

# PhD Program 2023

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# From the Dean's Desk

Embarking on the path toward a PhD is a well-deliberated decision. It requires commitment and fortitude. The Kautilya School of Public Policy (KSPP) aspires to provide a fertile ground where motivated, multidisciplinary researchers undertake this demanding but rewarding endeavor.

Public Policy is an expansive field, encompassing a multitude of issues requiring critical evaluation and creative solutions. The impact of public policy research extends far beyond academia. It can mold the future, influence governmental decisions, and shape the societal fabric for upcoming generations. This imposes an added layer of complexity; scholars must navigate the maze of cross-disciplinary challenges, and sidestep the pitfalls of divergent policy domains while maintaining academic rigor and focus.

KSPP is committed to supporting those who desire to undertake this multi-year intellectual journey. We provide opportunities for interaction and engagement with a broad spectrum of academic experts, and practitioners along with unfettered access to essential research materials as well as a nurturing environment conducive to academic growth.

Our objective is not only to help our PhD scholars achieve academic milestones, but to ensure that the journey itself is fulfilling, and enriching too. We understand that the process is long and arduous, but we aim to make it as rewarding as possible. If you have the resolve to seize this opportunity, we are prepared to welcome you aboard.

**Syed Akbaruddin**

Former Permanent Representative of India to the UN



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# About the PhD Program

The PhD program at the Kautilya School of Public Policy will equip scholars with the training that will allow them to contribute through their research in academia, government, business, and society.

SCHOLARS CAN PURSUE RESEARCH IN ONE  
OF THE FOLLOWING FIVE SPECIALIZATION PILLARS



ECONOMICS  
FOR POLICY



BUSINESS &  
GOVERNMENT



TECHNOLOGY  
& SOCIETY



ENVIRONMENTAL,  
SOCIAL AND  
GOVERNANCE ISSUES



GLOBAL AFFAIRS





# Program Structure

THERE ARE TWO PHASES IN THE PHD PROGRAM



PHASE

1  
Consists of coursework involving a series of doctoral level courses as prescribed by the school.

PHASE

2  
Consists of thesis work involving the proposal writeup, thesis defence, submission and vice - voce examination

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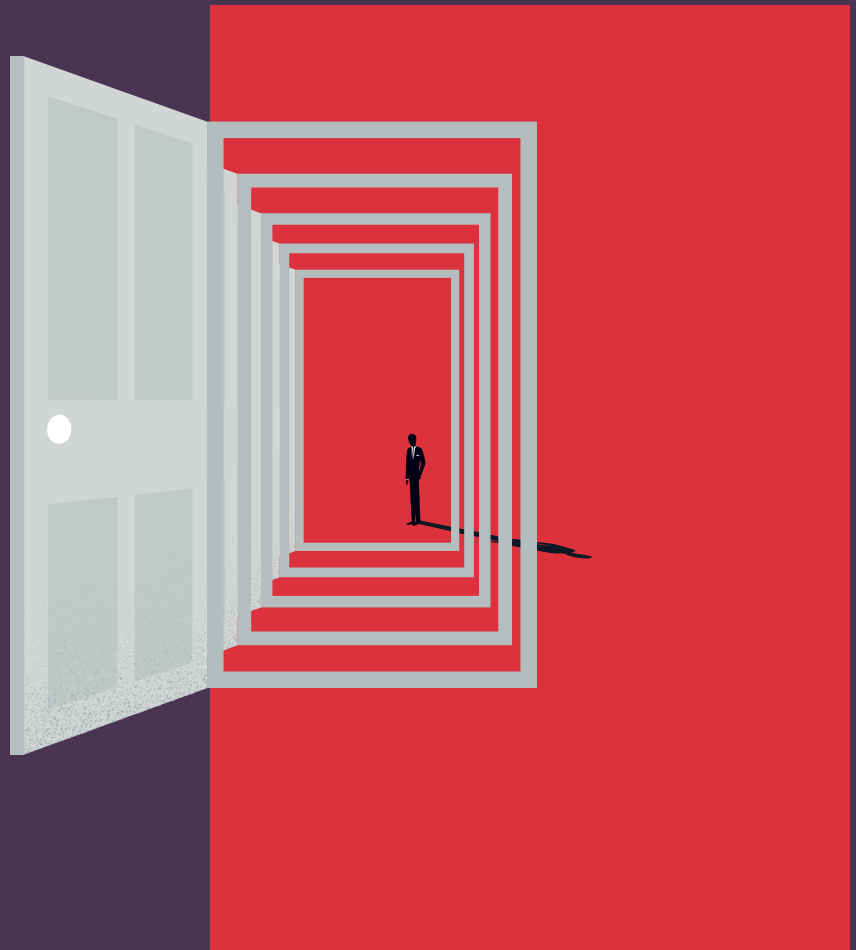
# Careers in Public Policy

