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1. Preamble

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) is awarded to a candidate who has submitted a thesis on the basis of the original research carried out by him or her in any one particular discipline or involving more than one discipline (inter-disciplinary research) that makes a contribution to the advancement of knowledge, which is approved by duly constituted Board of Examiners and prerequisites as per UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of M.Phil., / Ph.D., Degree) Regulations, 2009/2016. Hence, the degree awarded by Bharathiar University is in compliance with the UGC Regulations 2009/2016.

2. Eligibility

The candidates should have passed a post-graduate degree course either with SSLC + HSC + UG + PG (i.e., 10 + 2 + 3 + 2) or with 11-years SSLC + PUC + UG + PG (i.e., 11 + 1 + 3 + 2) or with 10-years SSLC + 3 years Diploma + 2 years UG degree + 2 years PG (i.e., 10 + 3 + 2 + 2) or with 10 years SSLC + HSC + 4 years UG degree and 1 year PG degree (i.e., 10 + 2 + 4 + 1). Thus, only the candidates possessing a PG degree with 17 years of total duration of study alone are eligible for admission to the Ph. D., programme.

The candidates possessing professional degrees such as M. E., and M. Tech., and PG degree in Medicine, Law, Agriculture and similar other professional courses are **not eligible** for admission to the Ph.D., programmes of the University.

3. Registration for Ph.D., Programme

Registration for Ph.D., programme shall be of two categories, viz., full time and part time (with or without stipend/fellowship).

- (a) Any candidate with the minimum qualification prescribed by University Grants Commission (UGC) shall register as a full time / part time scholar to pursue research under a recognized supervisor in a University Department or in the research centres of affiliated colleges approved by the University.
- (b) Any teacher with the minimum qualifications prescribed by UGC and working as (i) a teacher in the University Departments / University Colleges / Constituent Colleges / Colleges affiliated to Bharathiar University, (ii) a teacher in Higher Secondary School/High School/Middle School/Polytechnics (only teachers of arts and science subjects) within Tamil Nadu which are recognized/approved by the Government shall register as a part time scholar to pursue research under a recognized supervisor in a University Department or in the research centres of affiliated colleges approved by the University.

- (c) Candidates who have cleared M.Phil., course work with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and who have successfully completed M.Phil., degree shall be eligible to proceed to do research work leading to Ph.D., degree in the same Institution in an integrated programme. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer) / differently-abled category and other categories of candidates as per the decision of UGC from time to time.
- (d) Scientists / Research Fellows / Research Assistants / Technical Assistants / Project Assistants / Project Fellows / Research Associates appointed in the research projects funded by recognized agencies / Government / industries shall register as a full time / part time scholar to pursue research under a recognized supervisor in a University Department or in the research centres of affiliated colleges or in Research Institutions, or Research and Development Centres / Laboratories approved by the University.
- (e) Any Chartered Accountant / Cost Accountant / Company Secretary and other professionals having experience for a minimum period of two years after obtaining their professional qualification shall register as a part time scholar to pursue research under a recognized supervisor from the Departments of Commerce, Management Studies, Economics and / or related disciplines.
- (f) Candidates (other than teachers), who are permanent employees including Directors of Boards, Proprietors and Partners in Government Organizations / Private or Public Limited Companies / Recognized Factories / Institutions / Research Institutions / Educational Institutions, having experience for a minimum period of two years after obtaining their Master's degree with a minimum of 55% of marks shall register as a part-time scholar to pursue research in the relevant discipline under a recognized research supervisor in a University Department or in the research centres of affiliated colleges approved by the University.

Explanation

- i. Recognized factory means an industrial establishment and regulated by the factories Act.
 - ii. Recognized institution means any institution registered with the Registrar of Societies and has been duly audited by a recognized auditor for the last three years from the date of application and duly supported by an audit certificate.
 - iii. Private / Public Ltd., Company shall have been registered under the Companies Act.
- (g) A candidate registered for part time Ph.D., programme shall submit the certificate on his / her employment from the employer to the University every year through the research supervisor and the concerned Head of the Department.

