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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME

Read 'Regulations Governing Doctoral Degree (Ph.D.) Programmes before filling. Wherever a box is provided, place a tick mark (✓) inside to indicate 'yes'; wherever alternatives (/) appear in responses, strike out whichever is not applicable.

1. Faculty & Division under which you can be identified, based on your qualification.

(a) Faculty of Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences

Divisions:

Engineering : Civil / Mech / Electrical / Electronics / CS & IT / Biotech
Any Other (Specify):

H & S : Maths / Phys / Chem / English / Mgmt / Any Other (Specify):

(b) Faculty of Health Sciences

Divisions:

Medicine

Dentistry

Pharmacy

Any Other (Specify):

(c) Faculty of Education

Divisions:

General Education

Physical Education

Any Other (Specify):

2. Mode : Full -Time Part -Time

If 'Part-Time', are you a regular member of a

Teaching Institution

Research / Industrial Organization, recognized as a Research Centre by this University.

3. Name (in BLOCK letters) :
(As in UG/PG degree certificate)

4. Date of Birth & Age: Years

5. Gender: Male Female

6. Nationality: Indian Foreign

If Foreign National, Country :

Passport No :

7. Social Status: OC / BC / OBC / SC / ST

8. Marital Status: Married Unmarried

Affix a recent passport size photograph attested by a gazetted officer or HOD of current working /study place

9. Address

Official	Address for Communication
Designation: _____	_____
Department: _____	_____
Organization: _____	_____
Place: _____	Place: _____
Dist & State: _____	Dist & State: _____
Phone: (with STD code): _____	_____
Mobile: _____	_____
Email: _____	

10. Details of current employment (if applicable)

(a) Name & Address of employer :

(b) Nature of employment : Regular / Approved Probationer / Probationer / On Consolidated Pay / On Contract / Visiting Faculty / Temporary / Teaching-Research Assistant

(c) Scale of Pay:

(d) Date from which employed in the present post :

(Attach Certificate from the employer)

11. Details of Employment in a Project (if applicable)

(a) Name of Principal Investigator :

(Enclose copy of project sanction letter to the Investigator)

(b) Title of the Project :

(c) Funding Agency :

(d) Stipend :

(e) Duration of Project :

(f) Date from which working in the Project :

(g) Proposed date of completion of the project :

(Enclose copy of project appointment letter)

12. Academic Credits

(Enclose Copies of Degree Certificates and Mark Sheets duly attested. Start with the latest degree obtained.)

Sl. No.	Degree	Year of Passing	College	University	Major Discipline/ Specialization	Class Obtained	%of Marks/ CGPA	Regular Course/ Others (Specify)

13. Professional Experience. (Start from the Present Employment)

Sl. No.	Organization	Period		Designation	Nature of Responsibility	Total Monthly Remuneration
		From	To			

14. (a) Academic Distinctions :

Awards / Medals / Prizes / Fellowships / Honours earned during / consequent to academic / research performance:

(b) Membership of Professional Bodies:

15. Research Interest

(a) Papers presented related to your Research Area

Sl. No	Author/Authors in actual sequence	Title	Name of Conference/ Symposium etc	National/ International etc	Specify Paper or Poster	Whether Published in the Proceedings (Enclose copy if published) of the conference	Date & Year

(b) Papers published in Research Journals

Sl. No	Author/Authors in actual sequence	Title	Name of Journal (Enclose copy of paper)	National/ International	Place of publications	Date & Year

16. Major area of Research

17. Tentative Research Topic :

Enclose a write-up of 600 words on the proposed research, duly signed and counter signed by the proposed Research Supervisor

18. Department and Institution for Research.

CERTIFICATE FROM THE ORGANIZATION WHERE THE CANDIDATE IS EMPLOYED

Certified that Mr./Ms. _____ is employed as
(Designation) _____ in the (Department / Division)

of (Institution's Name & Address) _____

The Organization has no objection in forwarding his/her application for pursuing Ph. D Programme at Vinayaka Missions University.