Public policy is a vast, multilayered domain that straddles the progress of the nation and the world. From tech to space exploration and cutting-edge healthcare to digital governance, each strata of society is impacted by policymaking.

The foundation of any modern day policymaking effort, however, remains firmly in theoretical and evidence-based empirical research

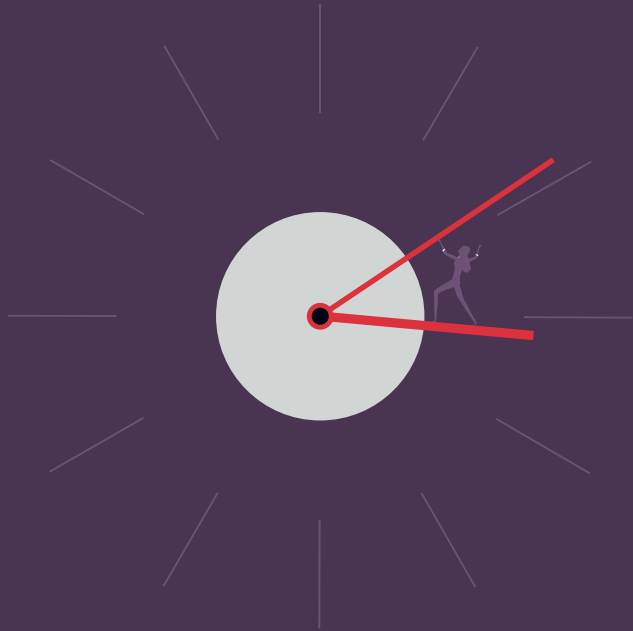
With India's ascension on the global stage over recent years, the role of researchers is now even more critical. As India ascends the global stage, opportunities for specialized research are emerging across diverse sectors.

The Kautilya School of Public Policy fosters an environment that encourages decentralized research efforts and incubates excellence.





# Program Requirements



APPLICATION  
DEADLINE

**November 30, 2024**

## HOW TO APPLY

**START NOW**

Click the button to fill out the inquiry form and submit the application

- Submit the form along with the fee and supporting documents
- Appear for the written test and personal interview

Once a candidate's application is shortlisted, we will issue a Provisional Admission Letter.

The admission is confirmed after the candidate accepts the offer





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# Thesis Advisory Committee



**DR. AMRENDRA PANDEY**  
*Chair*

Dr. Amrendra Pandey is an economist and researcher with expertise in monetary economics, macroeconomic policy regulation, econometrics, text mining, and machine learning. He has a doctoral degree from the Birla Institute of Management and Technology (BIMTECH), Greater Noida.



**DR. VASUDHA KATJU**  
*Member*

Dr. Vasudha Katju is a specialist in the field of gender studies. A gold medalist in Sociology from the University of Hyderabad, she holds a doctorate in Sociology from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and has taught courses in Gender Studies like 'Sexualities,' and 'Masculinities' at Ambedkar University, New Delhi.



