

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

***ADMISSION TO RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAMME (RTP) 2025-26***

***INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS SHEET***

NOTE: DETAILS ABOUT THE RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAMME (RTP) ARE AVAILABLE IN THE 2025-26 PROSPECTUS

**Eligibility**

1. Candidates must have at least a Masters degree in any discipline 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. Students who are appearing for their final exams in the Masters or awaiting their results can also apply for RTP 2025-26 provided they are able to provide proof of their result and of the fulfillment of eligibility criteria at the time of admission. Please note that even if selected, candidates will be admitted only if they have **at least a provisional mark sheet of their Masters at the time of admission and fulfill the eligible requirement of 50 percent marks.**

**Application Process**

3. Application forms are available online on 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. This must be sent as an MS Word document with word count included. **Please note that if the writing sample is found to exceed the designated length, the application will be immediately rejected and not be considered for shortlisting.**
  - iii. Statement of purpose/research interests of **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 the trajectory of their own research interests. This must be sent in the same MS Word document as the writing sample, with word count included. **Please note that if the statement is found to exceed the designated length, the application will be immediately rejected and not be considered for shortlisting.**
  - iv. Post-graduate marksheet (self-attested copy) – scanned
  - v. Application form and post-graduate marksheet may be scanned (**not photographed**) and sent preferably as a single pdf document (that is, the pages may be stitched or merged). Writing sample and statement of purpose/research interests must be sent as an MS Word document with word counts given separately for each.


5. All four documents must be emailed to [rtp.cssscal@gmail.com](mailto:rtp.cssscal@gmail.com) in the format given above (Pdf document containing form and marksheet; MS Word document containing writing sample and statement of purpose/research interests). Please note that all attachments must have the name of the applicant in the file name.

**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) – **Tuesday, 3rd June 2025**
- Shortlist of candidates to be called for interview – **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025**
- Interviews – **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025**
- Final list of selected and wait listed candidates – **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025**
- Admission (1<sup>st</sup> list) – **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> & Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025**
- Admission (Wait list, depending on seat availability) – **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025**
- Orientation – **Friday 1st August 2025**
- 1<sup>st</sup> day of class – **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

Date: 05.05.2025

  
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