FOR FULL-TIME:

The candidate will be sanctioned leave for the entire duration of the research programme and will be relieved from duty from _____ to _____ to undertake Full-time research work in the University Departments / Departments of Colleges of Vinayaka Missions University.

FOR PART-TIME:

The Candidate will be permitted to undergo part-time research programme in the University Departments / Departments of Colleges of Vinayaka Missions University. During this period the candidate will be permitted to be present for discussions with the supervisor, attending course work, carrying out experimental studies, participating in seminars / meetings and taking examinations related to the programme. Further, the available facilities at our Institution / Organization will be provided to the candidate for work related to this research.

Place :

Date :

Signature of Head of the Institution

Name and Designation :

Seal

19. Particulars of Payment of Application Fees

Name of the Bank & Branch	Demand Draft No.	Date	Amount

20. DECLARATION OF THE CANDIDATE:

This is to certify that the particulars given above are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am aware that any wrong information or suppression of facts may result in punitive action in addition to cancellation of my candidature for admission to the programme irrespective of the status of my research work.

Place:

Date:

Signature of the Candidate



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REGULATIONS GOVERNING DOCTORAL DEGREE (Ph.D.) PROGRAMME 2010

In exercise of the powers conferred by rule 9 of Memorandum of Association and Chapter V of Bye-Laws of the Vinayaka Missions University (VMU), Salem, the Board of Management of the University hereby issue the following revised regulations pertaining to the Doctoral Programme and the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree at this University.

1 Title and Commencement

These revised regulations shall be called "REGULATIONS GOVERNING DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMME 2010". These revised regulations come into force with effect from the Academic year 2010-2011 and are subject to such modifications as may be approved by the apex body of the University from time to time.

2 Preamble

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) shall be awarded to a candidate who, as per these regulations, has submitted a thesis on the basis of original and independent research that makes a contribution to advancement of knowledge, after being approved by duly constituted examiners as per norms.

3 Eligibility for Enrolement

- 3.1 To register for Ph.D. programme in the areas of medicine / alternate medicine / dentistry a relevant qualifying Higher Speciality Degree or Post Graduate Degree / Dipolma of this University or a recognized equivalent qualification with a minimum of second class or 50% marks in aggregate.
- 3.2 For Ph.D. Programme in any other area, a Master's Degree of this University or any other qualification recognized as equivalent thereto for the purpose of research in any of the fields of study notified from time to time by this University, with an aggregate minimum mark or grade equivalent of

50 % in the case of SC / ST candidates and 55% in the case of others.

3.3 The above qualifying postgraduate qualification should have been obtained from Vinayaka Missions University or any other University recognized by the Medical Council of India, Central Council of Indian Medicine, Central Council of Homoeopathy, Indian Nursing Council, Dental Council of India, All India Council for Technical Education, and other relevant controlling bodies of Government of India, etc., as the case may be, and approved by the Academic Council of this University for provisional registration for the research programme.

3.4 A candidate is eligible to register for the Ph.D. programme of the University only in that faculty and discipline in which he / she has obtained the Master degree.

4 Programme Categories

Candidates who satisfy the eligibility criteria as specified in Section 3 of these regulations can apply for registering under any one of the following categories.

4.1 Full-Time Ph.D. Programme

4.1.1 Candidates under Full Time shall do research work in this University and shall be available at the assigned department of the University / Institution during the working hours for curricular, co-curricular and related activities and shall sign in an attendance register on all working days of the Institution, subject to availing leave permission etc. as per the provisions that remain in currency for teaching staff of the Institution.

4.1.2 Candidates in employment, who want to pursue Full-Time studies should be sponsored by their employer with leave for the research period and should get formally relieved from their duty to join the research programme.

4.1.3 Candidates who are sponsored by the AICTE (under Quality Improvement Programme (QIP) for Teachers of Engineering Colleges) or by any other Government Agency and who satisfy the eligibility conditions shall be eligible for Full-Time only, in the disciplines as notified in *AICTE Supervisorlines*.

4.2 Part-Time Ph.D. Programme

4.2.1 Provision to pursue Part-time Ph.D. programme is available to full time faculty members of the institutions under the ambit of Vinayaka Missions University (VMU).

