Nature-based / Ecosystem Interventions
ii. Community-centric Interventions
iii. Urban & Infrastructure Interventions
iv. Social, Behavioral & Health Interventions
v. Climate & Ecosystem Knowledge Interventions

1. Criteria/ Eligibility for submission of proposal

i. Candidates enrolled in **full-time Ph.D. programmes** from UGC-recognized Universities/Institutions/Colleges.
ii. **Completion of Ph.D. coursework** with a minimum of **60% marks. In case the result is awaited** at the time of submission of proposal, the applicants should indicate the same in the bonafide certificate.
iii. Approved Ph.D. synopsis by the parent Universities/Institutions/Colleges and in case of **pending approval of synopsis/proposal** at the time of submission of proposal**,** applicants can indicate the same in the bonafide certificate**.**

2. Total No. of Seats: 10

3. Selection Process

i. Proposals received by NIDM in prescribed format will be **shortlisted and selected** on merit basis only considering the good academic record, novelty of the proposal, the **usefulness of outputs to NIDM, Government, and relevance for States and Districts, as well as the larger public interest.** Shortlisted candidates may also be invited for a presentation for final selection.
ii. The fellow shall cooperate with NIDM for any changes or suggestions in proposal (if required).
iii. **NIDM reserves the right** to **scrutinize or reject** any or all the proposals received in response or suggest modifications to the proposal.

4. Nature of Assistance Available Under the Scheme: -

i. The NIDM doctoral fellowship is as per the UGC Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) & Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) norms only.
ii. **Successful completion of the coursework and submission of the result is mandatory for the award of fellowship**. **Inability to submit proof of the approval of synopsis/proposal may result in termination of the fellowship.**
iii. **Fellows awaiting approval of synopsis/proposal should submit the same within 6 months of selection in the NIDM Doctoral Fellowship programme**. **Inability to submit proof of the approval of synopsis/proposal may result in termination of the fellowship.**
iv. The stipend will be started from the **date of award of NIDM fellowship** for a maximum period of **5 years** or until the submission of the completed thesis to the NIDM, whichever is earlier. There is **no** provision for further **extension**.
v. **No retrospective payment of fellowship shall be given for any period prior to date of award of NIDM doctoral fellowship.**
vi. **Timely submission of the thesis to NIDM will be the responsibility of the Fellow and the parent institution**, failing which the fellow will be liable to legal action.

vii. The JRF is initially for two years (after coursework completion and synopsis/proposal approval).

viii. Upon the expiry of JRF period, the work of the fellow will be **evaluated by NIDM** as per the progress report & recommendation of parent institute duly forwarded by supervisor/institution. The Fellow may be invited to NIDM for **presentation of progress of the work for the upgradation under the scheme of SRF**. If the research work is found satisfactory and eligible for a further grant, his/her tenure may be extended for a further period of **three (03) years** under the enhanced emoluments of the **SRF** or till the submission of the thesis, whichever is earlier.

ix. In case the work for the first two years is not found satisfactory, an additional year will be given to the scholar for improvement while retaining the designation of JRF. In such cases, research work will be **evaluated again in third year**, and if improvement is found, the fellow will get two more years under the SRF or till the submission of the Ph.D., whichever is earlier.

x. NIDM will **annually evaluate Ph.D. work** based on annual progress report forwarded by the supervisor/guide from the parent university/institution. **Unsatisfactory progress** may result in **termination of the fellowship** at any point during the fellowship period.

xi. As per the requirement for the completion of research, the fellow may join NIDM or may complete their research work in the parent institute.

xii. **NIDM will assign one co-supervisor from NIDM for the guidance of the Ph.D. work & monitoring of work subject to the approval of competent authority of NIDM.**

xiii. The fellow has to publish **two national/international papers** in UGC-CARE listed journals and/or journals with a high impact factor, with the due **acknowledgement of the NIDM Doctoral Fellowship** during the tenure before the final submission of the thesis.

xiv. **NIDM may engage the services of the fellow for taking the sessions & any other academic support, subject to the approval of Executive Director, NIDM.** Reimbursement of TA/DA, wherever applicable, will be as per NIDM norms.

xv. **Departmental Assistance will not be provided to the concerned Universities/Institutions/Colleges.**

xvi. **Prior to the completion of the thesis work, the Fellow's parent organization must obtain membership of IUINDRR-NIDM.**

5. The fellowship grant is as follows:

Fellowship	@ Rs. 37,000/- per month + HRA for 2 years (JRF) @ Rs.42, 000/- p.m. + HRA for remaining tenure (SRF)
Contingency	@ Rs.10,000/-p.a. for initial two years @ Rs.20,500/-p.a. for remaining tenure
Escort/Reader Assistance	@ Rs. 2,000/-p.m. in case of persons with disabilities (PwD).

Note: The last 3 installments will be released only after the submission/completion of the Ph.D. thesis duly forwarded by supervisor and co-supervisor to the NIDM.

