

Proposal for announcing seat under the Institute Internship Program

1. Name of faculty member proposing: **Dr Preeti Bhatt**
2. Department/Centre: **Humanities and Social Sciences**
3. Topic on which work is proposed: **Understanding Contemporary Social Issues
Empirically with Special Reference to Youth**
4. Preferred period of internship (after May 20th): **Between 20th May 2024 to 20th
August 2024**
5. Qualification of student (branch/semester of study): **UG/PG student of any discipline**
6. Brief description of work (300-500 words):

The thrust area of the proposed internship is to comprehensively identify, understand, and address contemporary social issues impacting youth. Through a mixed-method approach combining quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews, the proposed work aims to shed light on the most pressing social challenges faced by young people today, exploring their perceptions, experiences, and attitudes towards these issues. Furthermore, the research seeks to elucidate the multifaceted impact of these social issues on various aspects of youth's lives, including mental health, education, relationships, and civic engagement. By achieving these objectives, the research endeavours to provide empirical evidence that can inform intervention strategies, and support systems tailored to address the diverse needs and concerns of youth in contemporary society.

Although great advancements have been made recently in the technological sphere, progress in knowledge about social issues is disappointingly low. It is proposed to guide students to conduct qualitative empirical work on contemporary social issues which have direct impact on their lives. The current state of knowledge, attitude and practice of youth on basic institutions of society would be explored through different social aspects like marriage and family, gender, spirituality and religion, finance, and legal issues. It is important to understand the differential experience of young men and women on crucial social issues as their knowledge would have a direct bearing on the direction that our society would take in future. The dilemma between prevailing social ideology and the ideas of the transforming youth hits them in various ways socially and psychologically. These researches would enable to fill the gap between knowledge and practice.

The research would be aimed at understanding contemporary social issues through the lens of youth perspectives. By employing a mixed-method approach and by engaging youth participants directly, the research seeks to provide empirical insights that can inform policies and the challenges faced by young people in today's society and the

interventions needed to address them. The essence of this theme lies in understanding the attitude of the youth who have knowledge and positive attitude toward social issues, youth who are ready to acquire awareness, and youth who have not transformed in the changing times today.

7. Expected learning of student (upto 100 words):

The applicants would be acquainted with social research techniques of data collection and analysis and would learn interview techniques and rapport building. They would be trained to prepare interview schedules with open and closed-ended questions. The applicants would also gain experience of field study and report writing. The learning would include different steps of conducting a primary research study. This would comprise of review of literature, preparation and pre-testing of the tool, sampling, data collection, analysis of data, and report writing. Different referencing styles of documentation would also be introduced to the candidates.

8. Nature of work: (Experimental/simulation/mathematical modelling/data collection-analysis etc.): (upto 50 words)

The applicants would be required to conduct field study for data collection using questionnaire and interview schedule techniques. Applicants would be trained to analyse qualitative data to gain a comprehensive understanding of the subject. The idea behind this is to combine scientific and humanistic methods of understanding reality.

9. If the seat is under project sponsored category: **No**

a) If yes, number of seats announced: **NA**

b) Name and ID no. of project from which stipend is chargeable: **NA**

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