

**ICMR - SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
ICMR - NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EPIDEMIOLOGY
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**MASTER OF SCIENCE
(Biostatistics)**

Information Brochure - 2026

01. INTRODUCTION

Establishment of ICMR National Institute of Epidemiology and its mandate:

ICMR National Institute of Epidemiology (ICMR-NIE) was established by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in 1999 as the flagship institute for training and research in the areas of epidemiology, public health and biostatistics in India. The vision of ICMR-NIE is to be a catalyst for a vibrant national health system through responsive research, education and training in epidemiology and public health.

02. Master of Science (M.Sc.) Biostatistics

ICMR School of Public Health under ICMR-NIE, started conducting M.Sc. (Biostatistics) programme from the year 2016.

03. Application Form

The prescribed application form to be filled by clicking the link available in the website: <https://nie.gov.in/pages/msc-biostatistics>.

04. Application Fee

An application fee of Rs. 1,000/= (Rupees One thousand only) by means of online transfer as per the instruction given in the application form. Application without the application fee will not be considered.

05. Last Date

The last date for receipt of the completed applications at ICMR-NIE is **13th April 2026**.

06. Course Fee

The Fee for the course is **Rs.30,000/=** (Rupees Thirty thousand only) **per year**.

07. Educational Loan& Scholarship

Vidya Lakshmi Portal provides single window for Students to access information and make application for Educational Loans provided by Banks and Government Scholarships. Students who desire to avail Educational Loan or Scholarship may visit the website www.vidyalakshmi.co.in of Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

National Scholarship Portal (NSP), is an online platform launched by government of India to streamline the application, processing, verification and disbursement of various government scholarships students across the country. Students will be encourage/supported to apply various central state government scholarships available in the NSP

08. Admission procedure

(i) Eligibility criteria

(a) Degree with Statistics / Mathematics as major subject

(OR)

(b) Degree with Statistics as ancillary / allied subject

(OR)

(c) Degree with additional diploma in Statistics / Health Statistics accepted by the syndicate of Periyar University.

Candidates appearing for the final semester examination of Bachelor's degree or equivalent in the year 2026 may also apply for the programme. However, they should submit the provisional certificate before joining the programme.

(ii) Documents to be submitted

Self-attested copy of

- a) SSLC (10th) / Matriculation
- b) HSC (11th&12th)
- c) All mark sheets of the degree examinations*
- d) Degree certificate/provisional*
- e) Transfer certificate from the last studied institution
- f) Community certificate
- g) Birth certificate

(* Candidates appearing for the final semester examination in 2026 can submit the Final mark sheet and Degree /provisional certificate before joining the programme.)

(iii) Method of Selection and Admission

The selection and admission of the candidates will be based on the following:

- Review of the application form
- Written test and
- Interview

Reservation of seats will be followed as per **Periyar University** norms.

Depending upon the number of applications received for the programme, written test and interview will be conducted for final admission at NIE.

The selection of candidates for the written test and interview will be done by ICMR-NIE based on the information provided in the application and the enclosures. List of the candidates provisionally selected for the written test and interview will be posted in the institute's website and the concerned candidates will be intimated through email.

The candidates will be selected for final admission based on the marks obtained in their qualifying degree (Core/Allied/Ancillary Subjects) and their performance in written test and interview. The decision of the Director, ICMR-NIE, shall be final for selection of the candidates.

Candidates who are appearing for final semester in 2026 should submit their Final mark sheet and Degree /provisional certificate at the earliest, or before joining the course.

Non-submission of the required documents will automatically result in cancellation of the provisional selection.

Candidates selected for final admission should pay the first year Course Fee of **Rs.30,000/-as per instruction from ICMR-NIE.**

09. Commencement of the programme

It will be intimated by ICMR-NIE for the selected candidates

10. Contact details

Email: msc.biostatnie@gmail.com

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