

Call for Applications: Summer School on the Political Economy of Andhra Pradesh

The Institute for Research on Andhra Pradesh (IRAP) invites applications for its inaugural Summer School program from PhD scholars, early career academics, and committed activists engaged with questions of development, inequality, and social transformation in Andhra Pradesh. The Summer School is designed as a collaborative platform for dialogue and exchange. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with scholars and practitioners from leading universities and research institutions in India and abroad, as well as civil society organisations such as Mahila Kisan Adhikaar Manch (MAKAAM). The aim is to strengthen ongoing research and activist engagements, while fostering solidarities across academic and grassroots spaces.

The Summer School has two key objectives:

- First, to enable participants to approach their fields of inquiry with sharper critical perspectives on social and political processes of AP.
- Second, to explore innovative methods and pedagogies, and to collectively produce reflections that contribute to expanding democratic and political spaces with transformative agendas.

Application Requirements:

Who is eligible? PhD students, early career academics (Assistant & Associate Professors), independent researchers and activists engaged in social movements and voluntary work (including NGOs).

Format of the Summer School: Lectures, Workshops and Discussions on indicative themes such as AP history, economic development, land, agrarian issues, urbanization, regional disparities, caste and religion, gender, and Adivasi issues.

What to Submit: Applicants are required to submit CV and a one-page note outlining their interest and /or their ongoing work related to Andhra Pradesh. For academic scholars, the note should clearly indicate the research problem, approach, and its relevance. Activists should write about their engagement with the issues that they are working on.

Applications must be submitted to this email ID: irap.apresearch@gmail.com.

Important Dates

- Deadline for Applications: June 30th, 2026
- Announcement of Selected Candidates: First week of July 2026
- Summer School Sessions: Friday, July 31st, Saturday, August 1st, 2026
- Public Event: Sunday, August 2nd, 2026

Logistics: This inaugural Summer School will be held in Visakhapatnam. There is no participation fee. Selected participants are expected to arrange their own travel. IRAP will provide boarding and lodging. The selected participants will be notified of precise details later.