

UNIVERSITY OF KALYANI

UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS RELATING TO ADMISSION, REGISTRATION, COURSE-WORK, EXAMINATION AND AWARD OF DOCTORAL DEGREE S

In exercise of power conferred by Section 49 of the Kalyani University Act, 1981(as amended up to date), the Executive Council of the University makes the following Regulations relating to conferment of doctoral degree, in view of UGC(Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulation, 2009. These Regulations shall be read with U.Ord. 61(Adm.), U .Ord. 62(Adm.) & U.Ord. 63(Adm.).

Short Title:

Reg. 1 (D.D.) This Regulation may be called University Regulations relating to admission, registration, course-work, examination and award of doctoral degree. The first doctoral degree shall be called Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). The higher doctoral degree shall be called Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) in Science/Engineering or Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) in Social Science/Humanities/ Education.

Part-I: Ph.D. Degree

Entrance Test, Eligibility and Exemption

Reg. 2 (D.D.) (1) There shall normally be two entrance tests in each year, preferably on second Sunday of January and July, named as Kalyani University Research Eligibility Test (hereinafter called KURET), followed by interview, for admission to the Ph.D. programme of the University. In case of Research Projects, fellow cum Ph.D. student can be recruited as and when required. At first student may be taken from the existing waiting list (if any) prepared by the Departmental Research Committee for admission. If no suitable candidate is available, selection can be made by inviting application from the candidates who are exempted by these Regulations from appearing in the entrance test. Such selection shall be made through advertisement followed by interview by the Departmental Research Committee.

(2) For holding an entrance test, the University shall advertise in the newspaper(s) as well as in the University website, indicating the number of vacancies available in each Department. It should also be indicated as to how many of those are with fellowship and how many without fellowship. Before advertisement, the University shall allocate positions of URSs as per existing practice from the common pool, so that the number of such positions can be included in the advertisement. It may be clarified that for URS, eligibility of a candidate shall be as per qualifications prescribed by the State Government.

(3) Reservation policy of the government for SC/ST/OBC/Physically handicapped candidates shall apply in case of Ph.D. students also.

(4) All candidates intending to join the Ph.D. programme of the University, including those who are exempted from appearing in the entrance test, (i) must obtain 50% marks in the qualifying examinations mentioned in Clause (5) and Clause (6) of this Regulation and, (ii) shall apply to the University in the prescribed form. A candidate may give his/her option for joining in one Department or in allied Department(s). Even if a candidate opts for more than one Department, he/she shall appear in the entrance test of any one of the Departments of his/her choice.

(5) A candidate, who has obtained the Master's degree or appeared in the final examination of the Master's degree in any discipline from this University or from any other University/Institute recognized by this University, or such other degree as may be considered equivalent for this purpose by the university or a candidate who is a graduate in any discipline as well as a professionally qualified Chartered Accountant/Cost and Works Accountant/Company Secretary under the respective Acts of the Parliament, shall be eligible to appear in the entrance test for Ph.D. programme of this University.

(6) A candidate with BE/B.Tech./B.Pharm./MBBS/LLB Degree, obtained from this University or from any other University/Institute recognized by this University, shall be eligible to appear in the entrance test for Ph.D. programme of this University. However, such candidates shall have to pass, before submission of the thesis, in 3 papers of 100 marks (or 6 papers of 50 marks) each, choosing from the relevant PG courses of the University. If there is no PG course in the relevant subject in the University, such candidates shall not be eligible to appear in the entrance test till such courses are opened by the University.

(7) A candidate-

(i) who has qualified in NET/SLET/SET/GATE/ KURET/ any other national or state level test for pursuing teaching & research, or

(ii) who has been identified under any scheme of the Central or State Government for pursuing research, or

(iii) who has obtained M. Phil/ M. Tech. degree from this University or from any other University/Institute recognized by this University, or

(iv) who is a whole time teacher of this University or any other University/Institute recognized by this University, or

(v) who is a whole time teacher of Govt./Govt. aided College;

shall be exempted from appearing in the said entrance test. However, a candidate with M.Phil./M.Tech. Degree shall be exempted from appearing in the entrance test only if the said candidate was admitted to the respective course through an entrance test.