4.2.2 This provision is also available to candidates working outside VMU, in industrial units or R & D Departments / Labs / Units of Government / Quasi Government or any other University or research laboratory or college or school which is approved / recognized by a Ministry of Government of India or UGC / Higher Education Department or the Statutory Authority of a State Government. In the case of candidates falling under section 4.2.2 the Supervisor shall be working in VMU and a Co-supervisor shall be from the institution to which the candidate belongs.

5 Place of Research

5.1.1 For full time research scholars, the place of research will be the department and the institution where the supervisor works.

5.1.2 For part time research scholars the place or places of research will be the place of working of the candidate and/or the place of working of the supervisor /co-supervisor subject to the condition that at least one of these places is a PG centre and / or a recognized research centre.

6 Admission

The University will release advertisements in leading dailies and University websites at appropriate times. The applicants

shall appear for an entrance test followed by an interview. However, candidates having regular full time M.Phil. degree or passed SLET, NET, JRF, GATE or equivalent examinations are exempted from the written test, but have to appear for the personal interview.

- 6.1 The Research Committee constituted by the University shall determine the suitability of such candidates and the admission to the appropriate field, after giving due consideration to the performance in the entrance test, relevant inter-disciplinary fields of research, if any, and the Faculty in which the candidate shall be registered.
- 6.2 Such candidates shall be provisionally registered for the Ph.D. Programme with the concurrence of the Vice Chancellor and with due intimation to the concerned supervisor / cosupervisor, the candidate, and the sponsoring Institution, if any.
- 6.3 The dates of provisional registration shall normally be 10th January and 10th July, every year.
- 6.4 The candidate shall be assigned a supervisor by the University.
- 6.5 The supervisor and the co-supervisor, if any, shall not be in any way related to the candidate.

7 Recognition of Supervisor

- 7.1 An applicant for recognition as supervisor shall be a full time teaching faculty member in an institution under the ambit of Vinayaka Missions University.
- 7.2 A senior faculty with a minimum of 12 years teaching experience, out of which a minimum of 3 years is in PG teaching and who has at least 2 publications in a refereed / indexed journal can be a research supervisor in the divisions

of medicine, dentistry and alternative medicine, even if he/she does not hold a Doctoral degree.

- 7.3 For serving as a supervisor in divisions and faculties not covered by 7.2 above, possession of a Ph.D degree and at least two years of teaching experience after obtaining Ph.D. degree are mandatory requirements.
- 7.4 The supervisor shall have at least two publications in National/International refereed/indexed Journals, in the area or an area related to the research area of the registering candidate
- 7.5 Research Supervisor can accept candidates until one year before his/her superannuation.
- 7.6 Such of the persons who satisfy all the requirements 7.1 to 7.5 shall apply to the University in the prescribed application form for being recognized as Research Supervisors in their respective disciplines.
- 7.7 If a supervisor desires to supervise in an area other than that of his / her specialization (as reflected by Ph.D. work and / or qualification), the new area shall be accepted if and only if the supervisor has at least two publications in refereed national / international journals or presented at least two papers in recognized international conferences in the specialized area or has at least one in each of these two categories, to the satisfaction of the Vice-Chancellor.
- 7.8 Recognition as supervisor for guiding research work shall be accorded on the recommendation of the Research Board by the Vice-Chancellor.
- 7.9 Responsibilities of Supervisor / Co-Supervisor**
- i) The Supervisor / Co-Supervisor should furnish a letter of consent and no-objection certificate obtained from the

Dean/ Head of the Institution of service for officiating as a Supervisor / Co-Supervisor for the candidate to be registered.

