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Subject: Karnavati University- Ph.D. Rules and Regulations Policy

Karnavati University hereby notifies "Ph.D. Rules and Regulations Policy" as appended herewith, this policy ensures all the criteria and requirements for the award of a Ph.D. degree to the scholars are being fulfilled. This will promote Research quality, integrity, and ethics and encourage innovation and research amongst all research scholars of the university.

This Policy comes into immediate effect.


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Policy Title	Ph.D. Rules and Regulations
Key Stakeholders	Student, Teaching employees Non-teaching employees
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Relevant Policies	Academic Integrity Policy
Relevant Committees/Council	University Research Committee (URC) Departmental Research Committee (DRC) Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC)
Related guidelines	University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022

1. Short Title and Extent

These rules shall be called the “*Ph.D. Rules and Regulations*”.

2. Application

These rules shall apply to the Ph.D. candidates and scholars applying for or enrolled in the Ph.D. program offered by the various constituent institutes of the University with the assistance and coordination of the Karnavati School of Research (hereinafter referred to School of Research)

3. Objective

These rules and regulations have been framed to achieve the following objective –

- a. Framing the rules relating to the admission of the Ph.D. scholars in the University,
- b. Ensure all the criteria and requirements for the award of Ph.D. degree to the scholars are being fulfilled.
- c. Awarding the Ph.D. degrees to the eligible Ph.D. scholars.
- d. Promote Research quality, integrity and ethics and encourage innovation and research.

4. University Research Committee – Composition, Term, Meetings and Functions

The University shall constitute a *University Research Committee* (hereinafter referred to as “**URC**”) for the monitoring and implementation of the PhD rules and regulations.

i. The composition of the URC shall be as follows –

- a. Vice – Chancellor (Provost), *ex-officio*;
- b. Director – Karnavati School of Research, who shall be the chairman;
- c. Dean/Director (s) of all the constituent Institutes of the University, *ex-officio*;
- d. One (1) Professor/ Associate Professor each from all the constituent Institutes of the University, who shall be nominated by the Dean of the respective constituent institute, who shall act as the co-ordinator for that institute;

- e. Two external members, who shall be nominated by the Vice – Chancellor (Provost) on the recommendations of the chairman.
- f. The Chairman shall appoint one member to be the member secretary amongst the existing members.
- ii. **Term** – the term of the nominated members shall be of two (2) years, the members are eligible for re-nomination and re-appointment after the expiry of their term in consultation with the chairman.
- iii. **Meetings** – the URC shall meet at least once in a year, the quorum of the meeting shall not be less than one – half (1/2) of the members. The minutes of the meetings shall be prepared by the Member Secretary and shall be signed by all the members who have attended the meeting.
- iv. **Roles and Responsibility**- URC shall ensure the quality of the research and publication and shall be responsible for following;
 - a. Plan, implement and monitor the research activities at all levels.
 - b. URC shall assist the constituent institutes in identifying their research potential and promoting research within the University.
 - c. It shall assist the School of Research in framing rules and procedures related to the admission of the Ph.D. Program at the University. It shall decide the eligibility criteria for admission in Ph.D. program.
 - d. It shall decide the number of seats for intake in Ph.D. program for every year, maintain the list of the research supervisors (guides), and monitor the work and activities of the *Departmental Research Committee* (hereinafter referred to as DRC) and the *Thesis Advisory Committee* (hereinafter referred to as TAC).
 - e. It shall maintain a year-wise list of all the Ph.D. scholars, the research topic, name of the supervisor(s) and date of enrolment on the University website.
 - f. Ensure that all the requirements for the award of Ph.D. degree have been fulfilled by the Ph.D. scholar. Keep track and maintain records of the submissions, paper publications, seminars, pre-synopsis presentation and viva-voce of the Ph.D. Scholars.
 - g. Frame guidelines to check and detect plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty.