Departmental Research Committee and its Functions

Reg. 3 (D.D.) (1) There shall be a Departmental Research Committee in each of the academic Department comprising-

- i. the Head of the Department (Chairperson)
- ii. all whole-time teachers of the Department
- iii. three external subject experts, co-opted by other members of the Departmental Research Committee in its first meeting.
- iv. three whole-time teachers, nominated by the Vice-chancellor, from Govt./Govt. aided affiliated colleges conducting regular PG course (and not through distance mode) in the relevant subject. However, not more than one teacher shall belong to one college.
- v. supervisor as invitee, where he/she is not a member of the Departmental Research Committee.

The Secretary Faculty Council (PG) shall act as secretary of the Departmental Research Committee.

(2) Tenure of the Departmental Research Committee shall be four years.

(3) Function of the Departmental Research Committee shall be to-

- (i) recommend to the University authority number of positions available in the Department for Ph.D. students, and specializations related thereto;
- (ii) appoint paper setter(s)/moderator(s)/examiner(s) for the entrance test;
- (iii) supervise the conduct of admission tests;
- (iv) conduct interview of all candidates who have qualified in the entrance test and also of those who were exempted from entrance test;
- (v) prepare a merit list (including waiting list) of successful candidates for the purpose of admission;
- (vi) allocate supervisor(s) for the students who take admission;

- (vii) frame syllabus of the course-work for the Ph.D. Programme of the subject concerned;
 - (viii) recommend to the Controller of Examinations the names of paper setters/moderators/examiners for the examination at the end of course -work;
 - (ix) consider applications for research proposal registration and recommend the same to the Board of Research Studies, if considered suitable;
 - (x) give hearing to the pre-submission seminar by a student, and on satisfactory delivery of the seminar shall give a report to the Registrar through the Chairman of the Committee;
 - (xi) recommend the name(s) of new supervisor(s) in case of death/resignation/retirement of the supervisor.
 - (xii) perform such other duties as directed by the Executive Council.
- (4) Quorum of the meeting of the Departmental Research Committee shall be 50% plus one, where presence of at least one external subject expert is mandatory.

Conduct of Entrance Test, Interview & Admission

- Reg. 4 (D.D.)** (1) Entrance test shall be conducted by each of the concerned Department on the same day and at same time, under the supervision of respective Departmental Research Committee. All candidates, who are not exempted by the University from appearing in the said entrance test, shall appear in the entrance test.
- (2) Entrance test shall consist of one paper of 100 marks on the subject concerned. Qualifying marks in the entrance test shall be 50% for general candidates, 45% for physically handicapped candidates, and 40% for SC/ST candidates.
- (3) All successful candidates in the entrance test as well as the candidates exempted from entrance test will be interviewed by the concerned Departmental Research Committee.
- (4) After completion of interview, a merit list (including waiting list) of the candidates will be prepared by the Departmental Research Committee by assigning weightage of 60% & 40%, for academic achievements in Master's degree, and interview performance respectively.
- (5) The University authority will publish the merit lists of the successful candidates and shall ask them to take admission within a specified timeframe, after paying prescribed admission fee, registration fee etc. The Registrar shall maintain a register of Ph.D. students who are duly admitted and registered.

(6) The waiting list shall remain valid till the next merit list is prepared. Interim vacancies may be filled up from the waiting list.

Supervisors and their Eligibility

Reg. 5 (D.D.) (1) For each Ph.D. student there shall be one supervisor and if required one co-supervisor, allocated by the Departmental Research Committee. However, if the candidate is a teacher of this University, he/she may be allowed to do the research work leading to Ph.D., under self-supervision.