- (h) Any candidate working as a Guest Lecturer in a Government College / in a Government Aided College in Tamil Nadu shall be allowed for registration, subject to the production of No Objection Certificate (NOC) from his/her employer.
- (i) A candidate already holding a Ph.D., degree in a discipline / subject specialization is eligible to register for pursuing Ph. D., degree in another discipline / subject specialization subject to the fulfillment of the conditions stipulated for admission / registration in the present regulations.
- (j) Penalty of Rs. 1000/- per year shall be paid by the candidates of the approved Research Institution when they do not pay the special fee on time.
- (k) Transfer Certificate need not be insisted for admission to part-time M. Phil., / Ph.D., programmes.
- (l) The medium of language for the candidates registering for Ph.D., programme in Yoga for Human Excellence is Tamil only if they should have studied UG/PG degree courses with medium of instructions in Tamil and for other candidates, the medium is English.
- (m) Candidates who wish to register for Ph.D., without fellowship are required to qualify in the Common Eligibility Test (CET) conducted by Bharathiar University.
- (n) A candidate whose M. Phil., dissertation has been evaluated and the viva - voce is pending may be admitted to the Ph.D., programme of the same Institution.
- (o) Candidates possessing a degree, considered equivalent to M. Phil., Degree of an institution in India or of an educational institution situated in abroad accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved or recognized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to Ph.D., programme of Bharathiar University.

4. Candidates Registered for Ph.D., (Part-time) Outside Tamil Nadu

Candidates from outside Tamil Nadu working in Central Government funded Research Institutes (like NIT, CSIR, DST, ICMR, etc.) are allowed to register for part time Ph.D., programme subject to the production of 'No Objection Certificate' from their respective Head of the Institution and payment of Rs. 5,000/- as special fee in addition to the fee prescribed for the programme.

5. Duration of Research Programme

Full-time

A candidate registered as a full-time scholar for Ph.D., programme must possess the qualifications of 2 supra and shall work continuously in the department under the research supervisor for a minimum period of three years from the date of registration to submit the thesis.

Part-time

A candidate registered for Ph.D., programme under part-time category must possess any one of the qualifications of 2 and 3 supra and shall work for a minimum period of four years from the date of registration to submit the thesis.

Exemption

- a. Exemption of one year from the minimum duration period shall be permissible in respect of candidates who possess an M.Phil., or M. Litt., (in the relevant/related subject) at the time of registration. The candidates, who have appeared for Part I and Part II examinations of the M.Phil., programme and awaiting results at the time of interview for selection of candidates for the Ph.D., programme, shall be eligible for this exemption, provided the results are published within six months of their admission to the Ph.D., programme. This exemption may be availed by the candidates who have already been admitted to programme.
- b. However, the candidates, who are exempted for Part I examinations, should mandatorily complete the specified period (like PG Degree holders) for their submission of thesis.
- c. Candidates holding dual Master's Degree and one M. Phil., Degree, but in different disciplines shall not be exempted from appearing Research Methodology (Paper I of Part I) examination and shall be required to complete the duration specified.
- d. The women candidates and persons with disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of two years for Ph.D., in the maximum duration. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave / Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of Ph.D., for up to 240 days.

6. Attendance Requirements

- (a) A candidate registered on a full-time basis shall work for the minimum period of research prescribed in 5 supra mentioned above from the date of provisional registration under continuous supervision of the research supervisor and submit the thesis at the Department/Institution.

- (b) A candidate registered on a part-time basis in the discipline not involving laboratory works shall attend at least 60 days during the course of research (i.e., during the period of 3 years) at the institution where the supervisor is attached.
- (c) Provided that the candidates who have been permitted to register on a part-time basis in the discipline involving laboratory work in an institution other than where they are employed, they shall be required to work for a minimum period of 120 days during the course of research (i.e., during the period of 3 years) at the institution directly under the supervisor.
- (d) In any case the supervisor shall issue the attendance certificate to the above said effect duly endorsed by the Head of the Department and the Principal of the College concerned for submission to the Controller of Examinations, Bharathiar University.
- (e) In case the supervisor has got transferred / retired, the candidates shall be permitted to continue Ph.D., programme only in the institution where they have got selected / admitted. It is the responsibility of the concerned Institution to maintain the records of the candidates such as admission, payment of fee, attendance, submission of thesis, progress report, etc. The Head of the Institution may appoint a new research guide (in case the registered guide is not available) to supervise the candidate. It is the responsibility of the supervisor to finish over the research programme of his / her candidate.