- h. Ensuring that the employee adhere to the research related policies, while taking action in relation to matters of academic dishonesty and apply policies.
- i. Organizing training sessions where students and employees can learn the research skill in order to channelize their efforts efficiently.
- j. Providing training to the employees and students, for using the plagiarism detection tools and reference management tools.
- k. Acquiring and maintaining sufficient research resources at university.
- l. Encouraging the employees and students to register on the international researcher's registry system.
- m. Creating awareness about Academic Integrity, as to what constitutes plagiarism and other academic misconduct by conducting sensitization programs.
- n. Maintaining the academic integrity of the publication made in the name of the university by prohibiting the fabrication, falsification, plagiarism and fraud in research.

5. Ph.D. Program Types- Full Time/Part Time

- i. The University offers Full time and Part Time Ph.D. programs. The eligibility criteria for admission and the admission procedure shall remain the same for Full time and Part time Ph.D. programs.
- ii. Candidates working and desirous in taking admission as part-time Ph.D. scholars shall have to furnish a **"No Objection Certificate"** from their current place of employment.
- iii. All the full-time employees of the University, desirous to pursue Ph.D., shall be treated as Part-time Ph.D. scholars.

6. Eligibility Criteria for Admission in Ph.D. program

Candidates should fulfil the eligibility criteria for applying for admission to Ph.D. program in the University, the candidates should have -

- (i) 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory

regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed

or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever 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, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

- (ii) Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the
- (iii) Ph.D. programme. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and

other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

7. Duration of the Ph.D. Program –

- (1) Ph.D. Programme shall be for a minimum duration of three (3) years, including course work, and a maximum duration of six (6) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme.
- (2) Maximum of an additional two (2) years can be given through a process of re-registration as per the Statute/Ordinance of the Higher Educational Institution concerned; provided, however, that the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme should not exceed eight (8) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.

Provided further that, female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two (2) years; however, the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme in such cases should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.

- (3) Female Ph.D. Scholars may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave for up to 240 days in the entire duration of the Ph.D. programme.

8. Process and Procedure for Admission

- i. The University through School of Research shall announce by way of notification, the total number of seats for the admission of Ph.D. candidates every year, which shall depend on the number of Research Supervisors (guides) i.e., scholar and teacher ratio and infrastructure (library, laboratory, etc.) available at the university.
 - a. The notification shall be released on the website of the University and as an advertisement.
 - b. The notification should contain the number of seats for admission, subject/discipline wise breakup, the eligibility criteria, process and procedure for application and admission and any other relevant information of the Ph.D. Program.

- ii. The candidate can apply for admission in Ph.D. by paying the prescribed fees to the University.
- iii. An Entrance Test shall be conducted by the University for all the candidates who have applied. The Mode of examination (online/offline) shall be communicated to the candidates in advance. In case of offline entrance test, the date and venue of the Entrance test shall be notified to the candidates in advance.
 - a. The syllabus for this test shall consist of 50% weightage of research methodology and 50% subject specific. To qualify the entrance, test the candidate shall have to secure aggregate 50% marks.
- iv. The list of candidates who have cleared the entrance test shall be declared on the website of the University. The same shall be communicated to them.
- v. The candidates who have cleared the entrance test shall have to appear for the Interview/viva voce.
 - a. The place, date, time and mode of the interview/viva-voce shall be communicated to the qualified candidates.
 - b. The interview/viva-voce shall be conducted by the DRC constituted for this purpose (refer clause 10).
 - c. The candidate shall discuss their research proposal/interest and area through a presentation in the Interview/viva-voce.
 - d. The candidate shall be examined on the basis of his/her interview on the following aspects –
 - Competency for the proposed research
 - Proposed Research work can be undertaken by the University/Institute
 - Proposed research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.
- i. The final selection of the candidates shall be done as per the weightage of the Entrance Test (70%) + Interview/viva-voce (30%). A list of selected candidates will be uploaded on the website of the University after the approval of the Director - School of Research on the recommendations of the DRC.

