



## Eligibility Criteria

Candidates possessing MPhil or equivalent degree in Public Policy, Development Studies, Economics, Agricultural Economics, Environmental Economics, Health Economics, Economics and Finance, Econometrics, Business Administration, Demography, Mathematics, Statistics or Computer Science from an HEC recognized university/institution with at least a first division (annual system) or CGPA of 3.00 out of 4.00 (in the semester system or equivalent) shall be eligible to apply for admission.



Duration

**3 Years** minimum **8 Years** maximum



Total credit hours

**66**



Course work

**18**



Thesis

**48**

Admission Timeline

**Program Launch: Fall 2025**

**Final HEC NOC: In progress**

**Admissions Opening: Prospective applicants are encouraged to apply and express their interests in advance, subject to formal approval.**



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## PIDE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Interdisciplinary School Imparting Knowledge on Contemporary Public Policy Issues and Development Challenges.



PSSS 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.



PSSS is venturing into starting a PhD in Public Policy and Governance and a PhD in Development Studies program.



PSSS alumni have secured key posts in governmental and non-governmental organizations.



PSSS 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.



PSSS alumni serving NEPRA, PEMRA, BISP, Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Regional Planning and Development Departments, and Punjab Civil Secretariat.



PSSS students are also working in the development sector, such as the Islamic Relief Fund, the World Bank, and CARE Foundation, among others.

## PSSS Faculty



**Dr. Hafsa Hina**  
Head of the Program  
International Finance & Applied Econometrics



**Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad**  
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Public Economics & Fiscal  
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**Dr. Muhammad  
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Public Sector Management,  
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Assistant Professor  
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**Dr. Anjeela Khurram**  
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Marketing Management,  
Brand Management, &  
Social Policy



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## 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.

## Program Aims and Objectives

The PhD in Development Studies aims to:

- ✔ Impart structured and contextual knowledge about key development challenges.
- ✔ Foster high-quality, policy-relevant research on development issues indigenous to Pakistan.
- ✔ Strengthen student-industry linkages and facilitate collaboration with policymakers and practitioners.
- ✔ Develop a culture of academic debates and dialogue to enhance critical thinking and intellectual engagement.
- ✔ Equip students with advanced research methodologies to conduct interdisciplinary and applied research.
- ✔ Encourage participatory and rights-based approaches in development research and practice.

## Core Courses

- ✔ Research Methodology
- ✔ Design Thinking and Critical Thought
- ✔ Judgement and Decision Making with Data

## Optional courses from the specialized fields of

- ✔ Socio-cultural Dimensions of Development
- ✔ Power, Governance and Development
- ✔ Political Economy of Development Poverty and Inequality

# Introducing 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 upcoming launch of the PhD in Development Studies and PhD in Public Policy and Governance. This program has received principal approval by the Board of Studies, with NOC from the Higher Education Commission (HEC) in process.

## 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.

## Program Aims and Objectives

The PhD in Public Policy and Governance aims to:

- ✔ Develop high-level research skills to explore public policy challenges in Pakistan and beyond.
- ✔ Enhance students' ability to conduct rigorous policy analysis using modern research techniques.
- ✔ Foster an environment for critical thinking and evidence-based policymaking.
- ✔ Equip graduates with the necessary expertise to influence and improve public sector governance.
- ✔ Strengthen the pipeline of highly qualified policy researchers and professionals in Pakistan.
- ✔ Build advanced research skills to tackle complex public policy issues
- ✔ Promote critical thinking and policy innovation
- ✔ Train future leaders in public administration, academia, and international development
- ✔ Provide a platform for influencing real-world policy reforms in Pakistan

## Core Courses

- ✔ Research Methodology
- ✔ Design Thinking and Critical Thought
- ✔ Judgement and Decision Making with Data

## Optional courses from the specialized fields of

- ✔ Public Finance and Development
- ✔ Social Sector and Urban Development
- ✔ Governance and Public Sector