

ADMISSIONS

2025 - 2026

Why Join PIDE?

- ✓ Established in 1957, PIDE is Pakistan's autonomous research hub for economics and social sciences, conducting theoretical and empirical research
- ✓ A leading institution for theoretical and empirical research in economics and social sciences in Pakistan.
- ✓ Its research informs economic policymaking and showcases social science research in Pakistan globally, providing students with a unique learning environment.
- ✓ As a Degree-Awarding Institute since 2006, PIDE offers affordable, high-quality education in a stimulating environment.
- ✓ Internationally recognized for its research and world-class degree programs (Economics, Finance, Econometrics, etc.) over the past 68 years.

Why Join PIDE for a Postgraduate Degree ?



Work Study Program (WSP)

An initiative designed to bridge the gap between academia and practical policy work. It offers PhD scholars the opportunity to gain real-world experience by engaging with Ministries, Industries, and Organizations (MIOs) to address real-world economic challenges. Scholars engaged via WSP receive a monthly stipend of PKR 80,000/-



Fee Neutral Admission- Deserving

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Merit Scholarship

The high achievers are offered a Merit scholarship to acknowledge their hard work.



Learn from the Best Minds

Study under the guidance of leading economists and researchers who are actively shaping Pakistan's development agenda.



Engage in Rigorous Academic Programs

Benefit from intellectually stimulating and comprehensive degree programs designed to equip you with strong analytical and research skills.



Participate in Cutting-Edge Research

Get opportunities to be involved in ongoing research projects, gaining hands-on experience in addressing real-world economic issues.



Access Comprehensive Economic Research Resources

Utilise PIDE's extensive library resources, modern facilities, and vibrant academic community to enhance your learning experience.



Gain Insights into Policy Making

Understand the intricate processes of economic policy formulation and implementation in Pakistan.



Prepare for Impactful Careers in Policy and Research

Equip yourself with the knowledge and skills necessary for impactful careers in government, international organisations, research institutions, and the private sector. With alumni placed in renowned institutions like the World Bank, IMF, State Bank, MoPD&SI and other government ministries and organizations, PIDE offers unmatched career development.



Develop Strong Analytical Skills

Hone your critical thinking, quantitative analysis, and problem-solving abilities, essential for a successful career in economics and related fields.



Network with Future Leaders

Connect with a diverse cohort of talented and motivated students who will become your future colleagues and collaborators.



Explore Diverse Fields of Economics

Discover and specialise in areas of economics that align with your interests, from macroeconomics to development economics and beyond, including but not limited to Data Science, Climate Change Resilience, Financial Technology (Fin-Tech), and Governance & Public Policy.



Be Part of a Prestigious Institution

Join a renowned institution with a long history of contributing to economic thought and policy in Pakistan. The students can also become part of the ongoing research projects and gain practical experience.

Why Join PIDE School of Policy, Development and Governance (PSPDG) ?

PSPDG is an interdisciplinary school imparting knowledge on contemporary Public Policy Issues and Development Challenges.

- PSPDG is pioneering knowledge on Pakistan's public policy, management practice and development practice and praxis. The program offers degrees in MS Management Sciences, MPhil Public Policy and MPhil Development Studies.
- PSPDG will also initiate PhD in Public Policy and Governance and PhD in Development Studies in Fall 2025,
- PSPDG alumni have secured key posts in governmental and non-governmental organizations.
- PSPDG alumni serving in international universities such as the University of New South Wales and national universities such as PIDE, Information Technology University, LUMS, Habib University and University of Management and Technology.
- PSPDG alumni serving NEPRA, PEMRA, BISP, Ministry of Planning, Reforms and Special Initiatives, Regional Planning and Development Departments, and the Punjab Civil Secretariat.
- PSPDG students are also working in the development sector such as the Islamic Relief Fund, the World Bank, and CARE Foundation, among others.