- ii. The candidates having one of the following qualifications shall be exempted from the entrance test:
 - a. Qualified in SET/UGC-NET, JRF/TRF, Entrance Test of CSIR/ICAR/ICMR/DBT/DST/ etc. with a valid score i.e. cut-off and duration. Candidates with GATE/CAT and more than 75 percentile or 75% score (applicable to Management & Technology).
 - b. M.Phil. from any UGC recognized University and whose admission has been done through the Entrance Test.
- iii. After successful completion of the admission procedure the candidate shall be provisionally registered as “**Ph.D. Scholar**”

9. Departmental Research Committee (DRC) – Constitution, Composition, Term, Powers & Functions and Meetings

- i. The DRC shall be constituted for each constituent Institute,
- ii. The DRC shall constitute of the following members -
 - a. Dean of the concerned Institute or a person nominated by him/her, who shall be the chairman;
 - b. All the approved research supervisors (guides) of the concerned institute, the Dean shall appoint a member secretary amongst the approved research supervisor (guides). The term of the member secretary shall be of two (2) years.
 - c. External expert (who shall not be from the same institute), who shall be nominated by the Dean of the concerned Institute;
- iii. **Term** – the term of the external expert shall be of two (2) years, on the expiry of the term, he/she can be re-appointed by the concerned Dean.
- iv. **Powers and Functions** –
 - a. Submit the name of the Research Supervisor (guide) allotted to each Ph.D. scholar to the URC for approval,
 - b. Conduct the interview/viva-voce of such Ph.D. candidates who have cleared the entrance test and evaluate the Ph.D. candidate on the criteria as mentioned in 10 (v) (d), based on their research area or study.
 - c. Monitor the progress made by the Ph.D. scholars at the Institute level and report the same to the URC,

- d. Conduct the course-work of the Ph.D. scholars at the Institute, approve the course-work suggested by the TAC,
 - e. Make provisions for the conduct of examinations, grading the course work including research methodology, finalising and communicating the final grades to the URC,
 - f. Conduct the synopsis and seminar presentations of the Ph.D. scholar,
 - g. To Coordinate with the URC, and perform such other functions as may be necessary.
- v. **Meetings** – the DRC shall meet at least two (2) times in an academic year, the quorum of the meeting shall be one half of the total members. The minutes of the meetings shall be prepared by the member secretary and shall be signed by all the members present.

10. Allocation of Research Supervisor (guide) – the following shall be the eligibility criteria for being a Research Supervisor (guide) or a Co-supervisor (Co-guide).

- i. A Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor holding a Ph.D. shall be eligible to become a Research supervisor (guide).
- ii. In order to become a Research Supervisor (guide) –
 - a. A Professor should have at least five (5) research publications in refereed journals,
 - b. An Associate/Assistant Professor should have a minimum of three (3) years of experience in teaching at a Post graduate program and a minimum of two (2) research publications in refereed journals,
 - c. These criteria are subject to relaxation on a case to case basis at the discretion of the Director - School of Research in consultation with the Vice - Chancellor (Provost).
- iii. The Research supervisor (guide) should be a person who is a full-time teaching employee of the University.
- iv. A co-supervisor (co-guide) is allowed in interdisciplinary areas from other departments of the Institutions or other Institutions of the University as per the approval of the Dean of the respective institute.
- v. The number of Ph.D. scholars with a research supervisor (guide) who is

- a. Professor shall not be more than 8 Ph.D. scholars.
 - b. Associate Professor shall not be more than 6 Ph.D. scholars.
 - c. Assistant Professor shall not be more than 4 Ph.D. scholars.
- vi. In case a Ph.D. research supervisor's (guide) employment ceases with the university for any reasons not limited to, shift or transfer to another University such supervisor may continue to guide the Ph.D. scholars who are already registered under them, the TAC may at a later date appoint a new research supervisor (guide) and the original research supervisor (guide) can act in the capacity of the co-supervisor (co-guide). Such a person shall then cease to act as a Research supervisor (guide) of the University for further Ph.D. scholars.
- vii. The research supervisor (guide) shall be allotted to a Ph.D. scholar by the DRC, based upon the area of study of the said Ph.D. scholar as presented in the interview/viva-voce before the DRC and the interest area of the research supervisor, keeping in mind the number of Ph.D. scholars already under his/her supervision as per sub clause "v" of this clause.