6. House Rent Allowance (HRA)/ Medical/ Leave -as per UGC norms

7. Disbursement of the fellowship:

i. **Monthly installments of stipend** will be released to the **Fellow's account** upon submission of the duly signed monthly progress report.
ii. The fellow need to submit a continuation report quarterly to NIDM, duly forwarded by the supervisor/co-supervisor.
iii. The Fellow has to submit a utilization certificate **at the end of each academic year** and **annual progress report** duly forwarded by the supervisor and head of the University/ institute for the continuation of the NIDM Doctoral Fellowship.

8. Transfer of the Research Place (as per UGC norms):

Transfer of the Research Place will be allowed only **once** during the entire tenure of the fellowship and should be done by **university** concerned under the intimation to NIDM.

9. Resignation from the Fellowship (as per UGC norms):

Resignation of the candidate will be forwarded by the concerned university to the NIDM.

10. Final Submission of Research Work

After completion of the Research Work the fellow will submit a copy of his/her thesis to NIDM in **PDF and hard copy** along with the published research papers.

11. Gap Period

The gap period for continuation from Ph.D. shall be **1 year** only. However, the total tenure of the fellowship will remain for five years.

12. Cancellation of NIDM Doctoral Fellowship Award (JRF & SRF)

The fellowship is liable to cancellation in the case of:

- Misconduct;

- Unsatisfactory progress of research work/failure in any examination related to Ph.D. or,
- He/she is found ineligible later.
- Any false information furnished by the applicant or any fraudulent activity by the scholar/ fellowship awardee shall lead to Penal action against him/her.
- Non-completion or non - submission of thesis to the NIDM.

13. Paid Assignment/Job:

- The fellow shall **not** undertake any paid assignment during the tenure of the fellowship (Except in case of **leave without fellowship** up to one academic year during the entire tenure).
- The fellow can only avail of **one fellowship scheme at a time**.

Note:

- **The guidelines of fellowship will be revised time to time as per UGC norms, except that the fellowship will start from the date of award of the NIDM fellowship, subject to fulfillment of conditions including completion of course work and approval of synopsis by the parent university/organization**.
- **The requirement for submission of Ph.D. thesis such as Viva, Presentation, Course work, plagiarism check etc. will be the responsibility of the parent university/institute/organization only.**
- **Any disputes are subject to Delhi jurisdiction only.**

LIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION

i.	Application form with details of scholar and his/her doctoral research (Annexure-I)
ii.	Bonafide certificate of completion of coursework and approval of synopsis (Annexure-II)
iii.	Mark sheet of coursework *(if applicable)*
iv.	Student id/Registration certificate for Ph.D.

One soft copy (PDF format) and hard copy of the application in the prescribed format with a forwarding letter from supervisor or head of the department should be submitted to **researchiuin.nidm@nidm.gov.in** and to:

The Executive Director

National Institute of Disaster Management

(Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India),

Plot No.15, Pocket, B3, Sector 29, Rohini, Delhi, 110042.

NOTE: APPLICATIONS EXCEEDING PAGE LIMITATIONS AND INCOMPLETE IN ANY RESPECT WILL BE REJECTED.

PLEASE NOTE: APPLICANTS WHO APPLIED UNDER THE PREVIOUS CALL FOR THE SAME AWARD (WHETHER SELECTED OR NOT) ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY IN THE CURRENT CYCLE. SUCH APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

ANNEXURE-I

APPLICATION FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL FOR NIDM DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME FOR F.Y 2026-2027

(Do not exceed five pages)

I. DETAILS OF APPLICANT/STUDENT/PH.D. SCHOLAR

1. Name

2. Institution/University

3. Department of University/Institute

4. Subject/Discipline

5. Date of joining in Ph.D. programme

6. Category of admission *(Full-time/part-time)*

7. Detail of fellowship currently being availed *(if applicable):*
8. Coursework completed till date of submission of application: *Yes/No*
9. Marks *(in percentage)* scored in coursework/Result awaited*(tick if applicable)*: _____*(if result awaited, please refer to Annexure-II)*

10. Email address and contact number of applicant

11. Name of supervisor

12. Designation and Department of supervisor

13. Email address and contact number of supervisor

II. **BRIEF OF SYNOPSIS/RESEARCH WORK**

a. Proposed topic/title of proposal

b. Whether synopsis/topic is approved by Doctoral Research Committee *(if not, please refer to Annexure-II)* *Yes/No*

c. Research area *(as per list for F.Y 2026-27)*

d. Theme of research

e. Objectives of the study *(max 300 words)*

f. Rationale of the study *(500 words)*

g. Research question/hypothesis *(if any)*

h. Research work summary *(Work plan includes research methodology including sampling method, target group, tools and techniques, method of data analysis, and outcome of study)(500-700 words)*

i. Statement of the problem *(if any; max 500 words)*

j. The relevance and expected outcome of the proposed research *(300 words)*

l. Usefulness/scalability of the proposed research

m. Proposed timeline *(Please provide quantifiable output for each year of fellowship in tabular form)*

Period of study	**Achievable targets**
Year of fellowship	

ANNEXURE-II

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BONAFIDE CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Ms./Mr. _____*(full name as per records)* is a bonafide student of the Ph.D. Programme, batch_____, of the _____ department in_____ university/institution, India.

