



MAHARSHI DAYANAND UNIVERSITY,

Rohtak-124001, Haryana

(A+ Grade NAAC Accredited University)

Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC)

Organises

Two-Week Refresher course on

**“Integrating Academia and Research to
address Societal problems”**

(Open for all Faculties)

Duration: Two Week (June 04-18, 2025)

Mode: Online

Venue: Faculty Development Centre, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak

Target Group: Teaching faculty working as Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, Professors in UTDs and in Higher Education Institutions

Registration Process for the program:

- ❖ Visit <https://mmc.ugc.ac.in/>
- ❖ Register Yourself: <https://mmc.ugc.ac.in/registration/index> if first time user.
- ❖ Receive Confirmation Email with Log-in Credentials
- ❖ Log-in: <https://mmc.ugc.ac.in/LOGIN/Index>
- ❖ Apply for Training Program Tab & select “Maharshi Dayanand University Rohtak” & click on Participate.

1. Background and Rationale

Academic institutions and research centers hold a crucial role in shaping solutions to real-world problems. However, a gap often persists between academic inquiry and societal needs. Many researchers and educators operate within disciplinary silos, limiting the practical impact of their work.

This refresher course is designed to equip faculty members with the conceptual frameworks, tools, and methods necessary to integrate academic research with pressing social issues. It aligns with the broader goals of promoting socially responsive education, community engagement, and evidence-based policy formulation.

2. Objectives

- To enhance participants' understanding of how academic research can contribute to solving real-world social problems.
- To build capacity for interdisciplinary, community-based, and participatory research.
- To promote the application of research findings in social, economic, and policy contexts.
- To encourage collaboration between academic institutions, civil society, and policy stakeholders.
- To familiarize educators with pedagogical approaches that connect classroom learning to social realities.

3. Course Content / Modules

The course will cover both theoretical and practical dimensions through the following indicative modules:

1. Understanding Social Problems in Contemporary Contexts
2. The Role of Academia in Social Transformation
3. Participatory and Community-Based Research Methodologies
4. Designing Interdisciplinary Research Projects
5. Translating Research into Policy and Practice
6. Building Academia-Civil Society Partnerships
7. Case Studies of Impactful Research
8. Pedagogical Strategies for Socially-Engaged Teaching

4. Methodology

- Interactive lectures and expert talks
- Case study discussions
- Workshops and group work
- Field/project-based assignments
- Panel discussions with practitioners and policy-makers
- Hands-on sessions on research design and community engagement

5. Expected Outcomes

- Improved understanding of how academic research can drive social change.
- Skills in designing socially relevant research projects.
- Enhanced interdisciplinary collaboration among participants.
- Development of proposals for community-based research projects.
- Greater integration of real-world problem-solving in teaching practices.

6. Certification

Participants will be evaluated based on attendance, participation, assignments, and final presentations. Successful candidates will receive a certificate of participation. The certificate will be valid for UGC requirements under CAS, promotions and recruitments.

7. Conclusion

This refresher course is an opportunity to realign academic inquiry with the urgent demands of our time. By bridging research and social engagement, we aim to foster a generation of educators and researchers who are not only scholars but also agents of social change.

Important Instructions:

- ❖ The interest should apply through online mode only for the programmes scheduled in session 2025-26 through UGC portal <https://mmc.ugc.ac.in/>
- ❖ Forwarding/ NOC/ Permission from the host institution after submission of the application is mandatory. Applicants are required to send the same from their registered mail id to fdcmmttc@mdurohtak.ac.in.
- ❖ Duly filled in Applications should reach well in time before the commencement of the programme/ Course. The selection of the participants will be done strictly as per the guidelines and norms of UGC.
- ❖ All programmes are full time. Timings are 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily and attendance is mandatory in all sessions.
- ❖ Program schedule may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

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