11. Role and Responsibility of Research Supervisor (guide)

- i. The Ph.D. research supervisor (guide) shall carry all the responsibilities in terms of guidance and providing supervision to the Ph.D. scholars, academic and course-work planning, evaluating the progress of the research, execution of the research. The research supervisor (guide) shall provide counselling and guidance to the Ph.D. scholar on the nature of course work and research, standards and quality of research work and presentations.
- ii. The research supervisor (guide) should be available to the Ph.D. scholar for consultations and guidance throughout the period of the Ph.D. program. The research supervisor (guide) is supposed to maintain a regular contact to map the progress of the work completed by the Ph.D. scholar.

- iii. The research supervisor (guide) must inform the Ph.D. scholar beforehand, about his/her absences from the University for an extended period of time (i.e. more than three (3) months).
- iv. The research supervisor should meet research scholars allocated to him/her at least twice in a month. The record of such meeting need to be maintain by supervisor and research scholars.

12. Change of Research Supervisor (guide)

- i. The Ph.D. Scholar may be allowed to change his/her allotted Research Supervisor (guide), up on writing to the DRC of the concerned Institute stating the reasons for requesting such change, the DRC shall after ascertaining the genuineness of the application, may approve such request and forward the same to the URC, who shall then refer it to the Vice-Chancellor (Provost) for his/her approval.
- ii. If the request is approved, a new research supervisor (guide) shall be allotted to the Ph.D. scholar by the DRC. However, such request can be made only once during the entire duration of the Ph.D. program.
- iii. Under unavoidable and exceptional circumstances like sickness, death or leave due to prolonged sickness or in cases where the allotted Research Supervisor (guide) is not available or cannot continue in his capacity as a Research Supervisor (guide), the Director - School of Research on the recommendations of the DRC of the concerned institute shall change such Research Supervisor (guide).

13. Constitution of the Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC)

- i. A TAC, shall be constituted, for each Ph.D. scholar, the Convener of TAC shall be the Research Supervisor (guide) of such Ph.D. scholar.
- ii. The TAC shall be formulated as soon as the candidate is admitted in the Ph.D. program.
- iii. It shall consists of the following members –
 - a. Dean of the respective Institute, in case the Dean is also the Research Supervisor (guide) of the Ph.D. scholar, he/she shall nominate

- another person from the same/similar field of study from within the Institute.
- b. Research Supervisor (guide) in the capacity of Convener, and the co-supervisor (co-guide), if any.
 - c. One/Two expert members nominated by the Dean, from which preferably one (1) member is from outside the University.
- iv. The TAC shall have the following responsibilities –
- a. Review of the research proposal and finalise the topic of research,
 - b. Provide guidance to the Ph.D. scholar to develop the study design, methodology of research and identify the appropriate course work that the Ph.D. scholar shall undertake.
 - c. To make a periodic review of the progress of research and assist the Ph.D. scholar.