(2) Following whole-time teachers of this University and whole-time teachers of the affiliated Government/Govt. aided colleges who are engaged in regular Post Graduate teaching (and not through distance mode), shall be eligible to become sole supervisor-

- (i) a teacher who holds Ph.D. degree;
- (ii) a teacher who, holds M.Phil./M.Tech. Degree, published one paper in a refereed/ISSN journal/monograph, and completed three years of total service in academic/research institution;
- (iii) a teacher who does not hold Ph.D./M.Phil./M.Tech. Degree, but published one paper in a refereed/ISSN journal/monograph, and completed five years of total service in academic/research institution;

(3) A whole-time teachers of an affiliated Government/Govt. aided college, who is not engaged in Post Graduate teaching, but holds Ph.D. degree and is actively engaged in research, shall also be eligible to become sole supervisor.

Explanation- In case of supervision of scholars in laboratory based subjects by such a college teacher, the respective DRC should satisfy that proper infrastructure for research exists in the college. However, this condition is not applicable if such teacher has been awarded Major Research Project(s).

(4) Further, whole-time teachers/scientists of the following national institutes of repute, located in West Bengal but do not have facility to confer Ph.D. degree from their institutes, shall also be eligible to become sole supervisor, provided they fulfill the criteria mentioned in sub-clause (i) to (iii) of clause (2) of this Regulation -

- (i) Indian Association for Cultivation of Science, Jadavpur
- (ii) Indian Council of Social Science Research, Kolkata
- (iii) Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Salt Lake

- (iv) Bose Institute, Kolkata
- (v) Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Jadavpur
- (vi) National Institute of Cholera & Enteric Diseases, Belegghata
- (vii) Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute, Jadavpur
- (viii) Satyen Bose Institute of Basic Science, Kolkata
- (ix) Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore
- (x) Central Research Institute for Jute & Allied Fibres, Barrackpore
- (xi) Any other national and state level institute of repute, approved by the

Executive Council

(5) Whole-time teachers/scientists of (i) other Universities in India, and (ii) national institutes other than those mentioned in Clause (4) of Reg. 5 (D.D.), shall be eligible to act as co-supervisors, provided that they fulfill the criteria mentioned in sub-clause (i) to (iii) of clause (2) of this Regulation.

(6) Whole-time officers of the University, holding Ph.D. degree and possessing adequate research experience as evidenced by publications, shall also be eligible to act as sole supervisor/co-supervisor.

(7) A supervisor shall not register at any point of time more than eight -equivalent Ph.D. scholars under his/her supervision. For the purpose of calculating the limit of eight equivalent supervisions, each co-supervision shall be counted as half supervision. An eligible supervisor shall not co-supervise more than two Ph.D. scholars at any point of time. However, the Vice -Chancellor may permit additional two co-supervisions by him/her.

Supervision/co-supervision/joint-supervision in any other University/ Institution shall also be counted for computation of the above limit. Moreover, for acceptance of such assignment(s), prior permission of the University of Kalyani is to be obtained by the concerned teacher/officer of the University.

Explanation- A re-employed teacher of the University shall not be eligible to act as sole supervisor of a research student after the attainment of the age of 60 years, if the student is entitled to fellowship. If the student is not entitled to fellowship, the maximum age shall be 62 years for eligibility of sole supervisorship.

Course-work and Course-end Examination

Reg. 6 (D.D.) (1) Each Ph.D. student will have to undergo one Semester course work of six-month duration. Number of papers, breakup of marks and credits of the said course work shall be as follows:–

Sl. No	Name of the paper/Course item	Marks	Credits
1.	Literature Review	50 (40+10*)	2
2.	Research Methodology, including Computer Applications	100 (80+20*)	4
3.	Subject Up-gradation (on Recent Developments)	50 (40+10*)	2
	Total	200 (160+40*)	8

* indicates Internal Assessment marks.

(2) However, a student with M.Phil./M.Tech. Degree, who has undergone coursework to obtain such degree, or a student who has carried out doctoral course -work in other university/institute and moves to this university for Ph.D. degree, shall be exempted from this coursework as approved by the Departmental Research Committee.

(3) A student shall complete the coursework before submission of his/her thesis.

(4) There shall be a course-end examination conducted by the University at the end of the semester, as per the programme announced by the Controller of Examinations. A student shall be given three consecutive chances to qualify the examination.

