

Certificate Programme on  
**Frontiers of  
Development Research**

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A SIX-DAY FOUNDATION PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO  
ENHANCE YOUR RESEARCH COMPETENCIES



**November 28 - December 3, 2016**  
IFMR, SRI CITY CAMPUS, CHITTOOR

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For over a decade, the Institute for Financial Management and Research (IFMR) has been at the forefront of development research in South Asia. The IFMR ecosystem boasts of a network of eminent institutions and academicians that are pushing the frontiers of development policy and practice in the region. In its quest to promote excellence and rigor in development research, the Institute for Financial Management and Research (IFMR) is pleased to announce a Certificate Programme on 'Frontiers of Development Research'.

### **About the Programme**

With the growing importance of evidence in the field of development, competency in research methods has emerged as a vital skillset in the repertoire of professionals. The 'Certificate Programme on Frontiers of Development Research' is our endeavor to provide researchers and practitioners rigorous hands-on training in research methods and techniques. The broad objectives of the programme are to enrich participants' understanding of contemporary development issues and build their capacity to address these issues through rigorous research.

### **Programme Objectives**

- Build competencies essential for generating and using evidence in academia, policymaking, and practice
- Develop capacity to identify knowledge gaps and frame research questions in a broader development context
- Build a foundation in qualitative and quantitative research methods commonly used in applied development research
- Develop a critical understanding of the applications of alternative research methods and their combinations in the quest for evidence
- To offer a platform for interaction, networking and knowledge dissemination among scholars and researchers working on development issues in India and explore collaborative research opportunities within the development ecosystem

### **Content**

The curriculum of the programme has been designed keeping in mind the applications of research and evidence to different arenas of professional life. Thematic areas include:

- Emerging issues in Development
- Doing development research using secondary data: NSSO data extraction, Open Government Data in India and so on
- Statistics & data analysis for development studies

# About IFMR

Established in 1970, the Institute for Financial Management and Research (IFMR), is a leading academic institution in India. In its four-decade long existence, IFMR has established itself as a premier educational institution in the country, and has been recognized as an Institution of National Importance by the Ministry of Finance, by Government of India and as a Scientific and Industrial Research Organization by (SIRO) Government of India. IFMR currently offers full-time and part-time PGDM programmes, a Ph.D programme as well as both open and customised management development programmes. Our dedicated research centre, IFMR LEAD, conducts high-quality scalable action research and outreach on development issues relevant to South Asia, in collaboration with academicians from leading universities across the world. The IFMR ecosystem also hosts the Abdul Lateef Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) South Asia, the Centre for Digital Financial Inclusion (CDFI), and Catalyst.

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- Qualitative research tools for development research
- Writing research proposals for seeking funding

### Resource Persons

The course curriculum has been developed under the guidance of a highly accomplished organizing committee and will be delivered by a team of leading academicians and researchers from IFMR B-School, IFMR LEAD, ISI-Kolkata and NSSO. The team brings first-hand experience in leading primary and secondary research projects across a range of thematic areas in developing countries. Members of the organizing committee include: Prof. K R Shanmugam (IFMR B-School), Prof. Lakshmi Kumar (IFMR B-School), Prof. Madhuri Saripalle (IFMR B-School), Prof. Jyoti Prasad Mukhopadhyay (IFMR B-School), Ms. Sharon Buteau (Executive Director, IFMR LEAD)

### Pedagogy

The teaching methodology of the programme is a unique blend of theoretical and experiential learning, which is grounded in real-world cases and examples. It is designed to equip participants with the scientific principles and tools used extensively in applied development research. The programme offers a dynamic learning environment that encourages free exchange of knowledge and ideas among participants.

### Who Should Apply

Faculty members and independent researchers who conduct research on development topics pertaining to developing countries like India, senior management executives in charge of monitoring and evaluation of development programmes in NGOs and corporates, and other development practitioners.

### Eligibility Criteria

Since the programme will have limited seats, participants will be shortlisted by IFMR and selected participants will be notified in due time. Participants with a proven record of conducting development research will be given preference. All participants are expected to bring a laptop with Stata, SPSS, EViews etc. installed. Knowledge of basic statistics is a prerequisite for this programme.

### How to Apply

Interested candidates should fill in the registration form and send a scanned copy of the duly filled form along with a copy of

## Important Information & Dates

Venue: IFMR, Sri City campus, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh  
 Programme Dates : November 28- December 3, 2016

Course fee : INR 15,000

Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis till seats fill out.

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 or contact Ms. Shyamala S : 97910 09441

your latest CV to [fdr@ifmr.ac.in](mailto:fdr@ifmr.ac.in). You can also fill in the registration form online (see the link given below). Selected candidates will be notified by email and must register themselves by paying the registration fees through Demand Draft. Participants can also pay the registration fees online through NEFT and should mail the scan/printout of the payment details on to [fdr@ifmr.ac.in](mailto:fdr@ifmr.ac.in).

### Registration Details

1. To register offline, please fill out the enclosed registration form and send it to us along with the Demand Draft / Cheque.
2. To register online, [click here](#)

### Course Fee

The registration fee is INR 15,000 per participant. Scholarship up to 50% of course fee is available for deserving applicants. Applicants who require scholarship support must enclose his/her recent CV and a letter of support from the parent institution stating that the applicant will not receive any funding support from the institution to participate in this programme. Registration fee includes campus accommodation at IFMR's Sri City campus, lunch, refreshments, programme kit and course materials, and a certificate on completion of the course. Registration fees can be paid either through Demand Draft drawn in favor of "Institute for Financial Management and Research", payable in Chennai or through online transfers using NEFT.

## NEFT Transactions

**Beneficiary Name : INSTITUTE FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH**

**Bank Branch : ICICI BANK, 39 Nelson Manickam Road, Chennai-600029.**

**Account no : 027601000294**

**RTGS/ NEFT code : ICIC0000276**

While making the online fund transfer, please mention <your name> FDR FEE (e.g. Ram FDR FEE) in the transaction remarks field. After making the online fund transfer please mail scanned/printout of the payment details on or before the deadline to [fdr@ifmr.ac.in](mailto:fdr@ifmr.ac.in)

## Demand Drafts

Drawn in favor of "Institute for Financial Management and Research", payable in Chennai.

Demand draft along with a hard copy of the filled in registration form should be sent to:

The Coordinator, Certificate Programme on Frontiers of Development Research

Institute for Financial Management and Research,

24, Kothari Road, Numgambakkam, Chennai 600034

## Travel and Accommodation

Participants will have to make their own travel arrangements and travel expenses will not be reimbursable. All participants will be provided accommodation on single occupancy basis at the IFMR Sri City campus for the duration of the programme.

## Certification

On completion of the programme, participants will receive a certificate of participation from IFMR.

## Contact Us

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