

Code of ethics for research followed by the departments

1. CATEGORIES OF ADMISSION

The applicants shall be admitted to the Ph. D program of the University under one of the following categories:

(i) Full-time Research Student

A student who is registered for the Ph. D degree devoting major part of study time at the University for completing the degree requirements shall be a Full-time Research Student. This category shall include:

- a) Research students including foreign nationals getting financial support from Government/Semi-government agencies or teaching/research assistantship from the university.
- b) Research students released from Governmental or educational institution on study leave with salary for a period not less than 2 years for pursuing Ph. D Program; or
- c) Self-financed Research Students in any of the following categories:
 - i) General – A person with experience and with good track record to join the full-time Ph. D Program on self-financed basis.
 - ii) Study Leave – A person released from a Government department or educational institution or industrial organization on study leave without pay for not less than 2 years for pursuing full-time Ph. D program.
 - iii) Research Fellow/Employee – Working full-time in an R&D Project at the University provided the topic of his Ph. D topic is in conformity with that of the project, as certified by RAC.

(ii) Part-time Research Student

A student who is registered for the Ph. D Program devoting part of his time for completing the requirements of this degree while discharging his employment obligations. This category shall include any of the following:

- a) Regular employee (faculty or staff) of the University.
- b) Research Fellow working full-time in an R&D Project at the University provided the tenure of such project extends at least over next 2 years after the registration.

- c) A candidate sponsored by and or employed in the industry / organizations / academic institutions having access to required R&D facilities recognized by the University.

Change of Status from one category to another category or from Full-time to Part-time and vice versa will be subject to final decision by the VC.

2. ADMISSION ELIGIBILITY

(i) Ph. D in Engineering / Technology or related disciplines

For admission to Ph. D Programs in Engineering/Technology or related disciplines, the candidate must have minimum 60% marks or minimum grade equivalent to 60% marks in M.E./ M. Tech in relevant disciplines or in a subject allied / cognate theirto .

(ii) Ph. D in Management, Pharmacy and Non-Engineering Disciplines

For Ph. D Programs in Management, Pharmacy and Non-Engineering fields, the candidate(s) must have minimum 55% marks in relevant PG Degree (s) or in a subject allied /cognate theirto.

Provided that if a Department/School desires to incorporate additional eligibility requirement to cater to the specific need of the course, the concerned RAC will be authorized to do so.

3. ADMISSION PROCEDURE

- (i) The interested candidates should apply through a formal Application Form as prescribed, available in the Website of the University or from the Accounts Section of the University.
- (ii) Admission Entrance Test shall be conducted by the University as per syllabi of various courses available on the Website of the University. After the written test, interview shall be conducted for the candidates qualifying the written examination for selection of candidate(s), to the course.
- (iii) Candidates who have qualified in UGC/ CSIR (JRF) Examination/ SLET/ GATE / M .Phil (As a Regular Candidate from UGC Recognized University for admission to non-engineering disciplines), may not be required to appear for Entrance Test of the University. However, their appearance in the interview shall be mandatory for admission for such category candidates.
- (iv) A merit list will be prepared for admission based on the marks obtained in the Entrance Test and Interview or Interview for candidates who have been exempted from the Entrance Test as in Para (iii) above.

- (v) Admission may be made twice in a year- Winter Session and Summer Session. The exact dates shall be notified on the Website of the University.
- (vi) Only a pre-determined number of students, depending upon available facilities, shall be selected for admission to the Ph. D program.
- (vii) (VII.) The verification of documents and eligibility for admission to Ph.D programme shall be done by the Dean of school concerned which shall be sent to the Dean Academic Affairs (AA) for further action.

4. DURATION OF Ph. D PROGRAM

- (i) Duration for Ph. D in Engineering/Technology or related disciplines will be of minimum 2 years and maximum 6 years.
- (ii) Duration of Ph. D (Non- Engineering disciplines) will be minimum 2 years and maximum 5 years.
- (iii) However, in special circumstances, Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of RAC may increase the duration for up to one more year.
- (iv) The duration of the Ph. D Program shall be counted from the date of Registration to the date of Ph. D submission.

5. WITHDRAWAL FROM PH. D PROGRAM

A student who has been admitted to a Doctoral Program of the University may be permitted to withdraw temporarily, for a period of one semester or more, due to some valid reasons, provided:

- (i) He/she applies to the University, stating fully the reasons for withdrawal together with supporting documents and endorsement from his parent/ guardian.
- (ii) There are no outstanding fees/dues or any other financial demands.
- (iii) Scholarship holders are bound by the appropriate rules of the funding agency as applicable to them.
- (iv) The decision of the VC, regarding withdrawal of a student is final and binding.

