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Message from the Vice-Chancellor



It gives me great pleasure to present the Ph.D. Ordinance, 2026 revised in accordance with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022. This Ordinance embodies the University's commitment to fostering a vibrant research culture built upon academic excellence, innovation, integrity, and societal relevance.

Research is the cornerstone of a progressive university and serves as a catalyst for knowledge creation, technological advancement, and sustainable development. Recognizing the evolving landscape of higher education and research, this revised Ordinance establishes a robust framework that promotes quality, transparency, accountability, and interdisciplinary engagement in doctoral studies.

The Ph.D. Ordinance, 2026 will facilitate a structured and research-driven doctoral ecosystem by clearly defining academic procedures, quality benchmarks, and institutional responsibilities. It will enable Research Scholars to pursue their doctoral journey with greater clarity, effective mentorship, and enhanced academic support while ensuring adherence to the highest standards of research ethics and integrity. For the University, the Ordinance will strengthen research governance, improve the quality and impact of scholarly output, encourage innovation and intellectual property generation, and enhance institutional visibility at national and international levels.

More than a regulatory framework, this Ordinance serves as a roadmap for nurturing competent researchers, innovators, and future academic leaders who can contribute meaningfully to society through original and impactful research.

I am confident that this revised Ordinance will further strengthen the University's research ecosystem and inspire scholars and faculty members to pursue excellence with dedication, creativity, and responsibility.

Prof. (Dr.) Narendra Sharma

Message from the Dean Research & Innovation



It is a matter of immense satisfaction to present the Ph.D. Ordinance, 2026 revised in alignment with the UGC Regulations, 2022, with the objective of strengthening the quality, relevance, and global competitiveness of doctoral research at the University.

A doctoral program represents the highest level of academic inquiry, where knowledge is not merely acquired but created. The revised Ordinance has been developed to provide a comprehensive and contemporary framework that ensures academic rigor, ethical research practices, effective supervision, and continuous quality enhancement throughout the doctoral journey.

The Ordinance has been designed not only to regulate doctoral research but also to actively facilitate and enrich it. Through clearly defined provisions relating to admission, coursework, research supervision, progress evaluation, publication requirements, and thesis assessment, it will enable scholars to undertake high-quality research with greater efficiency and academic confidence. It further promotes interdisciplinary collaboration, innovation, knowledge dissemination, and research excellence. The resulting enhancement in research productivity, publication quality, and collaborative engagement will significantly contribute to the University's emergence as a leading centre of research and innovation.

By aligning institutional practices with national standards, this Ordinance creates a supportive environment where scholars can address contemporary challenges through original, ethical, and impactful research. It provides a strong foundation for cultivating a culture of inquiry, innovation, and academic distinction.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all stakeholders who contributed to the revision of this Ordinance and convey my best wishes to every Research Scholar and supervisor striving to advance the frontiers of knowledge.

Prof. (Dr.) P. K. Agarwal

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PREAMBLE

In exercise of the powers conferred by Uttarakhand Government Act 05 of 2015 (under relevant provisions) of the Act and statutes of the University, the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Ordinance has been amended to regulate the Minimum Standard and Procedures for the award of Ph.D. degree in conformity with the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956). Award of degrees to candidates registered for the Ph.D. program on or after July 11, 2009, till the date of Notification of these Regulations shall be governed by the provisions of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2009 or the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 or UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for the award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 and subsequent amendments issued from time to time, as applicable or whenever applicable.

This Ordinance aims to establish a robust, transparent, research-oriented, ethical, and globally benchmarked doctoral ecosystem fostering interdisciplinary, innovative, socially relevant, and industry-linked research.

GENERAL

Motherhood University, Roorkee offers academic programs leading to the award of Ph.D. Degree through its various Faculties. The Doctoral Program (Ph.D.) is focused on acquiring in-depth knowledge and expertise in the research field. The award of Ph.D. degree recognizes high academic achievement, independent research, and application of knowledge to the solution of technical and scientific problems in various disciplines. The academic program leading to the Ph.D. degree includes coursework and a research work/ research thesis work. The University also encourages interdisciplinary research and provides excellent opportunities for such programs.

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy shall be abbreviated as Ph.D. which is granted for research work in areas recognized by various Faculties of the University as well as by the Directorate of Research in the other areas also for which no Faculty has been established but a supervisor for other Faculty may be facilitated by the University due to interdisciplinary nature of the research.

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) shall be awarded to a Research Scholar , who shall fulfill all the requirements specified in this ordinance, after approval of the Board of Governors on the recommendation of the Academic Council and Board of Management.

CHAPTER 1: SHORT TITLE, COMMENCEMENT AND APPLICABILITY

1. This Ordinance shall be called “The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Ordinance, 2026”.
2. It shall come into force from the date approved by the Board of Management.
3. It shall apply to all Full-Time and Part-Time Ph.D. programs conducted by the University.

4. The University shall not offer Ph.D. programs in distance mode or online mode.
5. The provisions of UGC Regulations, 2022 and amendments thereto shall prevail in case of any conflict.

CHAPTER 2: DEFINITIONS AND NOMENCLATURE

In the Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 'University' shall mean Motherhood University, Roorkee.
- 'RDC' shall mean Research Degree Committee.
- 'RAC' shall mean Research Advisory Committee.
- 'DRCC' shall mean Departmental Research Co-ordination Committee.
- 'Research Supervisor' shall mean any Faculty member of the University who has been recognized by the University to supervise the Research Scholar s.
- 'Research Scholar' means a candidate admitted by the University either under full-time or part-time mode.
- 'Course Work' shall mean theory subjects to be completed/qualified by the Research Scholar to undergo as a part of the Ph.D. Program to impart the knowledge of research methodology, publication ethics & research subject and analytical skills requisite for carrying the research project.
- 'Faculty/Department' shall mean and include all Faculties & Departments in various subjects instituted by the University in various subjects like Faculty of Commerce & Management, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Science etc.
- 'Credit' means the number of hours of instruction required per week over a semester. A three-credit course in a semester means three one-hour lectures per week, with each one-hour lecture counted as one credit.
- 'Degree' means a degree awarded by the University.
- 'External examiner' means an academician/researcher with published research work who is not affiliated with the Higher Educational Institution where the Ph.D. scholar has registered for the Ph.D. program.
- 'Interdisciplinary Research' means research conducted by a Ph.D. scholar in two or more academic disciplines.
- 'Plagiarism' means the practice of taking someone else's work or idea and passing them as one's own.
- 'Program' means the academic program offered by the University leading to the award of the degree specified by the University Grants Commission.
- "Research Ethics" means ethical standards applicable to research and publication.
- 'Research Proposal' means a brief write-up giving an outline of the proposed research work which the Ph.D. scholar shall submit along with the application for registration for the Ph.D. program.
- "Similarity Index" means percentage of similarity generated by anti-plagiarism software.

