

Silver Jubilee Annual General Meeting and Conference of the  
**Pakistan Society of Development Economists**  
Pakistan Institute of Development Economics

**“Investing in People”**

**Ensuring Effective Delivery and Quality in Basic Education and Health Services**  
**Overcoming Regional Disparities**  
**Making the Pakistani Firm Internationally Competitive**  
**Increasing Productivity and Profitability in Agriculture**  
**Higher Education and Technology: Developing a Knowledge Driven Economy**

**Invitation for Students at the Silver Jubilee AGM–PSDE**

**March 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**at Marriott Hotel, Islamabad**

The Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE) is an autonomous body based at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad. It provides a forum and a platform to academics, practitioners, planners, and policy-makers for exchange of ideas on the pressing economic and social problems facing Pakistan. The society organizes conferences and seminars on topical themes in development economics to promote a better understanding of the mystique of economic development.

Since its inception in 1982, the Society has arranged twenty-four Annual General Meetings (AGM) and Conferences which have been attended by eminent researchers and policymakers from Pakistan and abroad. A distinctive feature of the PSDE meetings is the invited lectures, including the *Quaid-i-Azam Memorial Lecture*, the *Allama Iqbal Memorial Lecture*, and the *Mahbub-ul-Haq Memorial Lecture* delivered by the renowned scholars.

The Silver Jubilee AGM–PSDE is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The theme of the conference is **"Investing in People "**. Four distinguished lectures, three panel discussions and around fifty papers by reputed international/domestic economists, demographers, and other social scientists will be presented and discussed in the conference.

To motivate and encourage young and emerging economists, Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE) is inviting (final year, enrolled) graduate students from different universities/colleges across Pakistan to participate in the Silver Jubilee AGM–PSDE. Students who meet the following criteria will be invited to attend the conference and listen the views of distinguished delegates from Pakistan and abroad. Students will be awarded an overall stipend of Rs. 1200/- and Rs. 1000/- per (conference) day; to the PhD candidates and MPhil/ MSc students, respectively.<sup>1</sup>

Interested students should submit the attached Pro-forma with the recommendation of their supervisor/ chairman at their earliest. The deadline for the application is **February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. List of selected candidates will be posted on the PSDE website on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Looking forward to welcome you at the AGM–PSDE, Islamabad.

Muhammad Tayyab  
Coordinator, PSDE/  
Students' Invitation Committee

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<sup>1</sup> Conditional to the availability of sufficient PSDE funds

## **Student Selection Criteria**

- The student must be from the discipline of Economics, Social Sciences, or related field.
- Preference will be given to the enrolled final year/semester student of:
  - PhD
  - M. Phil
  - M. Sc/MS/BSc (Hons)
- Candidate must be a regular student of the university and currently unemployed.
- The student must have obtained at least 60% marks/B grade in his/her current degree programme.
- Recommendation letter from the supervisor/chairman is compulsory for all students (use enclosed form).
- Students from Islamabad/Rawalpindi city are encouraged to participate but are NOT entitled for the stipend. However, conference material, working teas and lunch will be provided to ALL students.
- Students who have never attended the AGM-PSDE are encouraged to apply.
- Female students are strongly encouraged to apply.

### **Interested students must note the following:**

- Regular presence in all sessions and conference days is compulsory.
- Invited students must bring their original National Identity Cards and (recent copy of) Academic Transcripts.
- Invited students are responsible for their travel arrangements and overnight stay, PIDE/PSDE has no liability whatsoever regarding the logistics and security issues.
- Invited students' participation will be monitored strictly. Every student will be requested to sign his/her attendance twice a day at the PSDE students' desk, i.e., at 8:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
- Accumulative stipend will be paid to each student after the Quaid-i-Azam Lecture, i.e., on the last conference day.
- In addition to the stipend, students (participants) will get copies of the circulated papers, programme and other conference material.
- PSDE ensures a fair chance of participation. Any use of reference or influence attempt will lead to disqualification of the applicant.
- The decision of the Students' Invitation Committee will be final.

### **Send the nomination(s) to:**

Muhammad Tayyab  
Coordinator, PSDE/  
Students' Invitation Committee  
Pakistan Institute of Development Economics,  
P.O. Box 1091, Islamabad 44000

**Student Nomination Form**  
for the Silver Jubilee AGM-PSDE, Islamabad

**Personal Information**

Name: Dr/Mr/Ms/Mrs \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Program:  Ph.D.  M. Phil  M.S/ M.Sc/M.A  B.Sc (Hons)

University/ Institute: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Status of the University/ Institute:  Public  Private

Department/ Institute: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall accumulative grade/ Average percentage marks: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended the AGM-PSDE before:  Yes  No

Contact Information: (Postal) \_\_\_\_\_

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(Telephone) \_\_\_\_\_ (Email) \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommendation**

(To be filled by the Nominating Authority)

Recommended by (University/Institute): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Supervisor/ Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty/ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Official Seal: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Supervisors/Chairmen are requested to read the "Students' Selection Criteria" before nominating the student for the Silver Jubilee AGM-PSDE, Islamabad.

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**For Office Use Only**

(To be filled by the PSDE Students' Committee)

Student Criteria:  Approve  Incomplete  Disapprove

Final Round:  Shortlist  Waiting  Regret