Normally, a student will be permitted only one such temporary withdrawal during his tenure as a student and this withdrawal during his/her tenure as a student will not be counted for computing the duration of Ph. D Program.

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7. 7A. ENTRANCE TEST

- (i) The syllabus for the Entrance Test shall be as prescribed by the University from time to time and shall be displayed on the University Website.
- (ii) The Entrance Test shall be conducted at the Campus and/or other Centres as decided by the University.

- (iii) Minimum Cut-off percentage for eligibility to appear in the Interview shall be 40% or as prescribed by the University from time to time.
- (iv) The validity of the Entrance Test results will be for a period of one year and a candidate, who has cleared the Entrance Test, will be eligible to be called for Interview(s) for admission to Ph. D Program which is (are) held within one year of declaration of the result of the Entrance Test in which the candidate participated.
- (v) (V). The paper setter and the evaluator shall be decided by the Dean of the concerned school.
- (vi) 7B. Interview
- (vii) The Candidate who qualify the Entrance Test , along with the candidates exempted from appearing in Entrance Test shall be required to submit a preliminary Research Proposal to the school concerned. The research proposal shall include the broad subject of Research, references/bibliography on the subject, and any other relevant information the research would like to furnish in support of his/her proposal. These candidates will be required to be present and defend the research proposal before the RAC of the school concerned shall recommend the names of the candidates. in order of merit and on the basis of available vacant seats, for provisional registration to Ph.D programme.
- (viii) It is further clarified that wait-listed may be adjusted against further vacancies beig available till the holding or the next Enterance test or within one year. whichever is earlier.

8. RESEARCH ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE (RAC)

For each Researchscholar, there will be one Research Assessment Committee at University. The Dean (Academic) of the University will initiate the process of constituting the Research Assessment Committee for each research scholar with the approval of Vice Chancellor. The Constitution of RAC shall be as follows:

- (i) The concerned Dean of the School of theUniversity (Ex-Officio)
Chairperson
- (ii) Ph. D Supervisor(s)/Co-Supervisor(s);
Members
- (iii) One faculty member, not below the rank of Associate Professor of the University;
Member
- (iv) One Teacher from English Department, approved by VC
Member
- (v) One External Expert in relevant area approved by VC
Member

Subject to the overall guidance of the Academic Council, the RAC shall perform, inter-alia, the following functions:

- (i) To review the current status of research of the Ph. D Scholar and critically examine the progress thereof from time to time;
- (ii) the appointment of examiners for evaluating the Ph. D Thesis of the Research Scholar;
- (iii) To perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the Academic Council.
- (iv) The RAC shall meet at least twice a year.
- (v) The RAC may determine its own procedures for working.
- (vi) The Quorum of the RAC shall be half of the total members. In case, the External Member is unable to attend the meeting, his views may be taken in writing and put up before the Committee.
- (vii) The term of Office of the members shall be for a period of two years.

9. COURSE WORK

- (i) All candidates provisionally admitted to Ph. D program shall have to complete the 'Course Work' of 12 Credits on the Campus for a minimum duration of one Semester.
 - (ii) The maximum duration to complete the Course work shall be TWO years failing which the registration of the Scholar shall be cancelled.
 - (iii) Minimum CGPA requirement for the Course Work shall be 5.3.
 - (iv) The Course Work shall consist of the following:
 - a) Research Methodology Course which shall be compulsory for all the Scholars;
 - b) Literature Survey Course which will be run on self-study basis;
 - c) in consultation with the supervisor / co-supervisor's and
 - d) One
or Two Courses related to the research work as recommended by the BOS of the department and approved by RAC Supervisor and approved by RAC/VC
- Each Course, except Literature Survey Course, shall have 25% of Continuous Evaluation Component and 75% End Semester Examination Component.
- (v) the details and modality of Literary Survey course shall be decided by the concern RAC Literature Survey Course shall have 100% Continuous Evaluation Component.
(VI.) The paper setters and evaluators for the course work shall be decided by the Dean of concerned school.

10. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PH. D SUPERVISOR/CO-SUPERVISOR

- (i) A Ph. D Supervisor must hold Ph. D Degree. However, if the External Supervisor is from an Industry who has research work equivalent to PH. D Degree, requirement of Ph. D Degree as one of his Qualifications, may not be mandatory.
- (ii) There could be more than one person supervising a Ph. D Scholar. In such case, all the other person(s) except the Supervisor shall be called as Co-Supervisor(s).
- (iii) The Supervisor can be either Internal (a faculty member of the University) or External (from other Institution or Industry). However, in case of an External Supervisor, it is mandatory to appoint a Co-Supervisor from within the University.
- (iv) A A Supervisor shall normally not be permitted
Supervisor
shall normally not be permitted to supervise more than 8 Ph. D Scholars.
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- (vi) (IV.) Adjunct professor (as per the UGC guidelines may be appointed as supervisor's on the recommendation of the Dean RAC concerned with the approval of the Vice Chancellor.

11. SELECTION OF A PH. D SUPERVISOR/CO-SUPERVISOR

- (i) The concerned Dean of the School shall initiate the process of selection of Supervisor for each Ph. D Scholar and allocation of Ph. D Supervisor to a Scholar shall be made by the concerned Dean with the prior approval of the Vice Chancellor. Ph. D Supervisor may be changed, if required, by the Dean concerned with permission of the Vice Chancellor.
- (ii) If the proposed topic of the research, so warrants, the Dean of the concerned School may also appoint Co-supervisor (s), either from within or outside the University.
- (iii) If a candidate is to carry the part of his/her Ph. D work in a foreign country, the Dean concerned may recommend the appointment of a co-supervisor from the foreign institution concerned having the consent of proposed co-supervisor.
- (iv) If an academic staff is on a long leave of one year or more duration, the Dean concerned shall not recommend him/ her as Supervisor/ Co-supervisor.
- (v) If a Supervisor of a student proceeds on long leave of more than two years duration during the first year of registration, the Dean concerned may appoint another Supervisor for the said student.
- (vi) If a Supervisor leaves the University within two years of the registration of a Ph. D student, the Dean concerned shall appoint a new Supervisor for him. Provided that if there is a Co-supervisor of the said candidate from the same Department/School/Centre, he shall be appointed as the Supervisor and the initial Supervisor may be appointed as Co-supervisor after obtaining the latter's consent.
- (vii) If a Supervisor proceeds on long leave after two years of registration of a candidate, the Ph. D thesis shall be submitted under his/ her supervision, provided

he/ she is available in the Department/ School/ Centre at the time of the submission of the thesis.

Provided that if the concerned Supervisor is not available in the Department/ School/Centre at the time of the submission of the thesis, the candidate shall be allowed to submit his/ her thesis under the Co – Supervisor of the said candidate.

Provided further that the candidate shall be allowed to submit his thesis under the Head/ Dean/ Director of the Department/ School/ Centre concerned if both the Supervisor and the Co-Supervisor are on long leave at the time of submission of the thesis.

- (viii) In case of death or resignation of a Supervisor from the University, the Head/ Dean/Director of the Department/ School/ Centre concerned shall discharge the duties of the Supervisor till such time the Dean concerned appoints a new Supervisor of the said Ph. D student.

12. APPROVAL OF RESEARCH PROPOSAL

- (i) Upon successful completion of the course work, a Research Scholar shall be required to make a presentation of his Research Proposal before the RAC to establish his preparedness to carry out the proposed research. The Research Proposal should cover the following aspects:

- a) Outline of research proposal
- b) Current state of the literature related to the proposed topic
- c) Summary of the current technology/developments
- d) Proposed methodology
- e) References
- f) Possible applications of the proposed research
- g) Name of the Supervisor(s) and Co-Supervisor(s)

The Research Proposal should reach the RAC members at least two weeks before the date of presentation.

- (ii) The RAC shall either recommend to the Academic Council the case for approval of the Research Proposal; or, if not satisfied with the Research Proposal, ask the Research Scholar to re-submit a revised proposal.
- (iii) A Research Scholar shall ordinarily be allowed only two attempts for presentation before the RAC. In case, the Research Proposal of a Research Scholar is not approved within the limitations prescribed in this clause, his provisional registration shall be cancelled. A third attempt may be allowed only with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the RAC.

13. PERFORMANCE MONITORING/PROGRESS REPORT

- (i)
- (ii) i) The Research Assessment Committee will process and evaluate the progress of Ph.D work at least once in 6 months. Each research scholar will be required to

submit his/her progress report to be Research Assessment Committee once in 6 months. He / she will also present the progress report through a Seminar/other Presentation Techniques, before the Research Assessment Committee.