CHAPTER 3: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATE

a) Eligibility Criteria for Candidate aspiring for Full Time Regular Ph.D.:

1. Candidates who have completed 1- year / 2 - semester master's degree program after a 4 - year / 8 - semester bachelor's degree program or a 2 year / 4 semester master's degree program after a 3 - year bachelor's degree with at least 55% marks or its equivalent grade in aggregate or equivalent grade in the corresponding statutory regulatory body with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade.
2. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed to candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer), Person with Disabilities (PWD), Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories.
3. Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4 - year / 8 - semester Bachelor's degree program should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade where the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer) Differently-Abled and Economically Weaker Section (EWS).
4. If any employed candidate from Government and Non-Government organization / College / University wants to seek admission in the doctoral program, he/she must have to produce a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the employer to the effect that the duties allotted by the employer shall allow the required time for him/her to pursue the Ph.D. Program and may be permitted to register. However, the Research Scholar s shall produce the NOC from the employer certifying the leave for six months from Institution which is required to complete the course work on a full-time basis as and when desired by the supervisor the candidate shall maintain full attendance to the supervisor.
5. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Ordinance, the eligibility criteria/guidelines prescribed and/or issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC) or any other statutory body from time to time shall also apply for registration to the Ph.D. Program of this University.
6. Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. Program with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. program. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer) / Differently-Abled and Economically Weaker Section (EWS).

b) Eligibility Criteria for Candidate aspiring for Part-Time Ph.D.:

1. A candidate must have Bachelor's and Master's Degree in any stream with one year of work experience in any related field. A candidate seeking admission after a 4 year / 8 semester bachelor's degree program should have a minimum of 75% marks in

aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.

2. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer), Person with Disabilities (PWD) and Economically Weaker Section (EWS).
3. If any employed candidate from Government and Non-Government organization/College/ University wants to seek admission in the doctoral program, he/she must have to produce a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the employer for a part-time Ph.D. program from the appropriate authority in the organization where the candidate is employed, clearly stating that:
   a) The candidate is permitted to pursue the Ph.D. program on a part-time basis.
   b) His/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.
   c) If required, he/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work.

Admission to Ph.D. program through part-time mode will be permitted, provided all the conditions stipulated in these Regulations are fulfilled.

c) Eligibility Criteria for International aspiring for Ph.D. Program:

Foreign nationals, NRIs and OCI candidates may be admitted subject to:

1. Equivalence of degree
2. Valid visa requirements
3. Approval of competent authority
4. Availability of supervisor and infrastructure

CHAPTER 4: ADMISSION PROCEDURE

1. Only the pre-determined number of Research Scholars shall be admitted to Ph.D. Program as per the available vacant seats.
2. As per the State reservation policy of Uttarakhand, twenty five percent (25%) seats shall be reserved for the permanent residents of the State of Uttarakhand. If the reserved seats are vacant due to non- availability of eligible Research Scholars, such vacant seats may be filled by the scholars from other States.
3. 26% rebate will be given to permanent residents for Uttarakhand State only on the tuition fee fixed by the University.
4. The University shall invite applications twice in a year, generally in the month of June & December (once in each semester) for admissions to Ph.D. program through advertisement.

The Research Scholar shall apply for admission in the prescribed application form which may be downloaded from the website of the University www.motherhooduniversity.edu.in or obtained from the reception counter of the University and send to: "The Directorate of Research, Motherhood University, Roorkee-

Dehradun Road, Village-Karoundi, Post-Bhagwanpur, Tehsil- Roorkee, District-Haridwar, Uttarakhand, Pin-247661, India" or may directly submit to the Directorate of Research along with all credentials and requisite non-refundable Application Fee. The copy of documents to be attached with the application form shall be:

- Mark sheets of High School/ 10+2/ Diploma with Certificates.
- Mark sheets of all semesters/years of graduation and post-graduation along with degree certificates.
- Document in favour of any exemption listed in Chapter 3
- Aadhaar Card, State Domicile and Caste Certificate in case of any benefit required in particular category.
- Migration Certificate.
- ABC ID
- Four coloured passport size photographs.
- NOC in original obtained from the employer as well as affidavit, in case the applicant is employed. An affidavit if applicant is unemployment.

Final selection shall be based on:

- Entrance Examination
- Interview/Viva Voce

Interview shall assess:

- Research aptitude
- Subject knowledge
- Feasibility & Originality of the proposed research

CHAPTER 5: RESERVATION POLICY

The University shall implement reservation in admissions to the Ph.D. program in accordance with the prevailing provisions, guidelines, and regulations issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the State Government, and the policies adopted by the University from time to time. Reservation of seats for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC), Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Persons with Disabilities (PwD), and other eligible categories shall be governed by the applicable statutory norms and directives in force at the time of admission.

In addition to the reservation provisions, the University may provide fee concessions, scholarships, fellowships, or other forms of financial assistance to meritorious, deserving, and economically weaker candidates, subject to the availability of funds and the rules prescribed by the University and relevant funding agencies. Such measures are intended to promote equitable access to higher education, encourage participation in research

activities from diverse sections of society, and support talented scholars in pursuing quality doctoral research.