14. Procedure for Registration

- i. All the candidates admitted in the Ph.D. program, shall be provisionally registered for the program till the approval of the title. The registration of the candidate shall be confirmed after the approval of the title by the TAC.
- ii. The Ph.D. scholar shall submit a research proposal of around 1000 words containing the title, significance, scope, rationale, justification of the topic, national and international status, the research methodology and the techniques involved, reference and bibliography and the like in consultation with the research supervisor (guide), to the TAC.
- iii. The TAC may suggest necessary changes if required.
- iv. A registered Ph.D. scholar shall not be allowed to pursue any other course/program from any other University simultaneously. If any such violation is noticed, the registration of the Ph.D. scholar shall be cancelled automatically.
- v. A Ph.D. scholar shall not be permitted to submit a thesis/dissertation for which a degree has been conferred on him/her in this or in any other University. But a Ph.D. scholar shall not be precluded from incorporating any work which he/she has already submitted for a degree in this or any other university, in a thesis/dissertation covering a wider field, provided that

he/she shall indicate in a written statement accompanying the thesis/dissertation about any work which has been so incorporated.

15. Cancellation of Registration: The Ph.D. registration of a Ph.D. scholar may be cancelled for any of the following reasons -

- i. Consistent lack of progress in research.
- ii. Violation of discipline, conduct and rules of the Institute/ Department/ School/ University.
- iii. Non-submission of the thesis/dissertation within the stipulated period.
- iv. Non-conformity with the rules/regulations/ordinances of the programme.
- v. Giving false information at the time of application/ admission/ registration.
- vi. Registration may also be cancelled on the recommendations of the TAC on account of lack of progress as reported by the supervisor and also after giving due opportunity to the Ph.D. scholar for defending his/her case.
- vii. Registration of the Ph.D. scholar shall stand cancelled if he/she fails to submit the Ph.D. synopsis within reasonable time, before the notified date of submission of their thesis/dissertation.

16. Period of Registration: Norms for Extension

- i. A full time Ph.D. scholar shall be registered for a maximum period of five (5) years and part time Ph.D. scholar for a maximum period of six (6) years from the date of provisional registration. This period may be extended for a maximum period two (2) years on the request of the Ph.D. scholar on valid grounds, provided it has been approved by the TAC. However, the Vice – Chancellor (Provost), at his discretion, may grant a grace period of ninety (90) days to submit the thesis/dissertation after the expiry of the extended period.
- ii. In case the Ph.D. scholar fails to submit the thesis /dissertation within this stipulated period, he/she shall have to re-register. For re-registration, the rules of registration applicable to a fresh application will be followed, including coursework, submission of proposal, title clearance, synopsis,

thesis, etc., but the candidate shall be exempted from writing the Entrance Test and Interview/viva-voce.

17. Change in Registration

- i. The Vice-chancellor (Provost) has the discretion to permit the conversion/change of the registration from Full-time to Part-time program and vice-versa,
 - a. from Full-time to Part-time -
 - The Ph.D. scholar has to submit a “No Objection Certificate” (NOC) from the current employer.
 - Change in registration can be done at any time after the registration of the Ph.D. scholar.
 - Approval from research supervisor (guide) and Dean of the concerned institute is required.
 - b. From Part-time to Full-time -
 - The change of registration can be done only within a period of two (2) years from the date of registration.
 - Ph.D. scholars who have changed their registration under this head shall not be eligible for stipend.
 - A relieving letter from the current employer is required along with the approval from the research supervisor (guide), Dean of the constituent Institute.
- ii. Change in registration from Full-time to Part-time or Part - time to Full - time, shall be allowed only once during the entire duration of the Ph.D. program.

18. Attendance and Leave

- i. A full-time Ph.D. scholar is expected to have full attendance (as per the academic calendar). He/she has to clock his/her attendance in the manual attendance register or digital attendance mode or by biometrics, whichever is applicable. Such Ph.D. scholar shall be allowed a leave of thirty (30) days in an academic calendar, he/she is not entitled to any

summer/winter breaks or any other leave. An additional leave of ten (10) days in an academic year is allowed on Medical grounds.

- ii. A female full time Ph.D. scholar is entitled to maternity leave of two hundred and forty (240) days once in the entire duration of the Ph.D. degree.
- iii. In case an additional leave is required/requested by the Ph.D. scholar, the same shall be allowed after the approval of the Director – School of Research on the recommendations of his/her TAC.