- (iii) The RAC after having considered the progress report of each Research Scholar, shall recommend one of the following course:
 - a) Continuation of registration;
 - b) Continuation of registration with issuance of a warning to the research scholar suggesting steps necessary to improve his performance in consultation with the Supervisor(s); or
 - c) Termination of registration.

14. TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION

Registration of a research scholar shall be liable for termination in any one of the following eventualities, after due approval of the Vice Chancellor:

- (i). If he/she has not submitted his/her Thesis within the time limit, including extension.

- (i) If a full time research scholar absents himself for a continuous period of six weeks without prior intimation/sanction of leave;
- (ii) If the Research Scholar does not pay the Fees as due.
- (iii) If the research scholar discontinues Ph. D program;
- (iv) If he fails to renew his registration in any semester subject to the provisions contained in these Regulations;
- (v) If his academic progress is found to be unsatisfactory
- (vi) in terms of Clause
- (vii) 13 (ii) c) of these Regulations; or
- (viii) If he is found to be involved in an act of misconduct and/or indiscipline and termination is recommended by the RAC or any other authority authorized by the Academic Council.

15. SUBMISSION OF SYNOPSIS

- (i) .
- (ii) (i) Synopsis of Proposed Research: After successful completion of pre Ph.D Course work, the candidate shall be required to prepare a Synopsis' of the proposed research in consultation with his/her Research Supervisor The Synopsis will include: 1) Topic of Research, ii) Objectives, iii) Current state of the literature related to the purposed topic, iv) Proposed Research work, v) Methodology, vi) References and vii) any other relevant information the researcher would like to submit in support of the proposed research. The candidate will submit and present the Synopsis to the concerned Dean, for consideration/approval of the RAC concerned.

- (iii) The Research Assessment Committee will assess the performances and quality of Synopsis.
- (iv)
- (v) For this purpose, he shall be required to submit 8 copies of the Synopsis of his research work including bibliography to the RAC through his Supervisor(s). Thereafter, the scholar will be required to make a presentation before the RAC, respective Supervisor/Co-Supervisor, faculty members and other research scholars.

16. SUBMISSION OF PH. D THESIS

- (i)
 - 16.** 1. Every Ph.D student shall give a Pre-Ph.D Submission at least six months before the submission of the thesis. Provided that the Dean of the School concerned shall make the arrangement for the above presentation.
 - 17.** The Supervisor/Co-Supervisor of the said candidate shall ensure that the candidate include the suggestion made during the Seminar presentation in his/her thesis before it is finally submitted.
 - 18.** 2. Prior to submission of thesis the student shall make a Pre-Ph.D. Submission presentation in the department before RAC concerned, all faculty members and research students provided he/she has published at least one research paper based on his/her research work in refereed journal/ International Journal seminar /workshop. OR alternately, he/she shall have to publish at least two research papers based on his/her Ph.D research work in referred Journal (S)/International Journal.
 - 19.** Based on the above presentation by the research scholar in the department before RAC concerned, all faculty members and research students, Research Assessment Committee may allow the Ph.D student to finalize and submit thesis.
 - 20.** The thesis shall be accompanied by a 'Declaration' signed by the candidate in the format given.
- (i) **21.**
 - (i) The thesis shall be a piece of research work characterized either by discovery of new facts or enunciation of a new theory or theories or by fresh interpretation of known facts. It shall bear evidence of the research scholar's capacity for analysis and judgment as well as his ability to carry out independent investigation, design or development. Further, no part of the thesis or published work shall have been submitted for the award of any other diploma or degree.
 - (ii) The research scholar shall submit a certificate from his Supervisor(s)
 - (iii) countersigned by the concerned Dean in the prescribed format that the work embodied in the thesis entitled " _____ " is original and has been carried out by the scholar and that it has not been submitted earlier in full or in part for the award of any other diploma or degree of this or any other University.
 - (iv) The preparation of the Thesis shall be in accordance with the format prescribed by the University.
 - (v) Three copies of the thesis in soft binding

- (vi) along with
- (vii) and three copies of abstract of the thesis with one copy on electronic media and three copies of abstract of the thesis, and all relevant papers/documents onwards submission.
- (viii) for record shall be submitted to the University for organizing evaluation. In case, a research scholar is supervised by more than one Supervisor/Co-Supervisor, appropriate number of additional copies shall be required to be submitted
- (ix) for by the concerned Dean to the controller of examinations for further necessary action..
- (x) It will be the responsibility of the Supervisor(s) and the Research Scholar to get the Thesis checked on one of the globally acceptable 'plagiarism checking software' approved by the University to ensure that the plagiarism levels do not exceed 25% overall.
- (xi)

17. APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINERS

- (i) The Research Supervisor(s) shall suggest a panel of at least six experts in the subject area of research work out of which 3 Experts shall be from Universities/ Deemed Universities who have Membership Status with AIU in India and 3 Experts from Foreign Countries (or from IITs/ "A" Grade Institutions accredited by NAAC or NBA in India),
- (ii) to Dean concerned for its consideration. The
- (iii) Dean concerned may delete/add any of the name(s) proposed by the Supervisor(s).
- (iv) A person from the same University/Institute/Organization where the research scholar is employed shall not be appointed as an examiner. Further, a person from a University/Institute/Organization to which the Supervisor/Co-Supervisor of the research scholar belongs, shall not be appointed as an examiner.
- (v) On receipt of the title and synopsis of the thesis, the Dean
- (vi) of the concerned school shall send the panel of examiners (or from IITs/"A" Grade Institutions accredited by NAAC or NBA in India),
- (vii) to the Vice-Chancellor who shall appoint two examiners, out of whom one may be from outside India.
- (viii) In case one or more examiners so appointed decline to examine the thesis, another examiner(s) out of the panel shall be appointed. In case the panel gets exhausted, RAC shall recommend additional names.

18. EVALUATION OF THESIS

- (i)
- (ii) (i). After receiving the copies of Ph.D thesis and its Abstract, the Controller of Examinations shall send the Abstract of the Ph.D thesis for obtaining consent of examiners to evaluate the thesis. Each examiner shall be requested to submit to

- the COE a detailed assessment report on a prescribed proforma within 45 days of the date of receiving the thesis.
- (iii) In the event of the assessment report not being received from an Indian examiner or the foreign examiner within 60 days, the Vice-Chancellor may appoint another examiner(s) from the panel of examiners for evaluating the thesis.
 - (iv) The examiners shall be required to state categorically whether in their individual opinions, the thesis shall be:
 - a) Accepted for the award of Ph. D degree, or
 - b) Referred to the research scholar for revision and re-submission, or
 - c) Rejected.
 - (v) The examiner while recommending re-submission / rejection of the thesis, shall state the reasons thereof. If re-submission is recommended, the examiner shall specifically indicate the modifications that are required to be made in the thesis.
 - (vi) The reports from all the examiners shall be placed before VC who shall peruse the reports and advise one of the following:
 - a) That the research scholar shall appear for oral defense, if all the examiners have unanimously approved the work of the research scholar and recommended for the award of Ph. D. However, if any of the examiners, while recommending the Thesis, also suggests for some corrections to be made in the Thesis, the candidate shall be required to make necessary corrections therein in consultation with his Research Supervisor(s). In such a case, a committee comprising of the Head of the Department, the Ph. D supervisor and Dean of the concerned School shall ensure that all necessary corrections have been made in the Thesis. The details of the corrections made in the Thesis by the candidate will be placed before the Examiner at the time of the Oral Defence.
 - b) If one examiner recommends thesis for the award of the Degree and the other examiner rejects the thesis, an additional external examiner out of the panel may be appointed by the Vice Chancellor the thesis will be sent to the third Examiner. In case the third Examiner also recommends the rejection of the thesis, no additional opportunity shall be given to the Research Scholar and his registration shall be cancelled
 - c) That the research scholar shall revise the thesis and resubmit the same, if both the examiners are of unanimous view that the thesis be re-submitted in a revised form. The revised thesis shall be submitted within a period of one year from date of communication by the COE. However, in exceptional circumstances this period may be extended by one more year by the express permission of the Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of the RAC.
 - d) The revised thesis incorporating all necessary corrections/modifications as suggested by the examiners shall be sent to the original panel of examiners for assessment. In the event of one or more of the original external examiners not being available, an additional external examiner out of the panel may be appointed by the Vice Chancellor.

- e) That a third examiner out of the existing panel approved by the Vice Chancellor, shall be appointed as a special case, if there is no unanimity between the examiners on the revised thesis and the merit of the case so demands. The report of the third examiner shall be considered by RAC and appropriate action shall be taken.
- f) In the event of acceptance of the thesis, the COE shall arrange for Oral Defence. However, in the event of rejection of the thesis, no additional opportunity shall be given to the Research Scholar and his registration shall be cancelled.