**DR. KANICA RAKHRA**  
*Member*

A former Fellow at Middlebury Institute for International Studies (2019), the Swedish South Asian Studies Network (2016), and the Harvard led-Arms Control Negotiation Academy (ACONA-2021), Dr. Rakhra holds a PhD from the Center for International Politics, Organization, and Disarmament (CIPOD) in Jawaharlal Nehru University where she was an ICSSR Doctoral Fellow (2014-16).



**DR. VISHNU S. PILLAI**  
*Member*

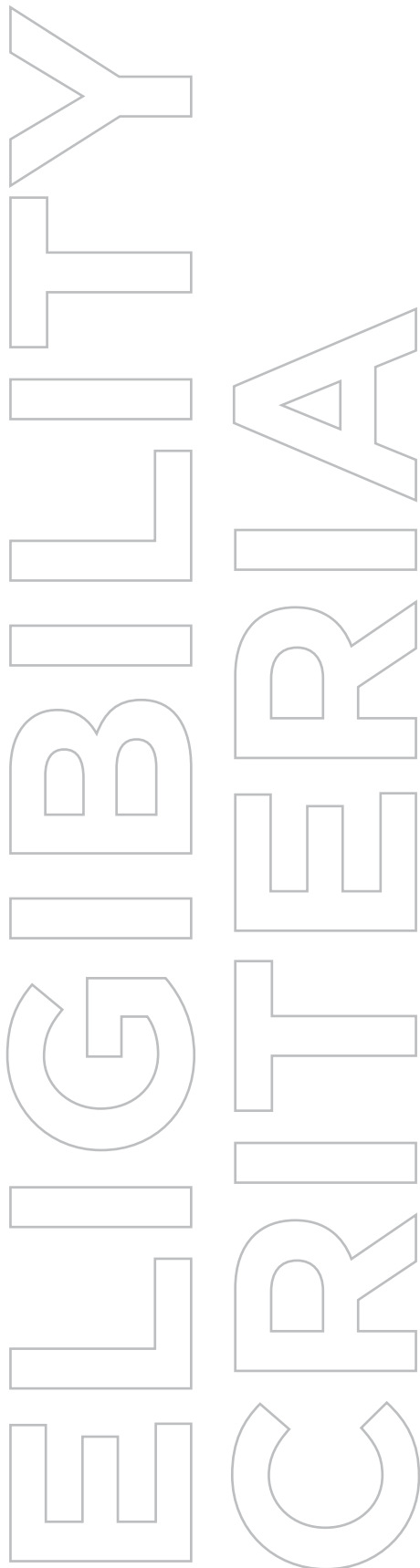
Dr. Vishnu S. Pillai received his PhD in Public Policy from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in June 2022. His primary research focuses on risk analysis and Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology regulation.

If there's one word that well  
and truly defines India  
today, it is '**potential**'





# Admissions



1

The candidate must possess a Master's degree in either public policy/sociology/political science/law/economics/psychology/philosophy/international relations/development studies/social work/anthropology/education/public administration/geography/ securities/ strategic relations etc.

2

Candidates who have completed an M.Phil. program with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. program.

3

The candidate should have secured at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade B in the UGC 7-point scale or the point scale followed in the concerned institute.

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However, a relaxation of 5% marks or equivalent grade is permitted for SC/ST/ OBC (non-creamy layer)/ differently-abled category candidates

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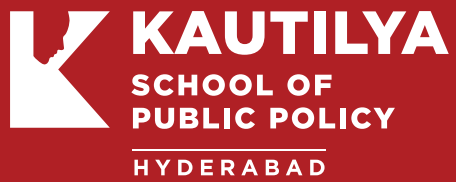
Scholarships are an integral part of such a research-intensive study program. We believe students should be able to focus on driving impactful research. It is our aim to take along as many people as possible on this journey.

- **A scholarship of Rs. 6,00,000 per annum will be granted.**
- **Scholars must budget for food & accommodation separately.**

SCHOLARSHIPS







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