CHAPTER 6: MODES OF ADMISSION

Admission to the Ph.D. program shall be made using the following modes:

1. Candidates who qualify for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and other similar National level tests will be exempted from RAT. Their evaluation will be based on two parts. The first part (70%) would be on the basis of Graduation marks (30% weightage) & Post graduation marks (40% weightage) and second part (30%) would be on interview basis.
2. As per the UGC Public Notice No. F4-1 (UGC-NET, review Committee)/2024 (NET)/140648 on dated March 27,2024, the preference in the Ph.D. admission form of the academic session 2026-27 will be given to the NET score candidates.
3. Candidates who have qualified NET/JRF/GATE are exempted from the Entrance Examination however; they shall submit the application form before the last date of filling the form.
4. And/or the University shall conduct an Entrance Test for the Ph.D. admission against vacant seats.
    a) The maximum marks for the entrance examination shall be 100. RAT written paper should be 70 Marks and Personal Interview will comprise of 30 Marks.
    b) RAT paper will be divided into two parts. The first part will be Research Aptitude of 35 Marks (weightage 50%) while the second part will belong to specific subject and will be of 35 Marks (weightage 50%).
    c) The Duration of the examination shall be a maximum of 120 minutes though there is no separate time limit on either of the parts of the question paper.
    d) The RAT Examination shall consist of multiple-choice questions in both parts, Part-A (Research Aptitude) and Part-B (Specific Subject). 70 multiple choice questions carrying one mark each from both the parts are to be asked.
    e) Part A will be common to all Research aspirants
    f) The qualifying marks of the RAT examinations will be 50% of the total marks of entrance examination as eligibility of qualifying for the interview.
    g) There would not be any negative marking in the evaluation of questions in the RAT examination.
    h) A relaxation of 5% marks will be allowed in the entrance examination for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/ Person with Disabilities (PWD) differently-abled category, and Economically Weaker Section (EWS).
    i) The University may decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats available.

j) The Controller of Examination will get the list of qualified candidates approved by the Vice-Chancellor and send the approved copy to the Directorate of Research.

k) Research Aptitude Test (RAT) Score card shall be valid for that batch. If student fails to take admission through that RAT, she/he has to appear & qualify again in the next RAT entrance examination, if he/she wants to take admission.

l) Research Aptitude Test (RAT) shall be followed by Personal Interview and Document Verification by the Directorate of Research in which all aforesaid original documents shall be checked and verified and a set of self-attested photocopies of those documents shall be submitted by the candidate.

m) After verifying all the original documents and submission of the photo copies, including migration certificate or any other document mentioned in Chapter 4, issued by statutory organisation, the candidate shall be issued Enrolment number. In case of non-availability of the original documents, no admission will be allowed subject to the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor.

n) The list of selected candidates shall be approved by the Vice Chancellor.

CHAPTER 7: DURATION OF THE PROGRAM

For Ph.D. Regular Program

The Ph.D. program shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including coursework, and a maximum duration of six years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. program. On regular basis researcher would be completing research work at university campus or will report to the supervisor as and when called.

A maximum of an additional two years may be granted with special approval of Chairperson of RAC of the Motherhood University; however, the total period for completion of Ph.D. program shall not exceed eight years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. program.

Provided further that, female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two years; however, the total period for completion of Ph.D. program in such cases should not exceed ten years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. program.

Female Ph.D. Scholars may be granted Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave for up to 240 days in the entire Duration of the Ph.D. program.

For the Ph.D. Part-Time Program

The Ph.D. Part-Time program shall be for a minimum duration of four years including coursework, and a maximum duration of six years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. Program.

A maximum of an additional two years may be granted with special approval of Chairperson of RAC of the Motherhood University; however, the total period for

completion of Ph.D. program shall not exceed eight years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. program.

Provided further that, female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two years; however, the total period for completion of Ph.D. program in such cases should not exceed ten years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. program.

Female Ph.D. Scholars may be granted Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave for up to 240 days in the entire Duration of the Ph.D. program.

CHAPTER 8: PROCESS OF RESEARCH WORK

The journey of research Process shall commence after the admission of the candidate approved by the Vice-Chancellor. The process of research work involves the following steps:

Step 1: Clearance of RAT written examination and Document Verification, Personal Interview and admission of Research Scholar

Step 2: Conduction of Course Work Classes as per academic calendar and eligibility for Course Work Exam (75% Attendance is Mandatory). The classes can be conducted in Online mode or Offline mode as guided by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

Step 3:

a) The Research Scholars shall be allotted a Research Supervisor by the Directorate of Research with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor.

b) The Research Supervisors shall guide and make aware Research Scholars about the rules and regulations regarding the completion of the Ph.D. program.

c) The Research Supervisor of the Scholar will finalize the research project topic.

d) After the preparation of the synopsis as per manual, the Research Supervisor will Review & Verify it thoroughly and forward it to the Directorate of Research through the Chairperson, DRCC for conducting the RDC meeting of the said Research Scholar.

e) After receiving the proposal to conduct the RDC from the Chairperson, DRCC, the Directorate of Research shall get the same approved by the Vice-Chancellor.

f) The final date of the RDC shall be communicated to the Chairperson, DRCC of the concerned Faculty, Research Supervisor and Research Scholars.

g) In the RDC, the scholar shall prepare Power Point Presentation of his/her proposed research work and shall respond to the queries of the external examiner.

h) The RDC meeting shall be conducted by the Directorate of Research on the prescribed date as per the academic calendar. In case of special cases, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor can give permission to conduct special RDC for scholars. In case the synopsis is approved by the RDC with minor suggestions, the Research Scholar

shall submit four bounded copies of the synopsis duly signed by the Supervisor, Co-Supervisor (if any), DRCC Chairperson, and Research Scholar on each page, to the Directorate of Research through DRCC Chairperson and in case of major revision and alterations, the research scholar shall submit the revised synopsis within 15 days of the RDC meeting. If the same is not submitted within the prescribed period, then the Research Scholar shall have to appear again in the next RDC meeting.

i) After that, the Directorate of Research shall issue the Registration number to the Research Scholar.

Step 4: Research work shall start and Research Scholar shall maintain regular interaction with the Research Supervisor and DRCC Chairperson.