(5) A student shall be allowed to appear at the course-end examination if he/she has attended 75% or above of the total theoretical/practical classes held during the semester. If the attendance of any student falls short of 75% but not below 60%, he/she will be allowed to appear at the examination as non-collegiate candidate on payment of requisite fees. Candidates attending less than 60% classes will be treated as discollegiate and will be debarred from appearing at the examination.

(6) The course-end examination shall be as per the curricula and syllabi prescribed by the respective Departmental Research Committee and approved by the concerned Faculty Council for Post Graduate Studies and the Executive Council. The paper setters, Examiners, Moderators, Coordinators etc. for each course -end examination will be

appointed by the Controller of Examinations on the recommendation of the concerned Departmental Research Committee and as approved by the Vice -Chancellor.

(7) A seven-point grading system shall be followed for calculating grade point average. Categorization of these grades and their correlation with marks obtained and points to be assigned are given below:

Qualification	Grade	% of Marks Obtained	Points
Outstanding	‘O’	100 to 95	10
Excellent	‘E’	94 to 85	09
Very Good	‘A’	84 to 75	08
Good	‘B’	74 to 65	07
Fair	‘C’	64 to 55	06
Pass	‘D’	54 to 50	05
Fail	‘F’	Below 50	02
Incomplete	‘I’	-	02

(8) In order to qualify in the course -end examination, a student must obtain at least ‘D’ grade in each paper, and a SGPA of 5.0.

(9) A student who fails to qualify or fails to appear in not more than two papers shall be entitled to appear in back papers in the next regular course -end examination(s), and there shall be no separate supplementary examination. A student who fails to qualify or fails to appear in more than two papers shall have to appear in all the papers in the next regular course-end examination(s).

(10) A student’s level of competence shall be categorized by Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA).

Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) =

CREDIT INDEX

CREDITS

The terms to be used for calculation of such SGPA are defined below:

1. Point – Integer qualifying each letter grade as obtained by individual student.
2. Credit – Integer signifying the relative weightage of individual course item in a semester as indicated by the course structure and syllabus.
3. Credit Point – $(1) \times (2)$ for each course items obtained by individual student.
4. Credit Index- Credit Points of course items in a semester.

Obligations and Privileges

Reg. 7 (D.D.) (1) A Ph.D. student shall work under the guidance of a supervisor, and one co-supervisor, if any, approved or appointed by the Board of Research Studies on the recommendation of Departmental Research Committee.

(2) No Ph.D. student on the roll of the University shall join, without the previous permission of the Vice-chancellor, any other course of study or register for any other doctoral course.

(3) A research student enjoying a scholarship/fellowship shall sign daily attendance register. He/she shall also not accept any employment whatsoever. The monthly scholarship/fellowship shall be disbursed to the research student on production of certificate from the supervisor that he/she is regular in his/her work.

(4) On an adverse report from the supervisor regarding his progress, attendance, etc., a research student may forfeit his privilege to continue his research and also the scholarship, if enjoyed by him.

(5) A Ph.D. student shall have such privileges as to the use of the library, laboratories and other facilities of the University as may be decided by the University.

(6) A Ph.D. student shall be liable to pay prescribed fee for admission, registration/re-registration, course-work, course-end examination, thesis examination, and any other fee, as may be determined by the Executive Council from time to time.

Research Plan Registration

Reg. 8 (D.D.) (1) Application for research plan registration for Ph.D. degree of the University must be submitted in the prescribed Form to the Departmental Research Committee within two years of date of admission as Ph.D. student. Completion of Course work shall not be a precondition for submission of research plan.

(2) Along with the application Form the applicant shall submit:

- i. Attested copies of all mark-sheets, diplomas and certificates obtained by the Ph.D. student,
- ii. The name of the subject in which the candidate desires to have the degree,
- iii. The title of the thesis along with a scheme of proposed work (approx. in 1000 words),
- iv. The name(s) of supervisor and co-supervisor, if any.
- v. A no objection certificate from the employer for employed candidates.

(3) In addition to the documents mentioned in Clause (2) above, foreign students must produce proper visa and the requisite clearances (both academic and otherwise) from the Government of India and/or other appropriate authorities at the time of registration.