Her/his Student Registration Number with Institution is _____ and email ID is _____.

S/he has completed/is pursuing coursework *(tick applicable)*. However, the result is awaited, which will be submitted within a period of 3 months of submission of proposal.

Her/his synopsis/topic has been submitted/submission is under process and will be completed within the next 6 months *(tick applicable).*

This bonafide certificate is issued on request to enable the scholar to apply for NIDM Doctoral Fellowship Programme.

The **student's institution identity card and mark sheet/transcript of coursework** have been attached with the certificate.

Signature of supervisor/co-supervisor

Date:

Signature and seal of Head of the Institution

ANNEXURE-III

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JOINING REPORT AND DECLARATION

AWARD OF NIDM DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN DISASTER STUDIES

This is to certify that ……has joined the Department of ……. for pursuing Ph.D. under the NIDM Doctoral Fellowship Programme for F.Y 2026-27 on the topic …….Her/his supervisor is..... of …… department and co-supervisor is …… of ……. Department *(if applicable)*. S/he will be provided with all necessary facilities during her/his tenure of award. The terms and conditions of the offer are acceptable to the awardee. Her/his date of registration to the Ph.D. is…….for already registered candidate. The account details of the undersigned are ……for receiving of stipend during the tenure and a copy of the same is attached along with KYC.

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that I shall comply with the rules and regulations of the NIDM Doctoral Fellowship Programme as specified in the detailed Terms of Reference. I may be liable to legal action and return of Fellowship amount in case of misconduct/ non-completion or non-submission of thesis to the NIDM.

Verified by

Signature of Supervisor

Signature of Doctoral Fellow
Date:

Signature/Seal of Registrar/Admin.

ANNEXURE-IV

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MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT (Month of _____, 20___)

(To be submitted to NIDM through mail)

1. Name of the Doctoral Fellow:
2. Enrollment No.:
3. Department:
4. Date of Joining:
5. Date of Ph.D. Registration:
6. Leave availed during the month:
7. Topic of the thesis:

Total leave sanctioned (in academic year)	**30**
Number of working days in the month	
Number of days present in the month	
Balance after availing the leave	

8. Teaching Assistance *(if any)* : Yes / No
9. Whether the Doctoral Fellow has accepted any emoluments, scholarships or stipends from any other source during the Period:
10. Brief of work done during the period *(max 500 words)*:

It is certified that I, am not in receipt of any other Scholarship/Fellowship.

Signature of Doctoral Fellow:
Date
Place:

Name of Supervisor:

Name of co-supervisor/NIDM expert:

Note: The MPR shall be submitted through email only cc to supervisor/Co-supervisor

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HRA CERTIFICATE

Certificate No. 1

Certified that Mr./Ms…….is paying house Rent of Rs. ….....and is eligible to draw House Rent Allowance @ Rs……as per government norms and university rules w.e.f.

Registrar

OR

Certificate No. 2

Certified Mr./Ms is staying independently and, therefore, is eligible to draw House Rent Allowance of Rs..... minimum admissible to a scholar as per government norms w.e.f.

Registrar

OR

Certificate No. 3

Certified that Mr./Ms .....has been provided accommodation in the hostel. However, he/she could not be provided with single-seated flat-type accommodation as recommended by the UGC. Hostel fee @ Rs .....per month w.e.f is being charged from him/her.

Registrar

If, as a result of a check or audit objection, some irregularity is noticed at a later stage, action will be taken to recover, adjust or regularize the objected amount.

Signature of Doctoral Fellow
Signature of Head of Department

Signature of Registrar/Principal/Vice Chancellor/Director (Seal of university/institution)

ANNEXURE-VI

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ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD W.E.F……

1. Name of Fellow:
2. Number and date of award letter:
3. Topic of Research:
4. Any change in parent university/institution? *(if yes, please specify reasons)*
5. Total number of working days during the period:
6. Number of days the Fellow remained on leave with and without fellowship (with dates):
7. Number days the Fellow remained out of station for fieldwork/travel with dates and place visited:

   Number of days……from……..to……..

