Madras Institute of Development Studies

Government of Tamil Nadu
State Planning Commission

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

with

MALCOLM ADISHESHIAH FELLOWSHIP 2026-27

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OVERVIEW

The Certificate Programme in Public Policy and Management (CPPM), offered by the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) in collaboration with the State Planning Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu, is a transformative six-month course with a monthly fellowship of Rs. 15,000 per month. It is designed to equip aspiring policymakers, experienced professionals, and passionate graduates with the tools and frameworks needed to shape effective policy design and implementation.

Programme Objectives

- To impart training for the creation of a pool of professionals for conceiving and implementing rational policies for development
- To build capacity within the government to evaluate and predict possible consequences of policy measures
- To generate an ecosystem of productive discussions and further actions on development policies

Programme Highlights

- Opportunity to build professional networks and learn from a diverse cohort with policy experience
- Develop a comprehensive understanding of the public management and the tools and approaches needed for efficient public service delivery
- An intensive six-month programme to prepare participants for the next step in their careers
- Learn contemporary models and frameworks of policymaking with cross-disciplinary insights
- A strong foundation in public policy discourses
- Innovative approaches for formulation of pragmatic policies and solutions for contemporary development problems

STRUCTURE

The duration of the CPPM is six months. The programme covers fundamental, competency-related and application courses. The courses offered are meant to impart knowledge and skills to the participants covering the latest concepts, principles and techniques. Faculty from MIDS and distinguished visiting faculty from reputed academic institutions and government would handle these courses.

Courses

Course Code	Course Name
101	Introduction to Public Policy and Analysis
102	Economics for Public Policy
103	Quantitative Techniques
104	Ethics for Public Policy
201	Public Finance
202	Law and Public Policy
203	Policy Evaluation including Experiments
204	Social Policies
301	Project Finance and Project Management
302	Communicating Public Policy
303	Urban Development Policy
304	Environmental Governance and Sustainability
305	Policy Project

Programme Delivery

- Six months full-time programme
- Combination of lectures, case studies, field visits and learning-by-doing pedagogy
- Hands-on training to conceive and evaluate policies in policy labs
- Policy-projects with a government department and/or reputed organisations.

Participant Intake

25 Participants

Pedagogy and Assessment

The teaching approach will be highly interactive. The pedagogy followed will be a blend of lectures, case studies, group-discussions, field vists, projects and class presentations.

Evaluation

- Continuous assessment
- Seminars, assignments / term papers
- Short reports and written exams
- End-term project would be evaluated by external experts

Fellowship

MIDS will award the Malcolm Adiseshiah Fellowship to each selected candidate, providing **Rs. 15,000 per month** for six months to cover boarding and lodging expenses. Candidates must pay a one-time course fee of **Rs. 6,000** during admission.

Minimum Educational Qualifications

Anyone with a bachelor's degree or any equivalent graduation degree in any discipline from a recognised institution can apply.

ABOUT MIDS

Malcolm S. Adiseshiah and Elizabeth Adiseshiah founded the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) in 1971 shortly after Malcolm Adiseshiah's retirement as Deputy Director-General of UNESCO. In 1977, MIDS was reconstituted as a National Institute jointly funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi and the Government of Tamil Nadu (GoTN). In 1985, the Reserve Bank of India established a Chair in applied research in regional economics at MIDS.

The faculty at MIDS pursue diverse research interests, from the concerns of development economics, such as agriculture, rural development, industry, urbanisation, and labour, to interdisciplinary areas, such as gender, environment and climate change, human development, social and political movements, and social criticism.

Through its seminars and workshops, MIDS has become a centre for critical thinking on development issues. State and central government departments, autonomous agencies, universities and colleges, and non-governmental and international organisations frequently seek the expertise of MIDS faculty members.

ENTRANCE TEST EXAMINATION

Guidelines and Structure

Candidates are required to prepare according to the Union Public Service Commission's General Studies syllabus for the entrance examination. The syllabus encompasses the following key areas:

- Current Affairs covering both national and international developments
- Indian Economy, Society, and Politics
- Indian History, Geography, and Environment
- Quantitative Aptitude and Mental Ability assessments

The entrance examination will consist of **40 multiple-choice** questions based on the aforementioned syllabus components. Candidates will be allotted **30 minutes** to complete the examination.

Important Dates

Last Date for Applying: **October 20, 2026**
Selection Criteria: **Based on the Written Test and Interview**
Date of Written Test: **31st October 2026 (Online)**
Date of Joining: **1st December 2026**

CONVOCATION '25 GALLERY

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