(4) The application for research plan registration shall be considered by the concerned Departmental Research Committee in its meeting. The candidate shall be required to defend his/her plan before the Committee personally. On being approved by the Committee, the Chairman of the Committee shall forward such application, within 15 days from the date of the meeting in which the plan is approved, to the Ph.D. Section under the Registrar's Department of the University for consideration of the Board of Research Studies. Otherwise the application shall be treated as cancelled.

(5) A research plan shall be deemed to be registered from the date of the Departmental Research Committee meeting in which the plan is approved by it, provided that the plan is also approved in due course, with or without modification, by the Board of Research Studies and the concerned Faculty Council for Post Graduate Studies. On approval by the Faculty Council for Post Graduate Studies, the Ph.D. Section shall issue a formal letter to the student, with copy to the supervisor(s) and the Chairman of the Departmental Research Committee, mentioning the date of research plan registration. No fees shall be required to be paid at the time of research plan registration, since the student shall pay registration fee at the time of admission.

(6) A candidate may modify or alter the title of the thesis or the subject of research with the approval of the supervisor and the Board of Research Studies.

(7) A research plan registration shall remain valid for five years from the date of such registration. If a student fails to submit thesis within five years, he/she will have to apply for re-registration to the Registrar for consideration of the Board of Research Studies. On approval of the prayer of re-registration, requisite fees will have to be paid. The re-registration shall remain valid for five years. If a student fails to submit his/her thesis before the expiry of re-registration period, his/her registration shall be treated as cancelled.

Pre-submission Lecture and Submission of Thesis

Reg. 9 (D.D.) (1) A student must deliver one pre-submission lecture before the concerned Departmental Research Committee meeting at least three months before submission of thesis. At the time of such lecture the candidate shall also submit a summary of the research work done to the Committee.

(2) Teachers of other Departments and other Ph.D. students may be invited to attend the pre-submission lecture. Any suggestion given by members of Departmental Research Committee shall be addressed by the candidate. On satisfactory presentation, a report to that effect shall be forwarded by the Chairman of the Departmental Research Committee to the Registrar within 15 days from the date of satisfactory delivery of lecture.

(3) No candidate shall be allowed to submit his/her thesis before two years from the date of research plan registration. Following conditions must be fulfilled by a student before submission of thesis:

(i) completion of course-work, if not exempted from undergoing the course-work;

(ii) publication of at least one article in a refereed/ISSN journal/monograph related to his/her doctoral research work and shall produce evidence for the same in the form of acceptance letter or reprint; and

(iii) satisfactory delivery of one pre-submission lecture.

(4) A student shall have to submit four typed/ printed copies and one electronic copy (in PDF version) of the thesis along with four copies of the abstract of the thesis. Such copies of the thesis shall be submitted to the Registrar after payment of requisite fees. The student will be issued a receipt on submission of thesis.

(5) The thesis shall be an original contribution to knowledge, and must bear evidence of research work/ investigations in his/her chosen field. It must be a piece of original research characterized either by the discovery of new facts or a new interpretation of existing knowledge.

(6) A candidate shall not submit any work as her/his thesis for which a degree or Diploma or other academic award has been conferred by this University or any other University or Institution. However, a student may incorporate work of a lower degree in the thesis covering a wider field, provided that he/she shall indicate in the preface any work which has been so incorporated.

At the time of submission of the thesis, the candidate must give an undertaking in writing that he/she did not resort to plagiarism.

(7) University has liberty to revoke any Ph.D. degree duly conferred, if subsequently charge of plagiarism is proved.

Thesis & Viva-voce Examination

Reg. 10 (D.D.) (1) The supervisor will forward, a list of six domain experts, 50% of whom shall be from outside the state/country, directly to the Vice-chancellor for appointment of examiners for the thesis submitted by his/her student. The list will be prepared and forwarded by the Departmental Research Committee in case of teachers of the University registered under self-supervision. Inclusion of name(s) of foreign examiners in the said list shall be at the discretion of the supervisor. It will be assumed that necessary consent from all the domain experts, included in the list, has been obtained by the supervisor, and hence no exercise will be made by the University to obtain consent from any of the examiners.