8. Number of days the fellow remained present at the university/college:
9. Publication(s) during the period:
10. Title of the article/paper & journal/book detail *(please enclose reprint of each)*:
11. A detailed account of the research work done during the period *(not more than 2 pages)*:
12. Work done from date of joining Ph.D. *(attach previous APR if applicable)*
13. Comments of the supervisor on the progress of the research work during the period under report:

Signature of Doctoral Fellow
Signature of Head of Department
Signature of external/NIDM expert

Signature of Registrar/Principal/Vice Chancellor/Director (Seal of university/institution)

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FORM FOR SUBMISSION OF ACCOUNTS OF CONTINGENCY GRANTS AND UTILISATION CERTIFICATE W.E.F……

1. **Name of Doctoral Fellow**
2. **Name of scheme under which s/he is working**
3. **Period for which the contingency grant is payable**
4. **Expenditure from _____to _____**

   Amount _____dated _____

   - **Books and allied items**
   - **Typing**
   - **Stationery**
   - **Postage**
   - **Chemical and electrical/electronic goods**
   - **Travel/field work**

5. **Period for which the contingency grant is payable**

Certified that the expenditure of Rs. …… (Rupees ……..
… .....) out of the contingency grant of Rs……sanctioned vide NIDM letter no…….. …….dated……in respect of…….. has been utilized for the ……. purpose for which it was sanctioned in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down by the NIDM for utilization of contingency grant.

If, as a result of a check or audit objection, some irregularity is noticed at a later stage, action will be taken to recover/adjust or regularize the objected amount.

Signature of Doctoral Fellow
Signature of Head of Department

Signature of Registrar/Principal/Vice Chancellor/Director (Seal of university/institution)

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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT AND CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE

NIDM DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

This is to certify that_____has been continuously working under the supervision of _____ in the above scheme for the period of _____to_____.

- Name of Department:
- Name of university/institution:
- Enrollment No.:
- Date of Fellowship registration:
- Date of Ph.D. Registration:
- Topic of Ph.D.:
- No. of leaves availed _____out of _____

1. Teaching Assistance *(if any)* : Yes / No
2. Whether the Doctoral Fellow has accepted any emoluments, scholarships or stipends from any other source during the Period:
3. Brief of work done during the period *(max 500-800 words)*:

Signature of Doctoral Fellow

a. Progress and Performance of Scholar/Fellow *(to be filled by Supervisor)*: Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory *(tick one)*
b. Remarks by the Supervisor

Name of Supervisor: **Date and signature of supervisor:**

Name and signature of co-supervisor/NIDM expert:

Name and Signature of Head of Department
Date

Signature and seal of Head of the Institution
Date

Note: The Fellow needs to submit the Certificate in every quarter for continuation of stipend.

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UPGRADATION FROM JRF TO SRF UNDER THE NIDM DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Assessment for upgradation of Mr./ Ms/ Mrs.....Doctoral Fellow working at the Department of ……...…University / Institution / College..... on completion of two years (date) .....Details of the progress made and the research work left are appended to this form *(max 2 pages)*. Previous year APRs are also attached.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE

(Name and Designation) (ONE EXTERNAL EXPERT OF CONCERNED SUBJECT)

1.
2.
3.

Date of joining:

Ph.D. registration no.:

Date of meeting:
Time:

VENUE OF ASSESSMENT/INTERVIEW:

The Committee assessed the progress of the candidate through their presentation followed by interview and recommended as follows

(Satisfactory/Good/Very Good/Excellent) *(Strike out whichever is not applicable)*

In view of the outstanding/very good/satisfactory performance of the Doctoral Fellow, and also the fact that he/she has published work to his/her credit the committee makes the following recommendations.

Mr./Mrs./Ms…… ……..may be upgraded w.e.f.……

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Signature of Registrar/Principal/Vice Chancellor/Director (Seal of university/institution)
Date
Signature of external/NIDM expert
Name
Date

Signature of Doctoral Fellow
Date
Signature of Head of Dept.
Date
Signature of Head of Department
Date

Research Project/Study on Disaster Management: Innovation & Action Research

CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

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Research Project/Study on Disaster Management: Innovation & Action Research for F.Y. 2026-27

The following are the research area & case studies for submission of research proposals:

Disaster Insurance and Risk Financing	i. Institutional and financial determinants of disaster preparedness. ii. Pricing of disaster risk in existing taxation structure of local bodies iii. Financial strategies for disaster Mitigation, Recover & Reconstruction initiatives by the States, UTs & Local bodies.
Landslides	i. Effects of land-use change on slope stability in mountainous terrain. ii. Predictive modelling of cloudburst–landslide–subsidence interactions in Himalayan regions. iii. Indigenous vegetation and bioengineering methods for slope stabilization and ecological restoration.
Earthquakes	i. Site response survey/site characterization study of NCR districts for seismic risk reduction. ii. Earthquake risk and vulnerability assessment to support resilient infrastructure planning. iii. Development and optimization of earthquake monitoring systems, model centre, and characterization of seismogenic faults.
Floods & Riverine Hazards	i. Financial viability of monetising desilting of rivers / dams & reservoirs. ii. Hydrological and hydraulic implications of channel/drainage clogging by silt, vegetation, plastic and solid waste. iii. Development of last-mile early warning as a service model for micro-level flood forecasting.
Cyclones, Coastal Hazards & Marine Ecosystems	i. Disaster resilience pathways for fishing and tourism-dependent coastal communities. ii. Strategies for financing coastal erosion prevention infrastructure.
Forest Fires	Early Warning as service model: Remote sensing, UAVs/drones, GIS, and AI-based early warning and response models for forest fires, including jhum-affected landscapes.
Hazards- Society	i. Pilgrimage-related DRR: carrying capacity based hazard-sensitive planning and sustainable pilgrimage models. ii. Gaps in existing Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) systems in disasters and pathways for reform. iii. Gaps in Early Warning Systems (EWS) for flood. iv. Mitigation strategies for disasters. v. (Chemical, Biological, radiological and Nuclear) CBRN Hazard.