- **Professionalism:** Market-led course contents that create professional opportunities for students.
- **Classical and Contemporary Debates:** Knowledge about classical and critical development theory & practice.
- **Graduate Training:** Training graduates to evaluate & address economic, social, environmental and political issues that impact daily life.
- **Analytical Rigor:** Analytical & methodological focus in identifying local issues & devising local, indigenous & culturally relativistic policy actions.
- **Didactic Engagement:** Academic conversations, debates & community engagement towards producing high-quality theses.
- **Employability:** Graduates who can excel in research (both academic and market), government & non-governmental, as well as international Development sector.
- **Contemporary Debates:** Graduates equipped with contemporary debates in Development Studies to take theoretical, pragmatic, epistemological & ontological positions regarding Development practice.
- **Policy Knowledge:** Graduates imparted pragmatic knowledge about development policy & key actors in its framing, policy formulation & implementation.
- **Dialogue and Debate:** The graduates articulate opinions on national and international forums, on gender, climate change, institutions, inequality, elite capture, growth & poverty.

Scholarships **offered**



In-house Scholarships

- ▢ WSP
- ▢ Fee Neutral Admissions
- ▢ Merit Based Scholarship
- ▢ Involvement of PIDE's students in projects.



External Scholarships

- ▢ KPK Endowment Fund
- ▢ Punjab Education Endowment
- ▢ NEST Scholarship
- ▢ Pakistan Bait Ul Mal Scholarship
- ▢ Prime Minister Fee Reimbursement Scheme
- ▢ Prime Minister Laptop Scheme
- ▢ HEC scholarships

Launching PhD in Public Policy and Governance and PhD in Development Studies

Building on the success of its MPhil programs, particularly MPhil Public Policy and MPhil Development Studies, PIDE proudly announces the PhD in Development Studies and PhD in Public Policy and Governance.

Why PhD in Development Studies at PIDE?

Development Studies is a dynamic, interdisciplinary field that explores complex social, economic, and political challenges in the Global South. The PhD program at PIDE aims to train a new generation of scholars who can analyze and address issues such as poverty, inequality, climate change, and governance through rigorous research and policy engagement.

Why PhD in Public Policy and Governance at PIDE?

In today's rapidly evolving governance landscape, there is a growing demand for experts who can deliver research-based, context-specific solutions. The PhD in Public Policy and Governance at PIDE is designed for academics, practitioners, and policymakers seeking advanced expertise in public sector governance, institutional reform, and evidence-based policymaking.

Admission Timeline

- **Program Launch:** Fall 2025
- **Admissions Opening:** Prospective applicants are encouraged to apply and express their interest in advance, subject to formal approval.

MPhil and PhD Public Policy

- **Skilled Professionals:** Highly skilled public policy professionals with a comprehensive understanding of policy challenges.
- **Local Policy Frameworks:** People-centric and local public policy frameworks for change.
- **Criticality:** Critical review of existing policy nomenclature and prescribe home-led policy solutions.
- **Theory and Practice:** Quality education by integrating theoretical knowledge & practical skills in public policymaking & implementation.
- **Ecosystem:** Collaborative ecosystem conducive to student learning, dialogue and engagement.
- **Evaluative Frameworks:** Comprehensive understanding of public policy frameworks, processes, implementation strategies & evaluation techniques.
- **Professionalism:** Professional engagement with the stakeholders involved in policy-making processes.
- **Problem Solving:** Problem-solving skills to devise innovative and effective policy solutions.
- **Out-of-box Learning:** Through unorthodox learning, graduates engage with stakeholders entitling institutional positions who play critical roles in policymaking.

MPhil and PhD Development Studies

- **Criticality:** Vibrant human resources equipped with criticality and local knowledge that contribute to development practice.
- **Contextual Knowledge:** Case studies from South Asia & the meanings people and local communities attribute to development practice in those cases.

Alumni Testimonials

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Being a student of Development Economics, the scope of applying the concepts to Public Policy fascinated me to grasp the concepts of the subjects and the intricacies of its applications. This enabled me to chalk out the right strategy, and today I work at the State Bank of Pakistan, chalking out policies for the betterment of the financial industry. The learning eco-system at PIDE is cooperative yet competitive, and that is what has helped me grow in my professional life.

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Ana Khattak

Assistant Director, State Bank of Pakistan

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PIDE is different in the sense that it encourages debate. In parallel, what I learned as a student back then is that the conversation ought not to be around “should”, rather it must be around “how”. This approach challenged our minds to think out of the box. PIDE is a jackpot of opportunities. It lets you grow and make your profile.

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Saddam Hussein

Assistant Chief (Policy), PIDE