Step 5:

a) Research scholar shall present Power Point Slides of the work done in first six-month review before the DRCC committee and the faculty members of the Faculty. After the successful presentation the scholar will be allowed to submit the First Progress Report to the supervisor who will send it to the DRCC Chairperson after incorporating his comments. DRCC Chairperson will forward this progress report after putting his comments and duly signed and stamped to the Directorate of Research.

b) Research scholar shall present Power Point Slides of the work done in second six-month review before the DRCC committee and the faculty members of the Faculty. After the successful presentation the scholar will be allowed to submit the second Progress Report to the supervisor who will send it to the DRCC Chairperson after incorporating his comments. DRCC Chairperson will forward this progress report after putting his comments and duly signed and stamped to the Directorate of Research.

c) Research scholar will present shall present Power Point Slides of the work done in third six-month review before the DRCC committee and the faculty members of the Faculty. After the successful presentation the scholar will be allowed to submit the Third Progress Report to the supervisor who will send it to the DRCC Chairperson after incorporating his comments. DRCC Chairperson will forward this progress report after putting his comments and duly signed and stamped to the Directorate of Research.

d) Research scholar shall present Power Point Slides of the work done in fourth six-month review before the DRCC committee and the faculty members of the Faculty. After the successful presentation the scholar will be allowed to submit the Fourth Progress Report to the supervisor who will send it to the DRCC Chairperson after incorporating his comments. DRCC Chairperson will forward this progress report after putting his comments and duly signed and stamped to the Directorate of Research.

e) Research scholar shall publish two Research Paper Published in peer - reviewed refereed Journal preferably indexed in Scopus, SCI, WoS, NAAS Journal-As per

the topic of the Research (Any Time after RDC and before Pre-Submission of the Thesis)

f) Research scholar shall make at least two Research Paper oral Presentation in a Seminar/Conference - As per the topic of the Research (Any Time after RDC & before Pre-Submission of the Thesis)

Step 6:

a) Research scholar shall submit the draft thesis for pre-submission along with requisite annexures prescribed in the Ordinance and the Manual.

b) In Pre-submission presentation, the scholar would prepare PPT presentation of his/her research work and will respond to the queries of the external examiner.

c) Research scholar shall submit the modified thesis (If suggested) - Within 01 months of Pre-Submission report by the external Examiner.

Step 7: Directorate of Research will Dispatch the Thesis for Evaluation with three External Examiners within 01 Month after Submission of Thesis (after modification, if any).

Step 8:

a) After receiving the evaluation reports from External Examiners, the research scholar shall incorporate all the modifications suggested by the External Examiners and then submit the hard bound of thesis (6 copies) and a Pen Drive containing one soft copy of complete thesis as well as a folder of Shodhganga containing broken files as per the requirement of INFLIBNET, to the DRCC Chairperson who will forward it to the Directorate of Research for stamping.

b) Directorate of Research shall arrange Final Viva-Voce & Presentation within 03 Months (After the date of receiving report from evaluators as well as receiving of corrected hard bound copies as well as Pen Drive of the Thesis).

c) In Final Viva-Voce & Presentation, the scholar shall prepare PPT presentation of his/her research work and will respond to the queries of the external examiner.

d) After the successful defense of the research work and the positive report of the External Examiner, the Notification for the award of the degree shall be generated.

e) The scholar shall be issued provisional degree only after his approval of successful defence by Academic Council.

CHAPTER 9: COURSE WORK, CREDIT REQUIREMENTS, NUMBER, DURATION, SYLLABUS, MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR COMPLETION, ETC.

a) The Research Scholars shall compulsorily undergo prescribed course work for a minimum period of one semester (06 months & 12 credits) in order to strengthen the background in the chosen Faculty/Area of research and to develop a sound research temperament.

b) Course work shall ordinarily be completed within six months from the date of admission.

c) The course work shall be treated as pre-Ph.D. preparation for research.

d) The Credit requirement for the Ph.D. coursework is a minimum of 12 credits, including a "Research and Publication Ethics" course as notified by UGC vide D.O. No. F.1-1/2018(Journal/CARE) in 2019, and a research methodology course and one paper from related subjects. The Research Advisory Committee can also recommend UGC-recognized online courses as part of the credit requirements for the Ph.D. program.

e) All Ph.D. scholars, irrespective of discipline, shall be required to undergo training in teaching/education/pedagogy/writing related to their chosen Ph.D. subject during their doctoral period. Ph.D. scholars may also be assigned 4-6 hours per week of teaching/research assistantship for conducting tutorial or laboratory work and evaluations.

f) If a Research Scholar does not complete the course work for two consecutive time periods of six months, then his/her candidature in Ph.D. program shall stand cancelled by default and no further communication shall be issued to the scholar made to him by the Directorate of Research in this matter. However, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has the power to grant one more chance of to the scholar.

g) Minimum attendance required to become eligible to appear in the qualifying examination for each paper shall be 75%.

h) Course work shall be conducted in offline, blended or hybrid mode as approved by the University.

i) The Course Work Examination for Ph.D. scholars shall be conducted under the supervision and authority of the Controller of Examination of the University. The examination system shall be designed to assess both the continuous academic performance and the End-Semester Achievement of the research scholars. Ordinarily, the evaluation pattern shall consist of two components, namely Internal Assessment carrying 30 marks and End Semester Examination carrying 70 marks. The Internal Assessment shall aim to evaluate the scholar’s research aptitude, academic engagement, analytical ability, and presentation skills through various academic activities. Such activities may include assignments, seminar presentations, literature reviews, drafting of research proposals, viva voce examinations, and other research-oriented exercises as prescribed by the concerned department or research committee from time to time.

j) To ensure academic rigor and quality in doctoral research, a scholar shall be required to secure a minimum of 55% marks separately in each paper of the course work examination separately. Scholars who fail to obtain the prescribed minimum marks in any paper shall be permitted to reappear for the concerned paper(s) in accordance with the rules and schedule notified by the University.

CHAPTER 10: PLACE OF RESEARCH WORK

Every Full Time Research Scholar shall generally work at the University Campus. However, keeping in view of the nature of the research work, the Research Supervisor may allow the Research Scholar to work/research at some other institution/laboratory or place. Provided that the Research Scholar shall submit a certificate from such other institutions/laboratory where he/she carried out the research work certifying the period for which the Research Work was carried out, the research work to the Directorate of Research during the pre-submission of the thesis. The Research Scholars shall bear all expenses by themselves towards the conduct of the study for their research work.