- ii) The Supervisor shall sign all the papers, declarations, certifications, authentications, log books and other related documents pertaining to the registration, submission of synopsis and thesis etc. of the registered candidate.
- iii) The Supervisor shall serve also as Convener in the matters of interaction with the University, connected with all the research activities of the scholar, until the award of the degree.
- iv) The Supervisor shall suggest to the University, the members of the Doctoral Committee and the examiners for the methodology examination.
- v) The Supervisor shall also be a member of the Public Viva-voce Examination Committee.
- vi) When a Co-Supervisor is available, the Supervisor and Co-Supervisor shall interact with each other in matters relating to the research work of the scholar.
- vii) When a supervisor is not available at his office for a period exceeding 3 months, for reasons like illness, foreign trip and any unforeseen developments, an Interim Supervisor will be nominated by the University for supervising the research work of the scholar for the interim period, as follows.
 - a) If the period is less than one year and if there exists a Co-Supervisor, the Co-Supervisor will be the Interim Supervisor.
 - b) In other cases an Interim Supervisor will be nominated for that period by the University, after consulting the Head of the Department / the scholar and on approval by the Research Committee.

- viii) Change of Supervisor under any other condition may be considered under special circumstances with the concurrence from the University and the candidate has to propose a new Supervisor in accordance with the regulations for research programme in force.
- viii) Such change of Supervisor is permissible only after the approval of the provisional registration.
- ix) Only one such change of Supervisor is permissible in the entire research programme for which the scholar has registered under ordinary circumstances.
- x) In case of detection of any discrepancy, conflict of interest, unethical activities, academic dishonesty etc. on the part of the supervisor it is the prerogative of the University to initiate at any stage appropriate administrative and disciplinary actions which may include cancellation of recognition and debarring from supervising any candidate at this University.

7.11 Co-Supervisor for Interdisciplinary Research

Interdisciplinary provisional registration for Ph.D. shall have a recognised co-supervisor. The recognised co-supervisor should sign the provisional registration application form along with his/her consent and the No Objection Certificate (NOC), duly signed by the Dean / Head of the College/ Institution.

8 Interim Supervisor

- 8.1 When a supervisor of a research scholar happens to be away from the University for more than one year, an Interim Supervisor shall be nominated by the University for that period in consultation with the Head of the Department concerned / the candidate and on approval by the Research Committee. [Cf. also 7.9(vii)]

8.2 The interim supervisor shall be vested with all the duties of the original supervisor.

8.3 The supervisor who retires from service may continue to supervise the research scholar(s) already under his/her guidance with the approval from the University, subject to other conditions of validity.

9 **Number of Candidates for Supervisor**

A supervisor for a scholar registered with VMU shall not normally supervise more than eight research scholars for Ph.D. at a time. However, a supervisor may supervise three more research scholars as a co-supervisor. Approval for guiding additional candidates, under extraordinary circumstances, shall be decided by the Vice-Chancellor based on the merit of such cases.

10 **Duration of Programme**

10.1 The duration of the programme and the time for submission of thesis are counted from the date of provisional registration.

10.2 The minimum duration of the programme in all disciplines for Full-time / Part-time shall be three/four years respectively. However, the minimum time may be reduced by one year for regular full time M. Phil. Degree holders, in the subjects relevant to the area of research. The maximum duration for all the above programmes shall be five/ six years for full time/ part time candidates respectively. If the research scholar fails to submit the thesis within this period of maximum duration, the registration shall automatically stand cancelled without notice to the Candidate/ Supervisor, unless the candidate applies for an extension with justification along with the recommendation of the supervisor in the prescribed format and the request is complied with.

- 10.3 A prerequisite for consideration of such a request is that all fee payable to the University for the period already approved should have been paid.
- 10.4 The extension, if approved, will only be provisional to start with, and shall be regularized only on payment of fees due for the extended period.

11 Extension of Maximum Duration

- 11.1 In exceptional circumstances if the Doctoral Committee recommends and the Research Board deems it fit, a maximum grace period of 1 year beyond the normal maximum period may be granted, by the Vice-Chancellor, six months at a time, to enable the research scholar to complete the programme and submit the thesis.
- 11.2 If the Research Scholar fails to submit the thesis within the extended period, the registration shall be cancelled automatically without notice to the candidate/ supervisor.