Eligibility

i. Scientists/ Engineers/Faculty members holding a permanent position or eight years of experience in the case of contractual/ad-hoc employees in R&D Institutions, ATIs of State government, and recognized Academic Universities/ Institutions can submit the proposal as Principal Investigator (PI) for Research Projects.
ii. Co-principal Investigator(s) (minimum three years experience) may be from the same/ different Institution. However, satisfactory completion of the project (if approved) will be the responsibility of the PI and her/his Institution/Organization.
iii. The PI and Co-PI(s) should be domain experts in the area in which the proposal is submitted. The evidence of publications, patents/copyrights, and projects carried out is required to be produced.
iv. **NIDM may depute one of the faculty members as Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI) for the research project/study, who will monitor the project/study as per expertise.**
v. **In case of universities/institutions, parent organization of the PI must be a member of the India Universities and Institutions Network for Disaster Risk Reduction (IUINDRR-NIDM).**
vi. **Prior to the completion of the project, the PI's parent organization must obtain membership of IUINDRR-NIDM. (Link to list of members: https://iuin-drr.nidm.gov.in/MemberList) (Link to register for getting IUINDRR membership: https://iuin-drr.nidm.gov.in/UserReg).**

Total seats: 10

Duration of project/study: 1-2 years

Selection Procedure and Criteria

Proposals received by NIDM in prescribed format will be scrutinized and shortlisted based on the novelty of the proposal, the usefulness and relevance to NIDM, Government, relevance for States and Districts, and the larger public interest. Shortlisted proposals may be invited for a presentation before the NIDM Academic Research Council for final selection. The Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigators shall cooperate with the Academic Research Council (ARC) constituted by NIDM, for the revision of their research proposal (if required).

Financial Support

i. Financial support up to an amount of INR 8 Lakh shall be provided by NIDM.
ii. Payment will be credited to the account of the parent institution of the Principal Investigator as per details provided in application format.
iii. A separate non-interest account in joint ownership of PI and parent institution must be created as per timeline specified by NIDM for transfer of research grant installments.

S.No.	NIDM Grant	Deliverables
1.	25%	Submission of inception report **(Annexure –IV)** by PI & Co-PI
2.	37.5%	Submission of Progress report **(Annexure-III)**
3.	37.5%	Submission of final project/study/research

It is envisaged that the existing equipment and computing resources (hardware, software) in the Parent Organization of the Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigator(s) will be used and the proposed budget estimate covers the direct costs only such as manpower cost (supporting staff), data cost, field visit, etc.

iv. The amount allocated under the head travel/field work is to be utilized for the data collection and collection of other information such as documents, visits to libraries, etc., within the general scope and sphere of the ongoing project. This should not be used for attending conferences, seminars, workshops, training courses, etc. The PI may travel by the mode of transport as per his/her entitlement in the Organization/ Institution restricted to the allocation under the concerned head.

v. The Principal Investigator/Institution is required to settle the project account immediately on completion of the project/study. In case the balance grant, if any, is not claimed within six months from the date of completion of the project/study, the same will lapse and no representation will be entertained in this behalf.

Other Terms and Conditions

i. NIDM reserves the right to scrutinize or reject any or all the proposals received in response or suggest modifications to the proposal.

ii. **NIDM reserves the right to choose any project/study proposal received, depending upon need, the novelty of intended applications, innovative science, suitability, deliverables, and merits. The decision of NIDM shall be treated as final.**

iii. Any/all Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) such as patents, copyrights, design rights, etc., acquired by the grantee institute/organization of the PI, shall be jointly owned by NIDM and any other associated ministries/institutions.

iv. NIDM reserves the right to revoke in part or in whole its support for a project/study at any time without assigning any reason.

v. It shall be declared and ensured by the PI of the selected project/study proposal that any/all analysis conducted as part of this project/study shall not use any pirated/unlicensed copy of the analysis software used.

vi. Scientific results obtained as part of the project/study proposal by PI and Co-Investigators, shall not be allowed to be used for marketing/commercial/business purposes without the prior permission of NIDM. NIDM reserves the right to accord permission on such cases, considering the overall national interests.