Scholar pursuing Part Time Ph.D. can work on his research thesis at his own pace but student would have to stay in continuous touch with the supervisor and submit the research work progress accordingly in six months.

CHAPTER 11: SUPERVISOR, CO-SUPERVISOR, AND INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

Every Research Scholar registered for the Ph.D. program shall work under the continuous supervision of his or her Supervisor. The Research Scholar shall remain in the contact with the Supervisors for all queries and updates related to the research work.

A Research Scholar shall be admitted to any one of the Faculty of the University to which the admission announcements have been made for a given semester. In case the Research Scholar is willing and having aptitude to pursue research of interdisciplinary nature for which the specific Faculty has not been instituted in the University but a fulltime Faculty member of other Faculty may be assigned as Supervisor who is competent and willing to guide him or her. The Vice-chancellor shall have discretion to approve such assignment. S/he may be admitted after taking approval from the Vice-Chancellor.

A Research Scholar shall normally be admitted for Ph.D. degree in the Faculty in which he/she has passed his/her qualifying examination. In special cases, a Research Scholar qualifying in any other Faculty, may be permitted for admission to Ph.D. program for which the specific Faculty or Department has not been instituted in the University but due to the interdisciplinary nature of the research topic and the availability of the Research Supervisor in some other Faculty, the Vice Chancellor of the University may allow the Research Scholar to be admitted.

To promote inter-disciplinary approach in research, if any Supervisor has doctoral degree in Psychology, s/he will also be eligible to supervise a Research Scholar in Education having reference to Educational Psychology and Child Psychology. A Co-supervisor having specialization in Psychology can be appointed from outside the University if subject expert is available only in Education.

For reference: (i) A Faculty member with Ph.D. in Chemistry will be considered eligible for supervising in Medicinal Chemistry, Computational Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Chemistry. (ii) A Faculty member with Ph.D. in Zoology or Botany will

be considered eligible for supervising in Microbiology, Biotechnology, Biochemistry, Human Genetics, Molecular & Cell Biology, Immunology, Toxicology, Ecology, Environmental Science, Structure Biology, Biomedical Science, Yoga and Science, Yoga & Technology, Food, Nutrition and Technology, Science & Spirituality, Chemistry of Human Behavior, Anthropology etc. S/he can also undertake to supervise a Research Scholar having masters in Home science, Anthropology, Education, Public Administration, Political Science etc.

If a Research Scholar carries the research in an interdisciplinary topic, then the degree will be awarded in the subject of his or her master's degree.

A Faculty member with the Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics will be considered eligible for supervising Ph.D. in Data Analysis, Image Processing and Computational Mathematics as well as Scientific Computing.

The Supervisor shall play a vital role in guiding and mentoring the Research Scholar throughout the duration of the doctoral program. The primary responsibility of the Supervisor shall be to provide academic guidance and intellectual support to the scholar in the identification of the research problem, formulation of objectives, selection of an appropriate research methodology, analysis of data, and preparation of the thesis. The Supervisor shall ensure that the research work undertaken by the scholar maintains academic quality, relevance, and originality in accordance with the standards prescribed by the University and regulatory authorities.

The Supervisor shall closely monitor the progress of the Research Scholar and ensure the timely completion of various stages of research work, including course work, synopsis presentation, data collection, analysis, publication requirements, and thesis submission. Regular interaction and academic consultation shall be maintained so as to provide constructive feedback and necessary direction to the scholar. The Supervisor shall also conduct periodic review meetings to evaluate the progress of the research work and to identify any academic or administrative challenges faced by the scholar.

The Supervisor shall promote ethical research practices and ensure adherence to the principles of academic integrity, honesty, transparency, and responsible conduct of research. It shall be the duty of the Supervisor to verify the originality of the research work and ensure that the thesis, research papers, and related publications are free from plagiarism and other forms of academic misconduct. The Supervisor shall encourage the scholar to undertake quality research contributing to innovation, societal development, and advancement of knowledge.

The Supervisor shall also motivate and guide the research scholar towards the publication of research papers in reputed journals, presentation of research findings in conferences and seminars, filing of patents wherever applicable, and development of innovative ideas, products, or technologies emerging from the research work. The Supervisor shall act not only as an academic mentor but also as a facilitator for research excellence, professional growth, and capacity building of the scholar.

CHAPTER 12: ALLOCATION OF RESEARCH SUPERVISOR

Eligibility criteria to be a Research Supervisor, Co-Supervisor, Number of Ph.D. Scholars permissible per Supervisor, etc.

A regular Professor of the University with a Ph.D. degree and at least five research publications in peer-reviewed or refereed journals may be recognized as a Research Supervisor. A regular Associate Professor possessing a Ph.D. degree and a minimum of two research publications in peer-reviewed or refereed journals may also be recognized as a Research Supervisor. A regular Assistant Professor with a Ph.D. degree and at least one research publication in a peer-reviewed or refereed journal may be recognized as a Research Supervisor, subject to approval by the competent authority. In addition to the above qualifications, a Research Supervisor shall possess a proven record of research and scholarly contributions and shall be actively engaged in teaching and research activities.

A Co-Supervisor may be appointed to provide additional expertise in interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, collaborative, industrial, institutional, or specialized areas of research. The Co-Supervisor may be a faculty member of the University or an expert from another recognized university, research institution, industry, laboratory, or organization possessing a doctoral degree and demonstrated expertise in the relevant field of research. The appointment of a Co-Supervisor shall be subject to the approval of the Research Advisory Committee / Chairman RAC.

The maximum number of Ph.D. scholars that may be supervised by a faculty member at any given time shall be in accordance with the UGC Regulations, 2022. A Professor may supervise not more than eight (08) Ph.D. scholars, an Associate Professor not more than six (06) Ph.D. scholars, and an Assistant Professor not more than four (04) Ph.D. scholars at any point of time. For this purpose, all scholars who have been officially registered and whose theses have not yet been awarded shall be counted towards the permissible supervision limit.