12 Transfer of Research Credit

- 12.1 A Candidate who has / had been undergoing an approved Ph.D. programme in a State / Central Government funded / aided University / Institution outside VMU can be admitted to the Ph.D. Programme of this University, as per the provisions of the Ph.D. Regulations in force at that time, provided the date of their registration with the former Institution is not earlier than three years to the present application date.
- 12.2 A reduction of a maximum of one year in the minimum duration of research may be availed by them, if the duration of research work already carried out in the above cited institution is of more than one year.
- 12.3 The annual fee payable by such a candidate will be at par with the fee payable by the faculty members of this University.

13 Break of study

- 13.1 Permission for break of study in research programme may be granted up to a maximum period of one year in spells of 6 months at a time. Such period shall be accounted for the calculation of duration of the programme. The research scholar should remit the programme fee during the break period also.
- 13.2 The Vice-Chancellor shall permit break of study of the research scholar, on reasons deemed fit and in extraordinary circumstances like medical grounds, and other compelling reasons which warrant his / her absence from the programme. Permission for break of study shall be obtained before the commencement of the break. Likewise, resumption of study after the break must be reported within ten days after resumption.

14 Doctoral Committee

There shall be a doctoral committee for each scholar to monitor the progress of research.

- 14.1 The Supervisor shall furnish for every candidate a panel of 6 experts from well versed academia, with doctorate qualifications in the field of proposed research, from the faculty of the University and other organizations. For cases falling under 7.2 Ph.D degree is not insisted. From the panelists, any two will be recommended as members by the Vice-Chancellor.
- 14.2 The Supervisor of the Research Scholar, shall be the convenor of the committee.
- 14.3 The Co-supervisor, if any, will also be a member.

15 Programme Structure

15.1 Course Work

- 15.1.1 The Doctoral Committee of a research scholar shall meet within 6 weeks from the date of communication of provisional registration of the candidate to prescribe course work for the research scholar.
- 15.1.2 Every research candidate shall take a course on research methodology and a course on the area of specialization.
- 15.1.3 A minimum of two more courses atleast at approved PG level, that may be helpful for pursuing the research programme shall be prescribed by the Doctoral Committee.
- 15.1.4 If any course, specific to the area of research, has to be newly designed, then such course shall be formulated by the Doctoral Committee as a special elective and got approved by the concerned PG Board of studies of the University.
- 15.1.5 The prescribed course work shall normally be completed within one year from the date of provisional registration in the case of Full-time research scholar and two years in the case of Part-time research scholar.
- 15.1.6 All the above course work of the scholar is to be undertaken as per the academic norms and shall be evaluated as per the norms of the University.
- 15.1.7 No change in the prescribed course work shall be made without the approval of the Doctoral Committee and the University.
- 15.1.8 Only courses taken after the date of provisional registration shall count towards the fulfillment of this requirement. Courses already passed by the candidate prior to the registration shall not be counted for this purpose.

15.1.9 Candidates with regular full time M.Phil. degree may be exempted partly from the prescribed course work, if the M.Phil. degree is related to the proposed Ph.D. field of research, to the extent recommended by the Doctoral Committee.

15.1.10 Candidates coming under 'Transfer of Research credit' (Section 12) can be exempted partly or fully from the course work and other requirements, depending on the nature and extent of the work already accomplished and its relevance to the area of the research currently chosen as decided by the Doctoral Committee.

15.2 Comprehensive Examination

15.2.1 On successful completion of the prescribed course work, the Doctoral Committee shall recommend to the university to conduct, for every research scholar, a qualifying comprehensive written and oral examination to test the background knowledge of the research scholar in the broad area of specialization and the course work undergone. Based on the result of these examinations the supervisor and research scholar will be informed of the fitness of the research scholar confirmed and to proceed further with Ph.D. work.

15.2.2 Research scholars with M.Phil. degree, getting any exemption from course work as per clause 14.1.9 shall undergo the comprehensive examination not earlier than six months and within one year after registration.

15.2.3 If, based on the results of the comprehensive examination, a research scholar's clearance in the comprehensive examination is not approved by the Doctoral Committee, then a grace period of a maximum of six months shall be given at the end of which the research scholar shall be re-examined. Then, if found fit, the research scholar shall be permitted to proceed with the doctoral work. Otherwise,

the research scholar's provisional registration shall be cancelled.

