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IHEPA-CHRIST HEALTH ECONOMICS SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

FIVE-DAY INTENSIVE ACADEMIC SUMMER SCHOOL

Strengthening conceptual foundations, policy analysis capacities, and hands-on empirical skills for the next generation of health economics researchers.

DATES	DURATION	VENUE	INTAKE
29 June 2026 to 03 July 2026	Five days - Residential	CHRIST University, Bengaluru Kengeri Campus	30 to 40 participants

The **Centre for Studies in Population & Development (CSPD)** and the Department of Economics, **CHRIST (Deemed to be University)**, in collaboration with the **Indian Health Economics & Policy Association (IHEPA)**, present a five day intensive Summer School on Health Economics, designed to bridge the gap between theory, policy, and empirical practice in India's rapidly evolving health landscape.

Why Health Economics?

Health systems across the world face mounting pressures such as rising healthcare costs, inequitable access, demographic transition, and shifting epidemiological burdens that demand urgent, evidence-informed policy responses.

In this context, the proposed Summer School on Health Systems and Policy aims to equip doctoral candidates and early-career researchers with a strong conceptual and empirical foundation to engage with these challenges. The programme will combine core training in health economics, financing, and policy evaluation in the Indian context with emerging areas such as digital health and the economic burden of mental health. It seeks to foster the capacity to design feasible, policy-relevant research that can contribute meaningfully to strengthening health systems.

Bengaluru, as the venue for this Summer School, offers a uniquely relevant context, exemplifying the duality of India's health transition, from world-class tertiary care institutions to pockets of health deprivation in peri-urban and migrant communities.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

What Will Participants Gain?

- Conceptual grounding in core areas of Health Economics
- Health financing, insurance, and policy evaluation in India
- Digital health economics and the economic burden of mental health conditions
- Health system performance, efficiency measurement, and equity analysis
- Hands-on skills in NFHS data extraction, cleaning, and analysis
- Sensitivity to regional health priorities – NCDs, migrant health, mental health, and environmental health
- Capacity to formulate feasible research questions and translate them into policy proposals

MAJOR THEMATIC AREAS

Sub-Themes & Focus Areas of the Summer School

Foundations of Health Economics: Demand, Supply & Market Failures

Health Financing, Insurance & Health Technology Assessment

Economics of Mental Health: Burden, Cost-of-Illness & Policy

Health Inequalities: Measurement, Decomposition & Policy

Digital Health: Policy Architecture & Health Information Systems

NFHS Data Laboratory: Applied Empirical Analysis & Policy Research

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

Who Should Attend?

Doctoral Scholars & Early Career Researchers in Economics, Public Policy, Public Health, Health Management and related disciplines.

Young Faculty Members engaged in teaching or research in health-related areas who wish to strengthen their empirical and policy analysis skills

Postgraduate Students with a strong quantitative orientation and keen interest in health economics and policy research

Prerequisites: Basic knowledge of statistics and econometrics; interest in health economics and policy research. Participants are requested to bring their own laptops.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

What Participants Will Be Able to Do?

- Demonstrate conceptual clarity in health economics and contemporary policy issues, including digital and mental health.
- Independently extract, clean, and analyse NFHS data and large-scale survey datasets for health economics research.
- Understand complexities of health financing, equity measurement, and system-level performance evaluation in India.
- Prepare a short research proposal suitable for doctoral work, funded projects, or policy briefs on current health challenges.

Pedagogy: The programme follows an approximate **60:40** split between **theory** and **applied methods**, integrating lectures, interactive discussions, hands-on NFHS data laboratory sessions, and group presentations with expert feedback.

APPLICATION AND DATES

Registration Link: The registration link will be shared with the selected candidates with the confirmation email intimating their selection.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date for Submission of Applications

24 May 2026

Confirmation / Acceptance of Proposals

05 June 2026

Last Date for Registration & Fee Payment

10 June 2026

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates are invited to apply for the IHEPA–CHRIST Health Economics Summer School 2026 by submitting the following documents to the organising team by the stipulated deadline. Applications will be reviewed by the Programme Committee and selected participants will be notified by email.

01 Application Form

Complete the online application form available at the link provided below.

02 Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Maximum 2 pages, highlighting your academic qualifications, current institutional affiliation, teaching or research experience, and relevant publications or projects.

03 Research Proposal

Approximately 500 words outlining research questions, motivations, methodology, and expected contribution/outcomes.

SELECTION PROCESS

All applications will be reviewed by the Programme Committee. Selection will be based on the quality of the research proposal, relevance of the candidate's academic background to health economics, and institutional diversity. Selected candidates will be notified by email on or before 05 June 2026.

SUBMISSION NOTE

All documents must be combined into a single PDF and submitted via the following link:
<https://forms.gle/Qje1nTPH4TVR7X8Q8>

Contact email IDs:

- cspd@christuniversity.in
- secretary.ihepa@gmail.com

FEES AND ORGANISATION

Registration fees cover programme materials, certificates, refreshments, and meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) for all five days. Accommodation is available on a payment basis at the University guest house or nearby hotels.

Faculty Members	₹ 3,500
PhD Scholars	₹ 2,500
Postgraduate Students	₹ 2,000

3-tier AC fare will be provided for all selected participants.

CERTIFICATION - Joint certificate by CHRIST University and IHEPA

- Minimum **80%** attendance required

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Leadership & Coordination

PATRONS

Prof. Manisha Karne

President, Indian Health Economics & Policy Association (IHEPA)

Dr Joshy K J

Head, Department of Economics, CHRIST (Deemed to be) University, Bengaluru

CONVENERS

Dr Harilal Madhavan & Dr Mahesh E

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CO-CONVENER

Dr. Md Zakaria Siddiqui

Vice President, Indian Health Economics & Policy Association (IHEPA)

MEMBERS

Faculty & Association Representatives

Faculty members from CSPD and the Department of Economics, CHRIST University, and members of the Indian Health Economics & Policy Association (IHEPA)