In exceptional cases involving sponsored research projects, interdisciplinary research programs, joint supervision arrangements, or collaboration with national and international institutions, the University may permit co-supervision arrangements, subject to approval by the competent authority and the provisions of the UGC Regulations.

The allocation of research scholars to Research Supervisors shall be carried out by the Departmental Research Committee/Research Degree Committee in a transparent manner, taking into consideration the research interests of the scholar, the expertise and specialization of the supervisor, the available supervisory capacity, and the need to maintain an equitable distribution of research scholars among eligible faculty members.

CHAPTER 13: RESEARCH PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS MONITORING

Six-Monthly Progress Review and Presentation Mechanism

The progress of each Research Scholar shall be monitored by the Supervisor(s), who will assess the performance to be "satisfactory" or "unsatisfactory." For this purpose, each Research Scholar shall be required to submit a progress report with Research Supervisor duly signed the report at the interval of six months to the DRCC Chairperson who will forward it to Directorate of Research after placing his/her comments.

Every Ph.D. research scholar shall be required to submit a Six-Monthly Progress Report through the Supervisor to the concerned Department/Research Cell in the prescribed format. The report shall include details of the research work completed, methodology adopted, publications, academic activities, and the proposed plan for further research. The Supervisor shall review the progress and provide remarks regarding the quality and pace of the research work.

The scholar shall also mandatorily present a six-monthly Progress Report in Power Point Presentation before the Departmental Research Committee (DRC)/Research Advisory Committee (RAC) or any committee constituted by the University. The Committee shall assess the progress of the research work and provide necessary suggestions and recommendations for improvement.

The Six-Monthly Progress Review and Presentation system shall serve as a continuous monitoring mechanism to ensure timely completion of research work, maintenance of academic quality, and adherence to research ethics. Satisfactory performance in the review process shall be mandatory for continuation in the Ph.D. program.

CHAPTER 14: RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC)

There shall be a Research Advisory Committee consisting of the following:

1. Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor of the University shall be the Chairperson.
2. DRCC Chairperson of each faculty
3. One or two subject experts/Senior faculty members in the concerned research area
4. Controller of Examinations
5. Registrar of the University
6. Dean Research & Innovation shall be member secretary

If the Member-Secretary cannot attend the meeting for any reason, she/he shall nominate another authorized person to convene the meeting.

Presence of four members of the RAC shall form the quorum for convening the meeting.

Functions of RAC

a) To take important and strategic decisions related to the Ph.D. research work. The decisions regarding rules and regulations of Ph.D. program taken unanimously in the

meeting of RAC will become the part of this Ordinance on being approved by the higher authorities.

b) To review the current status of work and progress of the Research Scholars of the Faculties.

c) To invite the academicians for the advancement of the knowledge of Faculty members in the field of science education, computer application, use of software and to discuss latest trends in research methodology.

d) RAC shall also plan and motivate the faculty members to undertake the minor and major research projects from the National and State funding agencies.

CHAPTER 15: RESEARCH DEGREE COMMITTEE (RDC)

There shall be a Research Degree Committee (RDC) for carrying out various functions of the Ph.D. program. The composition of the RDC is as follows:

i) Vice-Chancellor or his Nominee

ii) Registrar - Member

iii) Dean/ Principal/HOD of the Concerned Faculty - Member

iv) Supervisor of the Research Scholar - Member

v) External Subject Expert - Member

vi) Dean, Research & Innovation - Member-Secretary

The RDC meeting shall be organized twice in a session after the recommendation of the Supervisor through Chairperson, DRCC of the concerned Faculty to the Directorate of Research as per the academic calendar. A special RDC meeting may be organized at any time with the permission of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

Presence of four members of the RDC shall form the quorum for convening the meeting.

The minutes of the RDC meetings shall be placed before the Chairperson/Vice-Chancellor for his approval.

If the Member-Secretary cannot attend the meeting for any reason, s/he shall nominate another authorized person to convene the meeting.

Functions and Duties of the Research Degree Committee

a) The RDC shall function as a statutory academic body responsible for scrutinizing and approving matters related to the Ph.D. research synopsis. The Committee shall examine the research synopsis submitted by the scholar in consultation with the Supervisor to assess the relevance, originality, feasibility, research objectives, methodology, scope of the study, and its academic or societal significance. The scholar may be required to make a presentation of the synopsis before the RDC for detailed academic evaluation and interaction.

b) Based on the presentation and evaluation of the synopsis, the RDC may recommend approval of the proposed research topic, suggest modifications in the title, objectives, or methodology, or advise resubmission of the synopsis after incorporating necessary corrections. The recommendations of the RDC shall be duly recorded and communicated to the scholar and Supervisor for compliance.

c) The members of the Research Degree Committee (RDC) shall examine the synopsis of the proposed research work whether the scheme of investigation is likely to give results of sufficient value, or needs some modification or deserves rejection, in below mentioned categories:

   i) Approved without modification

   ii) Approved with minor modification

   iii) Approved with major modification

   iv) Rejected

d) The Committee shall ensure that the research work undertaken by the scholar conforms to the standards of academic integrity, research ethics, plagiarism regulations, and other guidelines prescribed by the University and UGC from time to time.

e) The Registration number will be issued to the Research Scholar only after the final submission of the approved synopsis.

CHAPTER 16: DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH COORDINATION COMMITTEE (DRCC)

In each Faculty/Department of the University, academic matters related to the Ph.D. program shall be supervised by a Departmental Research Coordination Committee consisting of the following:

i) Dean/Principal/Head of the concerned Department/ Faculty shall be the Chairperson of DRCC

ii) Faculty members eligible as Supervisor shall be the members of DRCC

iii) The Member Secretary of DRCC shall be nominated by the Chairperson of DRCC

These committees shall work in all departments with their names as DRCC (Education), DRCC (Art, Humanities & Social Sciences), DRCC (Science), DRCC (Pharmaceutical Sciences), DRCC (Commerce & Business Studies), DRCC (CS/IT) and DRCC (Legal Studies).