(2) The thesis (along with the abstract and the electronic copy in PDF version) shall be referred to a panel of three examiners consisting of two external examiners and the supervisor. External examiners shall be selected by the Vice-Chancellor from the list forwarded by the supervisor, provided that one of the external examiners so selected shall be from outside the state/country .

(3) The thesis presented by teaching staff of the University shall be referred to a panel of three examiners, none of whom shall belong to this university.

(4) Each examiner (including special adjudicator, if any) shall send the report after satisfying himself with all aspects of the thesis, with either of the following remarks:-

- i. I recommend the thesis for award of Ph.D. degree of the University
- ii. I recommend modifications of the thesis as suggested in my detail report which are to be addressed in a separate addendum.
- iii. I recommend re-submission of the thesis as suggested in my detail report.
- iv. I do not recommend the thesis for award of Ph.D. degree of the University.

The examiners shall also be requested to give detail report in separate sheet duly signed by him/her.

(5) A thesis which has been directed to be modified/re-submitted by the examiners, the same shall be complied with by the student. The modified/resubmitted thesis will be examined by the examiner who gave such direction.

(6) If majority of the examiners do not recommend the thesis for award of Ph.D. degree, the thesis will be rejected and the student will have to start afresh. In other case, the recommendations of all the examiners, along with the detail reports and the thesis will be sent to a third external examiner, appointed by the Vice-chancellor from the list submitted by the supervisor, who will act as special adjudicator and her/his recommendation will be considered final.

(7) If all the Examiners are of the opinion that the candidate may be awarded the degree, or where a special adjudicator is appointed, a favorable recommendation is received from

the special adjudicator; the student shall be asked to undergo a viva-voce examination, which shall be openly defended by the student. The external examiner for viva-voce shall be appointed by the Vice-chancellor from a fresh list of three subject experts submitted by the supervisor.

(8) Report of the viva-voce examination shall be given jointly by the external examiner and the supervisor, to the Registrar of the University.

(9) In the event of a Ph.D. student proceeding abroad on an assignment after submission of the thesis, a foreign domain expert may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the supervisor, as an examiner for conducting the viva-voce examination of the student. Report of such viva-voce examination shall be given jointly by the foreign examiner and the Chairperson of the Department where the viva-voce examination was conducted.

Conferment of Ph. D Degree

Reg. 11 (D.D.) (1) On successful completion of examinations, the student shall be admitted to the Ph.D. degree of the University by the Executive Council on the recommendations of the Board of Research Studies and Faculty Council for Post Graduate Studies concerned.

(2) The University shall issue a Provisional Certificate to the student to the effect that the Ph.D Degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions of UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of MPhil./Ph.D Degree), Regulation, 2009. The date of viva-voce examination, in which the student succeeds, shall be the student's date of award of Ph.D. and that date shall be mentioned in the Provisional Certificate.

Honorarium to Examiners

Reg. 12 (D.D.) Each thesis examiner/re-examiner of thesis shall be paid an honorarium of Rs. 2,000/- for the examination of the thesis. Foreign examiner, if any, shall be paid in equivalent foreign exchange. A viva-voce external examiner will be paid Rs. 500/- plus TA/DA as per University Rule. These rates are subject to change and shall be determined by the Executive Council from time to time.

Depository with UGC

Reg. 13 (D.D.) On successful completion of the evaluation process and announcement of the award of the Ph.D., the university shall submit a soft copy of the Ph.D. thesis (in PDF version) to the UGC for hosting the same in INFLIBNET, or for any other purpose as decided by the UGC.

Transitory Provision

Reg. 14 (D.D.) If a Ph.D. student, registered before coming into force these Regulations, opts to undergo course-work and appear course-end examination as per these Regulations, he/she can do so with the permission of the Board of Research Studies and by paying requisite fee.