19. ORAL DEFENCE

- (i) A research scholar, whose thesis is recommended for acceptance in accordance with the provisions of clause 19, shall be required to defend his thesis orally before a duly constituted committee, hereinafter called as Oral Defence Committee (ODC), at the University premises during working hours. Any deviation from this shall have prior permission of the Vice-Chancellor.
- (ii) The Oral Defense Committee shall consist of:
 - i. The Dean of the concerned School
 - ii. chairperson
 - iii. ii. Examiners
 - a) concerned research supervisor(s)
 - b). One of the External Examiner as nominated by the Vice-Chancellor who have evaluated the thesis.
 - iv. If none of the examiners is available to attend the oral defense, an alternative examiner shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor
 - v. on the recommendation of the concerned Dean..
- (iii) If the Dean of the school concerned is not able to participate in the meeting, the Vice-Chancellor will co-opt any other senior member of the Faculty, in his place. However, during conduct of Oral Defence, all Deans, HODs,
- (iv) research supervisor(s), Co-Supervisor(s) and the External Supervisor(s) Faculty members and research scholars will be invited though they will not form the part of ODC.
- (v) The
- (vi) examiners (concerned supervisor(s) and one of the external examiners) shall examine the research scholar
- (vii) under the supervision of the Dean of the School concerned on his thesis work and evaluate his performance and give its recommendation (on the prescribed format) which shall be sent to the Vice Chancellor for approval
- (viii) by the concerned Dean..
- (ix) In case the research scholar is found to be 'not qualified' for the award of Ph. D by the examiners, the next chance to defend his thesis orally shall be given after six months on the of the recommendation of the Dean, RAC. If the scholars found to be again 'not qualified for the award for Ph.D by the examiner and such

recommendation is approved by the vice-chancellor , he shall be advised to re-register and write a fresh thesis thus repeating the entire process. However, such candidates shall not be required to go through the course work again.

- (x) v. The initiation for conduct of oral defense shall be taken concerned Dean through an open notification, inviting all the Dean's HOD's faculty members and research students..

20. AWARD OF PROVISIONAL DEGREE

In case the research scholar is found to be qualified for the award of Ph. D by the ODC and its recommendation is approved by the Vice Chancellor, a provisional degree shall be issued by the University on request only after the Research Scholar after making corrections as suggested by the ODC, if any, and approved by the Dean of the School concerned, submits two hard bound copies of the accepted thesis; one each for the School/Department Library and the Central Library, and another on CD ROM.

21. AWARD OF DEGREE

The Degree shall be awarded by the University provided that:

- (i) The Academic Council has approved the award of Doctoral Degree after due recommendations of the ODC and approval by the Vice Chancellor;
- (ii) The Research Scholar incorporates suggestions made by
- (iii) the examiners of ODC, if any, and approved by the Dean of the School concerned;
- (iv) The Research Scholar submits two hard bound copies of the accepted thesis; one each for the School/Department Library and the Central Library, and another on CD ROM; and
- (v) The research scholar produces a "No Dues Certificate' in the prescribed format.

The Degree shall be awarded at the University convocation, unless otherwise agreed by the Vice Chancellor.

22. WITHDRAWAL OF AWARDED PH. D DEGREE

Upon complaint in writing about copying of a major portion of the Ph. D thesis, and upon investigation by a committee duly appointed by VC if the complaint is found to be correct, VC, may withdraw the Ph. D degree already awarded.

23. DEPOSITORY WITH UGC

- (i) Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and announcement of the award of Ph. D, the University shall submit a soft copy of the Ph. D thesis to the UGC within a period of 30 days, for hosting the same in INFLIBNET accessible to all Institutions/Universities.

- (ii) Along with the degree, the University shall issue a Certificate certifying to the effect that the degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions of the UGC Regulations, 2009.
- 24. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations, all categories of research scholars shall be governed by the rules and procedures framed by the Academic Council on this behalf, and in force from time to time.
- 25. Notwithstanding anything stated in these Regulations, for any unforeseen issues arising and not covered under these Regulations, or in the event of differences of interpretation, the Vice-Chancellor may take appropriate decision after taking, if necessary, the opinion/advice of a Committee consisting of any or all the Deans/Directors of Schools. The decision of the Vice-Chancellor in this regard shall be final.