Functions of DRCC

DRCC shall perform the following functions:

a) To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research topic.

b) To guide the Ph.D. Research Scholar in developing the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that he/she may have to do.

c) To periodically review and assist in monitoring the progress of the research work of the Ph.D. scholar.

d) In case the progress of the Ph.D. scholar is unsatisfactory, the DRCC shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the Ph.D. scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the DRCC may recommend, with specific reasons, the cancellation of the registration of the Ph.D. scholar from the Ph.D. program.

e) To forward the recommendation of the Supervisor to hold the RDC meeting of the Research Scholars to the Directorate of Research.

f) The Chairperson of DRCC of all faculties shall attend the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting whenever conducted.

CHAPTER 17: DOCTORAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (DSC)

Prior to the pre submission of the thesis the DRCC Chairperson will send the draft thesis to Directorate of research for sending it to the Doctoral Scrutiny Committee (DSC). The committee will consist of Dean - Research & Innovation, Dy. Dean - Research & Innovation, the DRCC Chairperson, Supervisor of the Research Scholar and any other person nominated by the RAC Chairperson.

DSC will review the complete draft thesis and after the scrutiny, the committee will forward the report & draft thesis to the DRCC Chairperson for communication to the Research Scholar. After the necessary major modifications suggested (if any) by the committee, the scholar will submit the Draft Thesis to the Directorate of Research through Chairperson, DRCC within 15 days of receiving the modifications with the Certificate of the Research Supervisor that the suggested corrections have been incorporated by the Research Scholar in the draft thesis. The draft thesis will again be send to Doctoral Scrutiny Committee (DSC) within 15 days of getting the modified draft received. If no major modifications are suggested then the research scholar will submit the followings for pre-submission within 15 days to Directorate of Research through Chairperson, DRCC.

CHAPTER 18: PRE-SUBMISSION OF THESIS

Pre-Submission Seminar Presentation Procedure

Every Ph.D. Research Scholar shall be required to deliver a Pre-Submission Seminar presentation prior to the submission of the Ph.D. thesis. The seminar shall be organized by the concerned Department after the scholar has completed the research work to the satisfaction of the Research Supervisor and fulfilled the requirements prescribed under the University and UGC Regulations, 2022. The purpose of the Pre-Submission Seminar presentation shall be to evaluate the quality, originality, relevance, and completeness of the research work before final submission of the thesis.

The scholar shall submit an application through the Research Supervisor to the Department/Research Cell requesting permission for conducting the Pre-Submission

Seminar along with the required documents and draft thesis. The Department shall notify the date, time, and venue of the seminar and circulate the same among faculty members, research scholars, subject experts, and members of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC).

During the seminar, the scholar shall present the objectives of the study, review of literature, research gap, methodology adopted, data analysis, findings, conclusions, recommendations, and the contribution of the research to the existing body of knowledge. The presentation shall be followed by an open academic discussion and interaction with experts, faculty members, and participants. Suggestions and observations received during the seminar shall be recorded for necessary incorporation in the final thesis.

The Committee for pre-submission seminar presentation evaluation would include Vice Chancellor or his nominee, Dean of the faculty of which Research Scholar belongs, Supervisor of the scholar, External Subject expert and Dean - research & Innovation. The Committee constituted for this purpose shall evaluate the presentation and may recommend:

i) Acceptance of the research work for final thesis submission;

ii) Submission after minor modifications/corrections;

iii) Re-presentation after major revision, if required.

The scholar shall incorporate the suggestions and corrections recommended during the Pre-Submission Seminar before final submission of the thesis for evaluation. The attendance and photograph of the seminar shall be duly recorded and maintained by the Research Cell as part of the official academic record.

Pre-Submission Documents Checklist

Research Scholars are required to submit the following prior to the Pre-Ph.D. presentation through Research Supervisor to the Directorate of Research, which would get it approved by the Vice-Chancellor and confirm the date of pre-Ph.D. presentation to the Research Supervisor: -

1. Application for Pre-Submission Seminar duly forwarded by the Research Supervisor and verified by DRCC Chairperson.
2. Six-Monthly Progress Reports and presentation records.
3. Course Work completion certificate and grade sheet.
4. Proof of Ph.D. registration/registration confirmation letter.
5. Copy of approved research synopsis/title approval letter.
6. Draft copy of the Ph.D. thesis.
7. Plagiarism/Similarity Check Report as per UGC Regulations.
8. Certificate of originality and plagiarism compliance signed by the scholar and Supervisor.

9. Research publications/papers as prescribed by the University, if applicable.
10. Attendance/participation record of seminars, workshops, or research methodology programs, wherever required.
11. No Dues Certificate from the Department, Library, Hostel, Laboratory, and other concerned sections.
12. If the Research Scholar has carried out research work at any other institutions/laboratories, collected data or performed other similar functions, the original certificates from such institutions duly signed and stamped by the authorized person of the institution or laboratory mentioning the time period and nature of the work carried shall be submitted. In case no lab is used as in Mathematics or in descriptive research, verification by the research supervisor would be final.
13. Ethical Clearance Certificate, wherever applicable.
14. Reprints of Two Research Papers published in the National or International peer reviewed refereed Journal preferably from the approved list of UGC/NAAS (in case of agriculture).
15. Two Research Paper Presentation Certificates in National or International Seminar/Conferences
16. An Affidavit from the Research Scholar about the originality of research work.
17. An Affidavit from the Supervisor about the originality of the research work of his/her Research Scholar.
18. Course work Mark-sheet / Certificate of completion of course work
19. Six Monthly Progress Reports since the time of Registration in Ph.D. Program (minimum four reports must be submitted).
20. Resume of the Research Scholar including ORCHID ID
21. In case, subject experts suggest some modification in draft thesis, The Research Scholar shall resubmit the thesis to the Research Supervisor after incorporation of suggested modification within fifteen days. He/she shall forward the corrected thesis to Directorate of Research along with a letter that s/he has verified the suggested corrections.
22. Any other document prescribed by the University/Research Cell from time to time

CHAPTER 19: EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT METHODS

The evaluation of the Ph.D. thesis shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 and the rules framed by the University from time to time. After successful completion of the Pre-Submission Seminar and incorporation of the suggestions made therein, the Research Scholar shall submit the final thesis in the prescribed format along with all required certificates and documents.