16 Monitoring the Progress of Candidates

16.1 Every six months commencing from the date of provisional registration, the candidate shall submit a progress report in the prescribed format to the Supervisor who shall forward it with his/her own remarks to the Dean (Research) for information and documentation.

16.2 The Supervisor shall arrange to make a presentation by the research scholar on his /her work twice a year in the presence of the faculty members of the department and once a year to the Doctoral Committee, open to the faculty members and research scholars.

17 Submission of Synopsis

17.1 After completion of the prescribed minimum period of research, and before the compilation of the thesis, the candidate shall present to the Doctoral Committee in a meeting convened for this purpose a Synopsis of the proposed thesis, in the prescribed form. After examination and modifications, if required and approval by the Doctoral Committee the Synopsis shall be submitted to the University in 5 copies through the supervisor / Convenor of Doctoral Committee, satisfying all the specifications prescribed, in content and format, along with the prescribed fee by the candidate. The Synopsis shall be in 10 to 20 typewritten pages, using only one side of A-4 sized white paper, with one and half line spacing, font size 12 and Times New Roman font face.

17.2 The synopsis shall be accepted only when the research scholar has at least two research papers either published or at least accepted for publication in refereed / indexed national / international journal(s).

17.3 The research scholar shall make a presentation of the synopsis before the Doctoral Committee and submit through the supervisor, five hard copies and one soft copy of the synopsis.

17.4 The Doctoral Committee, on approval of the research work reported in the Synopsis, shall forward five hard copies and one soft copy of the approved Synopsis to the Dean (Research) along with a panel of at least five examiners from India, and five from abroad.

18 Submission of Thesis

18.1 The thesis shall report, in an organized and scholarly fashion, an account of the original research work of the research scholar leading to the discovery of new facts or techniques or correlation of facts already known (analytical, experimental, hardware oriented etc.) and demonstrating a quality as to make a definite contribution to the advancement of knowledge of mankind and the scholar's ability to undertake sustained research and present the findings in an appropriate manner with actual accomplishments of the work plainly stated and honestly appraised.

18.2 Five hard bound copies and one soft copy of thesis shall be prepared in accordance with the format and specifications prescribed. These shall be submitted not earlier than three months and not later than six months, from the date of approval of the Synopsis by the Doctoral Committee. The thesis submission can not be delayed except under circumstances, where an extension of three months may be permissible, only once, with the recommendation of the Doctoral Committee and approval by the Vice-Chancellor.

18.3 The thesis shall be prepared strictly following the formats and specifications prescribed. The Title page, Declaration

of candidate, Certificate by the Supervisor, quality, size, numbering and titles of diagrams, tables and photographs, if any, list of reference, numbering of pages and size of the margins etc shall all be as per the formats approved by the University. The running matter shall be typed or printed on one side only on A4 size white paper with 1 ½ line spacing, using font size 12 with *Times New Roman* font face.

19 Evaluation of Thesis

- 19.1 The Thesis shall be referred to two examiners (one from India and the other from abroad) nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from the panel of examiners, recommended by the Doctoral Committee. The Vice-Chancellor, if he deems fit, may also nominate the examiners from outside the panel.
- 19.2 The examiners are expected to send their reports and a proforma for adjudication in the prescribed format within two months from the date of receipt of the thesis.
- 19.3 The examiner shall include in his/her report an overall assessment placing the thesis in one of the categories:
- (a) *Highly commended / Commended*
 - (b) *Revision required*
 - (c) *Rejected*
- 19.4 The examiner shall mandatorily enclose a report of 200 to 300 words, justifying the categorisation of the thesis.
- 19.5 The Supervisor shall consolidate the salient features of the reports sent by the Examiners and submit to the University.
- 19.6 If both the examiners have either *Highly Commended* or *Commended* the research work, and recommended the award of the degree, the thesis shall be provisionally accepted. Any minor revision, modification etc., suggested by the examiners shall be brought to the notice of the

scholar and be carried out by the scholar before the final oral examination is arranged.