Part-II: D.Sc./D.Litt. Degree

Registration for D.Sc./D.Litt. Degree

Reg. 15 (D.D.) (1) Admission to the D.Sc./D.Litt. course will be open to (i) those who have a Ph.D. from this University or any other recognized University, or . (ii) a teacher of the University or a teacher of the affiliated College, not holding Ph.D. degree, but has successfully guided at least three Ph.D. scholars. In exceptional cases a candidate possessing only Masters or equivalent degree may also be considered for the D.Sc. or D.Litt. provided that his/her work is of outstanding merit. A registered D.Sc./D.Litt. scholar should work independently without any supervisory guidance.

(2) Application, along with plan of research work, to pursue D.Sc./D.Litt. course shall be made in the appropriate Form to the Chairman, Departmental Research Committee of the subject concerned. The plan should bear sufficient evidence that the work shall make original contribution to knowledge. The standard of the proposed research should commensurate with the higher doctoral degree.

(3) Along with the application Form the applicant shall submit:

- i. Attested copies of all mark-sheets, diplomas and certificates obtained by the scholar in the past,
- ii. The name of the subject in which the candidate desires to have the degree,
- iii. The title of the thesis along with a scheme of proposed work (approx. in 1000 words), and
- iv. A no objection certificate from the employer for employed candidate, who is employed elsewhere.

(4) The application for D.Sc./D.Litt. registration shall be considered by the concerned Departmental Research Committee in its meeting. The candidate shall not be required to defend his/her plan before the Committee personally. On being approved by the Committee, the Chairman of the Committee shall forward such application within 15 days from the date of the meeting in which the application is approved, to the Ph.D. Section under the Registrar's Department of the University for consideration of the Board of Research Studies and the concerned Faculty Council of Post Graduate Studies.

(5) The date of the Departmental Research Committee meeting, in which application is approved, shall be the date of D.Sc./D.Litt. registration. On approval by the Board of Research Studies and the concerned Faculty Council of Post Graduate Studies, the Ph.D. Section shall issue a formal letter to the Scholar mentioning the date of registration. A candidate shall pay fees for admission, registration and other prescribed fees at the time of registration.

(6) Provisions regarding validity of registration, re-registration and minimum time limit for submission of thesis shall be same as in case of a Ph.D. student, provided in Part-1 of this Regulation.

Submission of Thesis, Examination and Award of Degree

Reg. 16 (D.D.) (1) For award of D.Sc./D.Litt. degree, there shall be no requirement of undergoing course-work and delivery of pre-submission lecture.

(2) A registered Scholar shall have to submit four typed/printed copies and one electronic copy of the thesis (in PDF version) along with copies of the abstract of the thesis. The thesis shall be an original contribution to knowledge, and must bear evidence of research work/ investigations in his/her chosen field. It must be a piece of original research characterized either by the discovery of new facts or a new interpretation of existing knowledge.

(3) Such copies of the thesis along with electronic copy (in PDF version) and copies of abstract shall be submitted to the Registrar after payment of requisite fees. The student will be issued a receipt on submission of thesis.


(4) A panel of six external domain experts (including at least four experts from outside the state/country) shall be submitted by the Dean of the Faculty to the Vice-Chancellor. D.Sc./D.Litt. thesis (along with electronic copy of the thesis in PDF version, and the abstract) shall be referred to a panel of three external examiners, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from the said panel. Two of the examiners nominated by the Vice-Chancellor shall be from outside the state/country. Only unanimous recommendation of all the three examiners will be considered for award of the degree. There shall be no viva-voce examination.

Before the degree is awarded, the candidate shall be required to give a public seminar on his/her works, the date, time and venue of which shall be notified by the Registrar. The seminar is to be presided over by the concerned Dean of the Faculty.

(5) The candidate for D.Sc./D.Litt. shall be admitted to the respective degree of the University by the Executive Council on the recommendation of the Faculty Council for Post-graduate Studies and the Board of Research Study.

Interpretation of Regulations

Reg. 17 (D.D.) In case of any dispute in the interpretation of these Regulations (both Part-I, & Part-II), the interpretation made by the Vice-chancellor shall be final.



Dy. Registrar
& Convener,
Ph.D. Regulation Committee.