



Founding batch details 2026-27

The dates, calendar, fees, instalments, refunds and practical arrangements for PRISM UPSC Personal Mentorship 2027. Read this alongside the detailed programme guide.

Key dates

Milestone	Date
Applications	Open now at prismupsc.com/mentorship
Free sample evaluation and orientation	For shortlisted applicants, before enrolment closes
Enrolment closes	10 October 2026, or earlier if all 12 seats fill
Phase 1: GS I-IV + Essay (16 weeks)	Monday 12 October 2026 to Sunday 31 January 2027
40-minute onboarding meetings	Week 1: 12 to 18 October 2026
Second instalment due	7 December 2026 (start of week 9)
Phase 2: Prelims + CSAT	Monday 1 February 2027 to Prelims on Sunday 23 May 2027
Prelims-only onboarding	Week of 1 February 2027

Phase 1 calendar

Weeks	Dates	Paper block
Weeks 1-4	12 Oct – 8 Nov 2026	GS II • assessment in week 4
Weeks 5-8	9 Nov – 6 Dec 2026	GS III • assessment in week 8
Weeks 9-12	7 Dec 2026 – 3 Jan 2027	GS I • assessment in week 12
Weeks 13-16	4 Jan – 31 Jan 2027	GS IV Ethics • assessment in week 16



Your week in Phase 1

Day	Your work	Mentorship
Monday to Friday	3 answers a day on the day's micro-topic (GS IV weeks: 2 answers + 1 case study)	One of each day's three evaluated in full; the other two come with a model answer and rubric
Saturday	Sectional test: 5 questions, 60 minutes	Whole test evaluated · 75-minute group clinic (recorded)
Sunday	Essay or outline (alternating); rewrite one evaluated answer	Rewrite checked against the original feedback
Every 4th week	Consolidation: no new daily answers; full-length paper (20 questions, 3 hours)	All 20 answers evaluated + written performance report
Weekly, your slot	Bring one issue to work on	25-minute 1:1 with Akhil + a midweek written or voice-note check

Across the 16 weeks: **320 answers written, 200 evaluated in full** (one of each day's three, every sectional test and every full-length paper), 12 sectional tests, 4 full-length papers, 16 rewrite checks, 8 essays and 8 outlines. Submission deadlines and your 1:1 slot are fixed at onboarding. Feedback comes within 3 working days; direct messages are answered within one working day, Monday to Saturday.

Language: English. **Recordings:** every group clinic, shared within about 48 hours and available until 30 days after the programme ends. **Channels:** a private Telegram cohort group, direct messages, and a private submission folder set up at onboarding.



Fees and instalments

Option	Fee	How to pay
Founding offer: complete mentorship (first 5 enrolments)	₹11,500	₹6,000 at enrolment + ₹5,500 by 7 Dec 2026
Complete mentorship (both phases)	₹13,000	₹6,500 at enrolment + ₹6,500 by 7 Dec 2026
GS Mains + Essay (Phase 1 only)	₹9,500	At enrolment
Prelims mentorship (Phase 2 only)	₹4,500	Before 1 Feb 2027
Upgrade: Phase 1 → add Phase 2	₹3,500	Before 1 Feb 2027, subject to capacity

For refunds, the complete fee is split as ₹9,500 (Phase 1) + ₹3,500 (Phase 2); the founding offer as ₹8,500 + ₹3,000. Payments count towards Phase 1 first. The total payable, including any applicable tax, is confirmed before payment. The founding cohort is capped at 12 active students across all options.

Cancellation and refunds

When you cancel	Refund
Before 12 October 2026	100% of everything paid
Weeks 1-2 (12-25 Oct 2026)	50% of the Phase 1 amount paid + 100% of any Phase 2 amount paid
26 Oct 2026 - 31 Jan 2027	100% of any Phase 2 amount paid, if you cancel before 1 Feb 2027 (Phase 1 non-refundable)
1-14 February 2027	50% of the Phase 2 amount paid
From 15 February 2027	No refund

An unpaid instalment is not charged if you cancel before its due date. Approved refunds are paid within 7 working days to the original payment method. Full terms: prismupsc.com/terms.

How to enrol

1. **Apply** at prismupsc.com/mentorship (free, about two minutes).
2. **Free sample evaluation** if shortlisted: send one GS answer and receive written feedback in the programme format.
3. **Free orientation**: an online group introduction to ask about fit.
4. **Review** the calendar, your meeting slot, the written terms and payment instructions.
5. **Enrol** by 10 October 2026 and attend your onboarding in week 1.

Questions? Message [@Prismupsc_bot](https://t.me/theprismupsc) on Telegram · Daily brief and quiz: t.me/theprismupsc · prismupsc.com/mentorship

Mentor: Akhil (4 CSE Mains and 3 IFoS Mains appearances; Essay 125 in 2020 and 111 in 2024; consistently 100+ in Prelims). Credentials are self-reported and are not claims of selection or student outcomes. Participation does not guarantee selection or a particular score. Not affiliated with UPSC.