vii. Both parties will ensure appropriate protection consistent with the laws, rules, and regulations of India. Any disputes will be subject to the jurisdiction of Delhi only.

viii. The Proposal shall give a declaration that if the proposal is selected for funding by NIDM, PI, and Co-PI shall not submit the same proposal for funding support from other agencies. However, collaboration with other ministries or government institutions is permitted and needs to be mentioned at the time of submission of proposal.

ix. Acknowledgment of NIDM support/funding must be made in all reports including publications arising out of the project/study. Copies of all publications resulting from these research projects/studies must be submitted to NIDM.

x. One soft copy and hard copy of the report/study/innovation/scientific tool will have to be submitted to NIDM after completion of the project/study.

xi. **Two Research papers have to be published by PI & Co-PI(s) before submission of the final report in a National or International journal having a high impact factor and/or are UGC-CARE listed, with the acknowledgment of NIDM.** This requirement may be relaxed in cases where the project involves innovation or the creation of novel/scientific contributions.

xii. **Satisfactory completion of the project/study will be the responsibility of the PI and his/her parent institution/organization. An extension of 6 months may be granted for completion of project without further financial assistance/support from NIDM subject to approval of Competent Authority of NIDM.**

xiii. The approved fund must be utilized solely for the purpose for which it has been granted unless NIDM agrees otherwise. A Utilization certificate that the funds have been used for the purpose which it was granted must be produced by the grantee Institution with each progress report & at the completion of the project.

xiv. NIDM may depute scientists/ experts to visit the grantee institution periodically, for reviewing the progress of work.

xv. NIDM may engage the services of the PI/Co-PI(s) for taking sessions & development of module subject to the approval of Executive Director, NIDM. TA/DA shall be payble as per NIDM norms.

xvi. **Any changes in the terms and conditions of the sanctioned project must be made after the approval of NIDM.**

Special note:

i. The Research proposal and final report should be in English.

ii. **Any person engaged in the research project/study shall not be treated as a employee of the NIDM in any manner. The responsibility of engaging any person under the research project will be of PI & his/her institution only.**

iii. There should not be any duplication/overlapping with the evaluation studies carried out by any Government Agency or any Institution/ Organization/NGO.

iv. The Institution or the Principal Investigator or their research staff associated with the project/study shall not share the data collected for the assigned research study with any other person/organization without the prior approval of the NIDM. The research study shall not be

used by the Principal Investigator or his Research Associates or anybody else for the preparation of any doctoral thesis/ dissertation or for attainment of any other degree/diploma or publication(s) without the prior approval of the NIDM.

v. The Institution or the PI shall make suitable arrangements for the safe custody of raw data and other documents related to the study for a period of five years after completion of the research project/study. NIDM may ask for perusal/review of raw or processed data at any time.

vi. In case of non-compliance of terms and conditions as laid down in the approval letter, or in case of the unsatisfactory progress of the work, the project/study may be cancelled at any time. The concerned organization will have to bear all responsibilities regarding any discrepancy and irregularity in the funding with respect to the approved project/study.

vii. It is important for the PI and their institution to maintain open communication with NIDM throughout the duration of the project.

viii. In case of change of institution of PI, they would be required to submit an NOC from both former parent university/institution, and the current institution where the PI has joined.

ix. Applicants shall not resubmit a proposal that has previously been submitted to NIDM.

x. An applicant may submit only one proposal under this call.

xi. An applicant proposing to serve as the Principal Investigator (PI) in a project shall not be eligible to serve as a Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI) in any other project submitted to NIDM under the same call.

xii. The hazard/theme proposed in the application must be selected from the list provided on Page 2. Applicants may select only one hazard/theme.

LIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED WITH APPLICATION

i. Duly-filled application form (Annexure-I)

ii. Curriculum vitae of Principal investigator and team members *(maximum 2 pages each including educational qualifications, employment history, projects undertaken, if any; recent peer-reviewed publications, and any other relevant information)*

iii. Any other documents in support of application

One soft copy (as a single PDF document) of the required documents in the requisite format should be sent by email to researchiuin.nidm@nidm.gov.in and one hard copy by post (Speed/Registered post) to the following address:

Executive Director,

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT,
(Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India),
Plot no. 15, Pocket-3, Block-B, Sector-29, Rohini, Delhi -110042

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ANNEXURE-I

APPLICATION FORM

RESEARCH PROJECT/STUDY ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT: INNOVATION & ACTION RESEARCH

PART A

Details of Principal Investigator/Co-Investigator(s)/Institution

I. Name of Principal Investigator:

II. Designation and Name of organization:

III. Years of experience:

IV. Type of employment *(regular/contractual/ad hoc/guest/deputation/other)*:

V. Highest educational qualification and specialization

VI. Website of parent organization/institution/university:

VII. Type of institution: Government/Private/NGO/Other *(Please specify)*

VIII. Level of institution: International/national/state/other *(Please specify):*

IX. Address of institution:

X. Affiliating body:

XI. Whether institution is a member of IUINDRR-NIDM: *Yes/No/Not applicable*

XII. IUINDRR-NIDM membership no.*(if applicable):*

XIII. Number of projects presently being handled by applicant *(if any)*:

XIV. Details of Co-Investigator(s):

S.No.	**Name**	**Designation**	**Department**	**Institution**	**Email id and contact no.**