The thesis submitted by the scholar shall be evaluated by three external examiners who are experts in the concerned subject area and are not affiliated with the University. Such examiner(s) should be academicians with a good record of scholarly publications in the field. Ordinarily, at least one external examiner shall be from outside the State, and whenever possible, one examiner may be appointed from outside India, in accordance with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022.

The examiners shall be appointed by the competent authority of the University from a panel recommended by the Research Supervisor(s) forwarded through the DRCC and approved by the appropriate academic body. The evaluation process shall be conducted in a fair, confidential, objective, and transparent manner to ensure maintenance of academic standards and research quality.

The examiners shall independently examine the thesis and submit detailed reports regarding the originality, quality, contribution to knowledge, research methodology, analysis, findings, and overall suitability of the thesis for the award of the Ph.D. degree. The examiners may recommend:

1. Acceptance of the thesis for the award of Ph.D.;
2. Acceptance subject to minor corrections/modifications;
3. Resubmission after major revision and re-evaluation; or
4. Rejection of the thesis.

If two out of three external examiners recommend acceptance, then thesis will be forwarded for the viva voce examination. If any two examiners reject the thesis, then the Ph.D. scholar shall be declared ineligible for the award of a Ph.D. However, the University may refer the thesis to an additional external examiner, after the approval from the competent authority, whose recommendation shall be considered final in accordance with University rules.

CHAPTER 20: FINAL VIVA VOCE FOR AWARD OF THE DEGREE

The Final Viva-Voce Examination of a Ph.D. scholar shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 and the rules framed by the University from time to time. The viva-voce examination shall be held only after the thesis has been evaluated by the external examiners and at least two examiners have recommended acceptance of the thesis, subject to incorporation of corrections, if any.

The viva-voce examination shall be conducted by a Viva-Voce Board consisting of Vice Chancellor or his nominee, Dean of the faculty of which the Research Scholar belongs, Supervisor of the scholar, External Subject Examiner /expert and Dean research & Innovation. The external examiner shall be one of the thesis evaluators of that scholar. The examination may be conducted in physical mode or through online mode as permitted by the University.

The viva-voce shall be open to the members of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC), faculty members, Research Scholar s, students, and other academic participants as prescribed by the University. The purpose of the viva-voce examination shall be to assess the scholar's depth of knowledge, understanding of the research problem, originality of the work, methodology adopted, analysis and interpretation of findings, and the contribution of the research to the existing body of knowledge.

During the viva-voce examination, the scholar shall present and defend the research work before the Viva Board and respond satisfactorily to the questions, comments, and suggestions raised by the examiners and participants. The Board may recommend:

i) Successful completion of the viva-voce examination and award of the Ph.D. degree;

ii) Award of the degree subject to minor corrections/modifications in the thesis; or

iii) Re-appearance in the viva-voce examination after incorporating major corrections, if required.

The final recommendation for the award of the Ph.D. degree shall be made only after the successful completion of the thesis evaluation and viva voce examination. The University shall ensure that the thesis complies with plagiarism regulations, research ethics, and all academic requirements prescribed by the UGC and the University before the degree is awarded.

After successful completion of the viva-voce examination and incorporation of corrections, if any, the final corrected copy of the thesis shall be submitted to the University in printed and electronic form.

The University shall preferably complete the entire process of evaluating a Ph. D. thesis, including the declaration of the viva-voce result, within a period of six months from the date of submission of the thesis.

CHAPTER 21: ISSUING A PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE

Prior to the actual award of the Ph.D. degree, the University shall issue a provisional certificate to the effect that the Ph.D. is being awarded in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations after the approval of Academic Council. However, copy of notification can be provided to the scholar after the receiving of final viva voce report and after getting the permission of getting to release the notification from Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University.

CHAPTER 22: AWARD OF Ph.D. DEGREES PRIOR TO NOTIFICATION OF THESE REGULATIONS

Award of degrees to candidates registered for the Ph.D. program on or after July 11, 2009, till the date of Notification of these Regulations shall be governed by the provisions of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2009 or the UGC (Minimum Standardsand Procedure for Award of

M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) 2016 Regulations as the case may be, or UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for the award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022.

CHAPTER 23: DEPOSITORY WITH INFLIBNET

The University shall upload an electronic copy of the final Ph.D. thesis to the INFLIBNET repository/Shodhganga for public access and archival purposes before the formal award of the degree.

CHAPTER 24: WITHDRAWAL OF THE ADMISSION

The University reserve all the rights to withdraw the degree or cancellation of registration of the Research Scholar at any time if he/she is found guilty of committing plagiarism or any kind of malpractice.

Admission to the Ph.D. program may be cancelled under the following given conditions:

a) If the Research Scholar fails to appear in the two consecutive course - work examination.

b) If the Research Scholar does not submit the revised synopsis within six months of RDC conduction.

c) If student, without permission after registration not submitting six months progress report for more than a year.

d) If his/her one-year fee accumulation or not submitting or skipping two instalments.

e) If he/she does not take the permission of extension of the stipulated time.

f) The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor shall have discretion to allow the Research Scholar for the extension of six months as per the above-mentioned conditions.

CHAPTER 25: REFUND OF DEPOSITED FEES

In case a Research Scholar is unable to carry the research work due to some personal unavoidable circumstances or his/her Research Supervisor recommends to cancel admission due to indiscipline or any other reasons, in writing to Directorate of Research, it would be then hearing to the Research Scholar, the admission shall be cancelled. If the cancellation of admission is recommended before the scheduled course work examination 50% of the deposited fee will be refunded while cancellation of admission is recommended before the scheduled first RDC meeting, 20% of the deposited fee will be refunded. While the discretion regarding refunds will be exercised by the Vice-Chancellor in case the cancellation of admission. Notwithstanding anything stated in this ordinance, for any issues arising, whether covered or not covered by this ordinance, the Vice-Chancellor shall reserve all rights to take any decision in all concerned matters.