- 19.6.1 If both examiners recommend rejection, the thesis shall be rejected and the registration of the research scholar shall stand cancelled.
- 19.6.2 If one examiner recommends the award of the degree while the other recommends rejection, then the thesis shall be referred to a third examiner of the same category (*viz.*, from within India or outside India) to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from within or outside the panel. If two of three examiners recommend the award, the thesis shall be provisionally accepted. If two of the examiners recommend rejection, the thesis shall be rejected and the registration of the research scholar shall stand cancelled.
- 19.6.3 In the case where revision and resubmission of the thesis is recommended, candidate shall be permitted only once to revise and resubmit the thesis within 6 months and the revised thesis shall be referred to the same examiner.

20 The Act of Plagiarism

- 20.1 If a dissertation / thesis submitted contains material copied, even partially, except quoted for illustration, comparative or literature study or reference, with due acknowledgement, from any published or pre-published paper, journal article, note, dissertation, thesis, book or work based on which a degree, diploma or certificate has been awarded to the scholar or any other, in any hard or soft form, then the dissertation/thesis so produced and submitted will be derecognized and the scholar's registration at this University will be cancelled and the scholar will be debarred from registering again for any programme at this University. The Ph.D. degree, if already awarded, may also be withdrawn, if the nature of the malpractice warrants.

20.2 For the abetment of the act of plagiarism, the recognition of the concerned supervisor shall be withdrawn for a period of 5 years and he / she shall be debarred from supervising research scholars for any research programme in this University during that period.

21 Public Viva- Voce Examination

21.1 The Viva -Voce Examination Board shall be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor as follows:

- a. Supervisor of the candidate in the University : *Convenor*,
If necessary, the Vice-Chancellor, may nominate the co-supervisor, or a member from outside the panel, as an additional member.
- b. The Examiner of the thesis in India or a specialist in the subject from the panel : *Member*

21.2 The Oral Examination shall be conducted as "Open Defense Type" examination.

21.3 The result of the Viva-Voce examination, duly endorsed by the external examiners, together with the list of participants, their designation, address and signature shall be forwarded to the University by the supervisor.

21.4 If the performance of the research scholar at the Oral Examination is reported by the Oral Examination Board to be NOT SATISFACTORY, the research scholar may opt to reappear for the Oral Examination at a later date, not later than six months from the date of the first Oral Examination. On the second occasion, the Oral Examination Board shall include an additional examiner nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

21.5 If the performance of the candidate at the oral examination on the second occasion is also reported to be NOT SATISFACTORY, the registration shall stand cancelled.

21.6 On satisfactory completion of the oral examination the candidate shall submit a copy of the thesis in CD-ROM, certified by the supervisor that all the corrections, if any, have been duly incorporated as suggested by the examiners, for UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES. A soft copy of the final approved thesis shall be sent to the UGC for hosting the same in INFLIBNET so as to make it accessible to all research institutions / universities.

22 Award of Ph.D. Degree

If the report of the Oral Examination Board is SATISFACTORY, the candidate will be awarded the Ph.D. Degree with the approval of the apex body of the University.

23 Publication of Thesis

Papers arising out of the thesis may be published by the Research Scholar. However, the thesis as a whole shall not be published by the candidate without the specific written permission from the University.

24 Modification of Regulations

The above rules and regulations are subject to modifications from time to time as per the decisions of the apex body of the University.

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- Electronics & Communication Engineering
- Electrical & Electronics Engineering

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- Biotechnology
- Biochemistry
- Microbiology
- Physics
- Environmental Science
- Botany
- Education
- Management

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IMPORTANT DATES

- **Last date for receipt of filled-in application forms** : **20.8.11**
- **Date of entrance examination** : **11.9.11**
 - ❖ **Written examination – 10am to 12 noon**
 - **Multiple choice questions without negative marking**
 - **Test of English, reasoning and numerical ability**
 - ❖ **Oral presentation and interaction in the subject with experts and Interview – 2 pm to 5 pm**

FEE DETAILS

- **Application fee : ₹1,000/-**
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