19. Evaluation, Assessment – minimum standards/ credits for the award of degree

- i. A Ph.D. scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% marks or equivalent grade in the course-work, in order to continue, complete and submit the dissertation/thesis.
- ii. **Course work: Credit requirements and the minimum standards for completion -**
 - a. The course work shall be about 12 credits. It shall be treated as a prerequisite for preparation of the Ph.D. Minimum four (3) credits shall be allotted to courses relating to Research methodology (mandatory) and certain other advanced level courses.
 - b. The courses shall be as per the credit hour requirement and shall also specify the content, instructional and assessment methods which will be pre-approved by the DRC (other academic bodies).
 - c. The TAC shall recommend the course work for the Ph.D. scholar.
 - d. The course work needs to be completed by the Ph.D. scholars within the first and second semesters before the confirmation of the registration. In case a Ph.D. scholar is unable to complete the course work in the stipulated time period then he/she may apply for an extension on the recommendation of the TAC which may be approved by the URC. Provided that the PhD scholar is unable to complete the course work beyond the extended period, his/her registration shall be cancelled.

- e. The Ph.D. scholars who have completed coursework in their M.Phil. Degree and/or who have completed their M.Phil. Degree may be exempted from the coursework requirement at the discretion of the DRC and TAC.
- f. The grades obtained by the Ph.D. scholar in the course work shall be finalised after the assessment by the TAC and the DRC. The grades shall be sent to the School of Research.
- iii. After completion of the course work the Ph.D. scholar shall undertake the research work and submit a draft of the thesis/dissertation within the time as decided by the School of Research through URC (as per the prescribed time-table).
- iv. The Ph.D. scholar shall make a pre-synopsis seminar presentation before the TAC in which the teaching members and other Ph.D. scholars shall also be invited, prior to the submission of the draft of the thesis/dissertation. The feedback and comments provided during the presentation may be incorporated by the Ph.D. scholar into the draft prepared by such Ph.D. scholar in consultation with the TAC.
- v. In case the TAC is not satisfied with the quality of the work presented by the Ph.D. scholar it shall ask the Ph.D. scholar to re-submit the work and deliver a fresh seminar, as per the time allotted by the TAC.
- vi. The synopsis shall be submitted by the Ph.D. scholar within the timeline as provided by the DRC in consultation with the URC, along with the requisite fees.
- vii. The Ph.D. scholar shall have to submit the research work/thesis/dissertation within six (6) months from the date of submission of draft of the dissertation/thesis and synopsis. The period between submission of synopsis and thesis/dissertation should not be less than thirty (30) days.
- viii. The Ph.D. scholar shall have to publish at least two (2) research papers in refereed journals, preferably Web of Science / SCOPUS / Hein Database / Indian Citation Index / ABDC / EBSCO before the submission of their thesis/dissertation. The proof of the same is to be submitted by the Ph.D. scholar to the URC.

- ix. The Ph.D. scholar must make two (2) paper presentations in conferences/seminars, before the final submission of the thesis/dissertation, and produce the certificates to present as a proof for evidence to the URC.
- x. All the relevant documents shall be submitted at the time of submission of the thesis/dissertation.
- xi. **Submission of the Thesis/Dissertation**
 - a. The University/Institute shall run the thesis/dissertation using a plagiarism software to detect plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty, as developed by the URC under clause 4 (iv) (h). The thesis/dissertation submitted for evaluation should accompany an undertaking from the Ph.D. scholar and a certificate from the research supervisor (guide), confirming that the work submitted is free from plagiarism and has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma at this or any other University.
 - b. The Ph.D. thesis/dissertation submitted by the Ph.D. scholar shall be evaluated by the respective Research Supervisor (guide) and at least two (2) external examiners, who are not related to the Institute/University, the examiner can also be invited from outside India. The external examiners shall be appointed by the Director - School of Research/Registrar/COE from a panel of external examiners in consultation with the DRC.
 - c. The Ph.D. scholar shall be evaluated on the basis of his/her viva-voce to defend the thesis/dissertation, which may also be open for the public to attend. The public viva-voce shall only be held after the external examiner(s) have evaluated the thesis/dissertation, and an evaluation report has been submitted which recommends examination by viva-voce. In case the external examiner(s) does not recommend viva-voce examination, then the thesis/dissertation shall be sent to a newly appointed external examiner(s) out of the panel, and the viva-voce shall be conducted only after the approval report of such new external examiner(s). In case the newly appointed external examiner(s) also do not recommend viva-voce then such