XV. Email id:

XVI. Contact number:

PART B
Details of Proposed Research Project/Study

I. Project/study topic

II. Research area (as per list on page 2)

III. Abstract *(max 300 words)*

IV. Objective *(max 4 points)*

V. Rationale of the project/study *(500 words)*

VI. Methodology (*300 words*)

VII. Scalability and relevance of the project/study in the field of DRR *(100 words)*

VII. Usefulness for State and District level *(200 words)*

VIII. Relevance and expected outcomes *(300 words)*

IX. Estimated duration of proposed project/study:

Proposed schedule

Period of project/study	Achievable targets
6 Months	
12 Months	
18 Months	
24 Months	

Total estimated cost of proposed project/study:

Financial component

S. No.	Cost Head	Financial estimate

Signature of PI

Signature of Co-Investigator(s) **Signature and Seal of Head of Institution**

ANNEXURE-II

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ACCEPTANCE LETTER

AWARD OF NIDM RESEARCH PROJECT/STUDY ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT: INNOVATION & ACTION RESEARCH FOR F.Y. _____

To,

The Executive Director
National Institute of Disaster Management,
(Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India),
Plot no. 15, Pocket-3, Block-B, Sector-29, Rohini, Delhi -110042

With reference to NIDM's award/sanction letter ……., dated…….. for the Research project/study on the topic……, the undersigned as a PI/Co-PI*(tick applicable)* accept all the Terms and Conditions of the Research Project/Study on Disaster Management: Innovation & Action Research of NIDM for the F.Y. 20….- 20…...

The date of registration to the research project/study is ..... The account details of the parent university/institution are ……for receiving of research grant during the tenure and a copy of the same is attached herewith along with KYC.

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that I shall comply with all the conditions of the Research Project/Study on Disaster Management: Innovation & Action Research as specified in the detailed Terms of Reference. I may be liable to legal action and return of grant amount in case of misconduct/ non-completion or non-submission of research deliverables to the NIDM. Further, I submit that the details & information given in the Research Project/Study proposal are true & factual.

Verified by

Signature of PI/Co-PI
Date:

Accounts Officer of parent institution

Seal/Signature of Registrar

ANNEXURE-III

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BI-ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR RESEARCH PROJECT/STUDY

1. **Project/study title:**
2. **PI** *(name and affiliation):*
3. **Co-PI(s)** *(name and affiliation):*
4. **Start date of project/study:**
5. **Duration of project/study:**
6. **Time Elapsed:**
7. **Interim modifications to objectives/methodology** *(with justification)***:**
8. **Detailed progress of work carried out during the period _____to _____** *(max 2 pages):*
9. **Research work which remains to be done under the project/study:**

Period of project/study	Achievable targets
Next 6 Months	
Next 12 Months	
Next 18 Months	

10. **Financial component- Utilization of fund with justification** *(max 1 page):*
11. **Requirements and remarks** *(if any):*
12. **Publication on related subject** *(if any):*

Sign of PI and Co-PI(s)

Sign and seal of Head of Institution

ANNEXURE-IV

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INCEPTION REPORT

Suggestive Format for List of Contents

1. Introduction

    i. Background
    ii. Problem statement

2. Objectives and principal research question
3. Scope of project
4. Stakeholders
5. Approach, methodology, and activities
6. Timeline and delivery schedule
7. Planning and reporting mechanism
8. Research team
9. Assumptions, risks, dependencies
10. References

Best Ph.D. Thesis Ranking in Disaster Studies

Terms of Reference

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Website: https://nidm.gov.in/

NIDM Best Ph.D. Thesis Ranking is Disaster Studies (DRR)
Theme: Earthquake- Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery

1. Objective

The primary goal of the Best Ph.D. Thesis Ranking in Disaster Studies is to encourage and promote impactful research in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) within India. By recognizing outstanding research efforts, the National
Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India, seeks to advance the knowledge base and implementation practices in DRR, fostering innovation and scalability in research that supports both government and non-government DRR stakeholders.

2. Thematic Focus

The theme for F.Y. 2026-27 is **Earthquake- Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery,** for Commemoration of 25 years of the Bhuj Earthquake (Gujarat) of 2001, aligning with the growing importance of mitigating risks in these domains within DRR frameworks.

3. Award Details

This award is presented annually and includes the following recognitions:

- **Framed Certificates** for the top-ranked theses (1st, 2nd, and 3rd).
- **National-Level Recognition**.
- **Publication Opportunity** for the 1st ranked thesis in 'Book' format by NIDM, providing a significant platform for disseminating key findings.

