



**School of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Mandi**  
**Advertisement for admission in M.A. in Development Studies**

IIT Mandi invites applications from interested candidates for admission to the two-year M.A. in Development Studies program starting from August 2020. Candidates may fill in the online application form at <http://oas.iitmandi.ac.in/admission>

**Eligibility Criteria for Application**

- i. Candidates with Bachelor Degree (e.g. B.A./B.Com/B.Sc. in Economics, Sociology, Anthropology, History, Political Sciences, Public Policy, Environmental Science or equivalent discipline; or B.Tech. /B.E. or equivalent) from a recognized University.
- ii. Candidates should have secured at least 55% marks (or 6.0 CGPA on a scale 10) in their qualifying examination to apply for admission to the program. Relaxation of marks/grades, as per institute rules, is available to candidates belonging to reserved categories.
- iii. Applicants awaiting final results in the qualifying exam with results awaited are also eligible to apply. However, their final selection will be contingent on the production of final mark / grade sheet satisfying minimum marks.

**Mode of Selection**

- The list of all shortlisted candidates will be notified on IIT Mandi website. No separate letter/email communication will be sent individually.
- **In normal times, shortlisted candidates appear for a written test followed by an interview. Due to COVID-19, there are several uncertainties, particularly with regard to travel. If there are any changes in the mode of selection, the shortlisted candidates will be communicated at the time of shortlisting.**

## **Schedule**

- Starting date for filling online application: 20th April 2020
- Last date for submitting online application: 15th May 2020
- Date of written test and interview: will be announced

## **Information to the Candidates**

For further information, write to [shssoffice@iitmandi.ac.in](mailto:shssoffice@iitmandi.ac.in). Queries related to the online application form may be addressed to [oassupport@iitmandi.ac.in](mailto:oassupport@iitmandi.ac.in).

Candidates shall make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation to attend the written test and interview. No TA/DA will be provided by the institute.

## **Special Features of the Program**

- Multi-disciplinary approach, foregrounding issues and challenges of development in the Himalayan region.
- A combination of rigorous and relevant courses with exposure to real-world development challenges.
- Understanding the basic scientific and technological underpinnings of developmental challenges and their existing solutions.
- A mandatory field study component to understand the laboratory of Development Studies.
- Participatory research through components of dissertation/guided internship.
- Ability to communicate results to a range of stakeholders, including academia, professionals in policy making and implementation, local communities etc.