

**CENTRE FOR STUDIES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES, CALCUTTA**  
R-1, Baishnabghata Patuli Township, Kolkata 700094

***ADMISSION TO RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAMME (RTP) 2024-25***

***INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS SHEET***

NOTE: DETAILS ABOUT THE RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAMME (RTP) ARE AVAILABLE IN THE 2024-25 PROSPECTUS

**Eligibility**

1. Candidates must have at least Masters degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Masters degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 50% marks in aggregate or its equivalent letter grade.
2. Candidates whose final semester examinations or results of the Masters degree are pending are **NOT** eligible to apply for the Research Training Programme. Candidates **must have a Master's degree to be eligible for application.**

**Application Process**

3. Application forms are available online at the CSSSC's website.
4. Application should include:
  - i. Application form – fill out and send as pdf.
  - ii. Writing sample of 3000-4000 words (in English): This must be a piece of academic writing written entirely by the applicant on any topic of their interest.
  - iii. Statement of purpose/research interests of 500 to 1000 words (in English): This could be a statement of the final research project that the applicant intends to undertake in the RTP or a general statement of their own research interests.
  - iv. Post-graduate mark sheet (self-attested copy) – scanned
  - v. All the four (04) documents may be scanned (**not photographed**) and sent preferably as a **single** pdf document (that is, the pages may be stitched or merged).
5. **All four documents must be emailed to [rtp.cssscal@gmail.com](mailto:rtp.cssscal@gmail.com)**

**Note: Late applications and incomplete forms or forms without all supporting documents may be disqualified.**

**6. Schedule of Application and Admission Process**

Deadline for application (midnight) – **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Shortlist of candidates to be called for interview – **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024**

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Interviews – **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Final list of selected and wait listed candidates – **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Admission (1<sup>st</sup> list) – **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> & Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Admission (Wait list, depending on seat availability) – **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Orientation – **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024**

1<sup>st</sup> day of class – **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

Date: 07.05.2024

Registrar