



CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY

[A State University accredited with A++ Grade by NAAC (CGPA 3.59) in the 4th Cycle
under Dual Mode, Graded as Category-I University by UGC]

Karaikudi – 630 003, Tamil Nadu, India



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Ten Days Research Methodology Course for M.Phil/Ph.D/ PDF Scholars in Social Sciences

18 -27 March 2026

(Offline Mode)



Introduction

The pursuit of advanced research degrees (M.Phil./Ph.D./PDF) demands rigorous training in research methodology to ensure the production of high-quality academic work. However, many emerging scholars in the social sciences face challenges in accessing structured methodological training, limiting their potential for scholarly contribution. To address this gap, the Centre for Women's Studies, Alagappa University, Karaikudi Tamil Nadu, is organizing an ICSSR Sponsored Ten-Days Research Methodology Course from 18th to 27th March 2026. This course aims to enhance the research and academic writing skills of M.Phil./Ph.D./PDF scholars, equipping them to become effective researchers and future academicians. The Course will provide comprehensive training in research design, data collection techniques, statistical analysis, and academic writing. Participants will also receive hands-on experience with research software, enabling them to conduct high-quality research and produce publishable work.

About Alagappa University

Alagappa University has emerged from the galaxy of institutions initially founded during 1950`s by the Padma Bhushan Dr. RM. Alagappa Chettiar (06.04.1909 - 05.04.1957). It was brought into existence by a Special Act of the Government of Tamil Nadu in May 1985 with the objective of fostering research, development and dissemination of knowledge in various branches of learning. It is a State Government University established by an Act of the Tamil Nadu State Legislature in 1985 as Unitary type; later became Affiliating type during 2002. Alagappa University is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India. The University is situated at Karaikudi, in the State of Tamil Nadu. Alagappa University's campus sprawls across 435.98 Acres of lush land, (428.15 acres in Main Campus and and 7.83 acres in Thondi Campus) creating a highly secure, eco conscious and student friendly learning ambience. The University has 44 Departments, 3 Academic Centres and 2 Constituent Colleges (AUCE, AUCPE) on its campus. Through all modes of education, the University caters to the needs of the student community of around 1.12 lakhs. The University motto is "Excellence in Action " and the University keeps before it the vision of excellence in all spheres of its action.

About ICSSR

The Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) was set up by the government of India in 1969 as an autonomous organization in order to review, promote, encourage, assist and coordinate social science in the country. From its inception ICSSR was considered as one of the biggest achievements of Indian Democracy and it was conceived as premier national agency expanding Social Science Research, improving its quality and attempting to increase its utilization in policy formulation.

About the Centre of Women's Studies

The Centre for Women's Studies of Alagappa University was established in 1988 as the first University Grants Commission approved Centre in Tamil Nadu. The Centre plays quite significant role in facilitating the National Vision and mission of poverty reduction and removal of discrimination. The activities of the Centre are designed and directed to improve the status of women at all levels. The activities are channelled through Teaching, Training, Research, Field Action, Documentation, Publication, Dissemination and Advocacy, Seminars, Workshops, Networking & Coordinating with other Agencies. The Centre for Women's Studies published Indian Journal of Women's Studies annually since 2005 with ISSN.

Course Pedagogy

The course will employ a combination of lectures, software-based hands-on sessions, group work, assignments, and field activities.

Eligibility and Intake

- Open to M.Phil./Ph.D./PDF scholars enrolled in UGC-recognized Universities / Colleges / Deemed Universities / Institutes of National Importance and ICSSR-recognized institutions.
- A maximum of 30 participants from Social Science discipline will be selected (10 from hosting institution, 10 from within the state and 10 from outside the state)
- Selected candidates will be informed through email.

Certificate

Participants who successfully complete the Course and fulfil all requirements (including attendance and assignments) will receive a certificate of participation.

Registration Fee

There is no registration fee for the course.

Accommodation and Travel Allowance

- Accommodation will be provided only to outstation participants on sharing basis from 17th March, 2026 (Evening) to 28th March, 2026 (Morning).
- Food will be provided to all participants at free of cost.
- Travel allowance (for second/sleeper class train fare) will be reimbursed to outstation participants upon submission of original tickets, as per ICSSR guidelines.

How to Apply

- Interested Research Scholars requested to complete the online registration form for the RMC by using the following link: <https://forms.gle/t4dC8Dq2NxASQK9BA>
- Upload a scanned copy of the completed and signed registration form given at last page of the brochure.
- Bring the original hard copy on the first day of the Course.



Venue

The RMC will be conducted from 18th March, 2026 to 27th March, 2026 at Umayal Ramanathan Seminar Hall, Central Library, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu.

Important Dates

- Course Dates: 18th March 2026 - 27th March 2026
- Application Deadline: 5th March 2026
- List of Selected Candidates: 7th March 2026

Chief Patron



Hon. Col. Prof. G. Ravi D.Sc.
Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University

Patron



Prof. A. Senthil Rajan
Registrar, Alagappa University

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REGISTRATION FORM

1. Full Name (in Block Letters) : _____
2. Gender (Male / Female) : _____
3. Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY) : _____
4. Category (Gen/OBC/SC/ST) : _____
5. Program Enrolled (M.Phil/Ph.D/PDF) : _____
6. Date of Registration : _____
7. Topic of Research : _____
8. Post Graduation with Subject : _____
9. Present Status of Research Work : _____
(Synopsis/Review/Pilot Survey/Analysing Data/Writing Thesis)
10. University/College/Institute : _____
11. Address for Correspondence : _____
12. Mobile Number : _____
13. Email Id : _____
14. Accommodation Required? : Yes () No ()
15. Attended earlier ICSSR Course? : Yes () No ()
16. If Yes, Specify Details : _____

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I hereby submit my application form along with the brief synopsis of the research proposal (1000 word), Self - attested copy of Caste/Disability Certificate (If applicable) and duly forwarded Registration Letter.

Date : _____

Place : _____

Signature of Applicant

RECOMMENDED BY

RESEARCH SUPERVISOR

PRINCIPAL / DEAN / HOD