- thesis/dissertation submitted by the Ph.D. scholar shall be rejected and be declared as ineligible for the award of Ph.D. degree.
- d. On the successful completion of the evaluation process and the announcement of the award of the Ph.D. degree by the University, the Ph.D. scholar shall submit, through the University a soft copy of their thesis/dissertation with the **UGC and the commissioner of Higher Education**, within a period of thirty (30) days for record purposes and for hosting the same on INFLIBNET for it to be accessible to all institutes/universities.
 - e. One hard/soft copy of the thesis/dissertation shall be placed in the University Library and one hard/soft copy is to be sent to for University record. The University shall upload the details about the awarded Ph.D. degree on the University website which shall include the name of the candidate, title of the thesis/dissertation, and an extended abstract of the same.

xii. Minimum requirements for the award of Ph.D. degree

- a. The Ph.D. scholar shall become eligible for the award of the Ph.D. degree only after fulfilling all the requirements and prerequisites as set under this policy.
- b. Subsequently the respective DRC of the constituent institute will take into consideration the thesis/dissertation submitted by the Ph.D. scholar pursuant to which the TAC shall determine if such candidate is eligible to be granted the degree of Ph.D.
- c. The Ph.D. scholar who qualifies through the Ph.D. programme shall be awarded the degree in the discipline of the concerned Institute in which the Ph.D. scholar is registered. The title of the Ph.D. thesis/dissertation and the name of the Institute shall also be mentioned in the thesis/dissertation.
- d. After the completion of viva-voce and evaluation of the same thereof, the results shall be sent to the URC, and after the approval of the URC, the Ph.D. degree shall be awarded to the Ph.D. scholar.
- e. Prior to the actual award of the degree, a provisional degree certificate may be issued to the Ph.D. scholar.

a. General Rules

- i. The University may at its sole discretion provide assistance to a Ph.D. scholar for any typing or binding costs that may accrue on the printing of the thesis/dissertation.
- ii. The Ph.D. scholar may also be offered the option of receiving the degree in a digital form.
- iii. The Ph.D. scholar shall be solely responsible for any plagiarism, piracy, duplication, or any sort of academic dishonesty occurring in their thesis/dissertation. Furthermore, if any such act is caught or detected even after the award of the degree, the candidate shall be held liable and for this they may be penalized through cancellation of their degree. The decision of the Vice-Chancellor (Provost) shall be final.

20. Fees and Fellowship/stipend

- i. The fees for the full time/part time Ph.D. program shall be decided by the University and the same shall be mentioned in the notification released for the admission into Ph.D. program.
- ii. The Ph.D. candidates and Ph.D. scholars are required to pay the requisite fees on time, as decided by the University from time to time. The fees are subjected to revision at the discretion of the University.
- iii. The fees once paid shall not be adjusted or refunded under any circumstances even if the candidate cancels the admission.
- iv. The full time employees of the University shall be exempted from application fees.
- v. Fellowship/stipend –
 - a. All full – time Ph.D. scholars shall be given fellowship/stipend on a monthly basis. The amount shall be decided by the University.
 - b. Provided, if the full-time Ph.D. scholar receives any fellowship/stipend from the government or any other sponsor, he/she shall not be entitled to such fellowship/stipend from the University.