4. Special Conditions for the 1st Ranked Thesis

- **Book Authorship**: If mutually agreed upon, NIDM faculty or state officials may collaborate as co-authors in the publication of the first-ranked thesis, subject to approval by the Competent Authority and the Scholar's written consent.
- **Authorship Rights**: Authorship will remain with the Scholar and Guide, based on mutual consent.
- **Scalability**: The outcomes of the thesis may be considered for policy advocacy and addressing disaster-related concerns at the state and district levels.

5. Eligibility Criteria

Nominees must meet the following eligibility conditions:

- **PhD Status**: Nominees should have completed their PhD (submitted their thesis) within the last two years from the start date of the call for nominations.
- **Research Publications:** At least two research papers related to the thesis topic, published in high-impact National or International journals.
- **Nomination Submission:** Nominations must be formally submitted with a signed endorsement by the Nominee's Supervisor or the Head of their institution/university.

7. Nomination Proposal Requirements (List of required documents)

Each nomination proposal should include:

- **Nomination Form** (max. 2 pages): A concise statement by the Nominator (Nominee's Supervisor or HoD/Head of institution), detailing the Nominee's theoretical and practical contributions **(as per format in Annexure)**.
- **Curriculum Vitae** (max. 2 pages): A summary of the Nominee's academic and research achievements.
- **Synopsis of the Dissertation** (max. 3 pages): Including the research objectives and key outcomes.
- **Completion Confirmation**: Official documentation confirming the dissertation's completion date.
- **Recommendation Letter**: Official letter from the Head/Dean/Vice-Chancellor of the institution, university, or department.

8. Selection Process

The Theses will be evaluated based on:

- **Scientific Quality**: **Scientific rigor, technical quality, and potential for the research findings to be applied or scaled by DRR/DRM stakeholders.**
- **Originality and Clarity: Original contributions to DRR knowledge and clarity of thesis.**
- **Compliance: Adherence to UGC guidelines and standards.**
- **Presentation: Shortlisted candidates may be called for presentation before the expert committee.**

Note: The members of IUINDRR-NIDM will be given priority (list of members is available at: https://iuin-drr.nidm.gov.in/MemberList), and self-nominations will not be considered.

9. Submission Timeline and Additional Notes

- **Submission Period**: 15 July to 31 August 2026 **(Date Extended Till: 30th September 2026)**
- **How to Submit:** One soft copy (as a single PDF document) of the required documents in the requisite format should be sent by email to researchiuin.nidm@nidm.gov.in and one hard copy by post (Speed/Registered post) to the following address:

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Special notes:

1. Copy of PhD thesis is not required to be shared at the time of application.
2. The final decision for the Best Thesis Ranking rests with the NIDM, whose decision will be final and binding.

10. Terms and Condition for Publication

The following terms and conditions govern the Award and the publication process:

i. The published book shall be the property of NIDM.
ii. The awardee shall be the sole author of the publication or as per mutual consent of awardee and NIDM.
iii. For publication in book form, NIDM may engage an external reviewer/subject expert, and publication shall be subject to the reviewer's approval and incorporation of comments.
iv. The student agrees to convert the doctoral thesis into book form in accordance with the standard format prescribed by NIDM.
v. The book shall be developed in a practitioner-oriented format suitable for use by States/UTs/Districts and other disaster management stakeholders for disaster risk reduction (DRR).
vi. The zero draft shall be submitted within the 6 months of the date of acceptance letter for further review by NIDM expert.

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Annexure

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NIDM Best Thesis Ranking Nomination Form

1. **Name:** **2. Name of Department and Institution:**

3. Whether institution is UGC recognised: **4. Ph.D. Supervisor (& Co-supervisor):**

5. PhD enrolment no.:

6. Date of Ph.D. award:

7. Title of the Ph.D. Thesis:

8. Area(s) of Ph.D. Research:

9. Present Occupation details (designation & official address): E-mail: **Mobile:**

10. **Enumerate in what way the results and outcomes presented in the thesis have made an original contribution towards Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) (max: 1 Page and 200 words in bullets as far as possible)**
11. **SCI Publications emanating only from the Ph.D. thesis-work:**

Sl. No.	Publication Title	Journal, Vol., Year, page Nos., DOI, etc	Authors (underline scholar's name)	Journal Impact Factor *	Citations (If any)
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e-copies of the PUBLICATIONS SHOULD BE ATTACHED (in case of only accepted publications, please attach the acceptance letter along with the manuscript)

12. **Details of patents/technology transfer/copyright emanating from the Ph.D. thesis-work:**

Signature of supervisor **Signature and seal of head of the institution**

I understand that if my application is found to be incomplete in any respect or contains any incorrect information, the same will be rejected summarily, and no correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

(Signature of the Student with date)