7. Procedure for Admission

The University shall notify in its website and through advertisement in the national/regional/local news papers calling applications towards admissions into Ph.D., programme. The University shall admit candidates by a two - stage process through an entrance test, called Common Eligibility Test (CET), and an interview. CET shall be conducted by the University during June / July every year. The test will be conducted at the following centres: Coimbatore, Erode, Tirupur, Ooty and Pollachi / Udumalpet.

Master's Degree holders satisfying the qualification criteria stipulated under supra 2 above shall be eligible to appear for CET. However, the candidates who qualify in UGC-NET (including JRF) / UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF) / SLET / SET / GATE, scientists working in DRDO / Faculty of Air Force Administrative College, candidates possessing M. Phil., degree, holders of teacher fellowship (like FIP and FDP) and candidates of foreign origin possessing prescribed qualifications shall be exempted from appearing for CET.

Pattern for CET

CET in every discipline shall be of objective type with 50 multiple choice questions (MCQs) each with four options. Each question carries 0.7 marks. No negative marks for wrong answers. The maximum marks shall be 35 ($50 \times 0.7 = 35$ marks). **There shall be a passing minimum of 10 marks out of 35.** The awarded marks in the

common eligibility test shall be valid for one academic year and shall be used to register for the Ph. D., programme during October / July sessions every year.

Only the candidates who secured the passing minimum as mentioned above shall be called for interview after the scrutiny of his / her application for admission into Ph.D., programme. Interview shall be conducted at the University Departments or at the affiliated colleges of the University or at the research institutions approved by the University, where the candidate applies. The maximum marks for the interview shall be fixed as 15.

Criteria for Selection

PG qualifying examination marks shall be converted to 50. A candidate who secures 25 marks out of 50 marks in the qualifying degree and secures an aggregate of 25 marks out of 50 marks comprising both CET and interview shall be declared qualified for admission into M. Phil., / Ph.D., programme. In other words, a candidate who secures 50 marks out of 100 marks as detailed below shall be eligible for admission into Ph.D., programme.

Requirement of PG Qualifying Degree Examination Score : 25 out of 50 marks

Minimum Requirement of CET Score + Interview Score : 25 out of 50 marks

Eligibility Requirement for Admission : 50 out of 100 marks

However, selection of the candidates shall be made subject to the availability of vacancies with the research supervisors in the University departments / research departments of affiliated colleges / research institutions approved the University.

The selection committee shall be constituted at the University departments / research departments of affiliated colleges / research institutions approved the University with the following as its members:

1. Dean of the concerned discipline / Principal of the College / Director of the Research Institution / Centre
2. Head of the Department / Division
3. Research Supervisors within the Department / Division

8. Doctoral Committee

There shall be a doctoral committee for every candidate registered for the Ph.D., programme to monitor the progress of the candidate during the tenure of the programme. The doctoral committee shall be constituted with the following as its members:

1. Research Supervisor of the candidate (Convener).

2. Head of the Department (HOD) (Member). If HOD does not hold Ph.D., degree, the next senior faculty in the Department holding the Ph.D., degree will be the member. If HOD is the research supervisor of the candidate, the next senior faculty holding Ph.D., degree will be the member. In case of non-availability of faculty with Ph.D., degree in the Department, the Principal shall nominate any one faculty from the institution related to the subject concerned as the member.
3. Subject expert within the territorial jurisdiction of the University or within Tamil Nadu having at least five years of teaching / research experience after the award of Ph.D., degree shall be nominated from the panel of three members (to be submitted by the research supervisor) by the Vice-Chancellor of Bharathiar University to act as a member of the doctoral committee.
4. The Doctoral Committee shall meet to review the research progress of the candidate at least twice during the tenure (at least 10 months in between) of the research programme. The first meeting shall be conducted if the candidate has passed in Part I examinations and has made some progress in the research work or in the identification of the research problem. The committee shall recommend for the confirmation of registration. In the case of candidates who have registered for Ph.D., programme with M. Phil., qualification, the first meeting shall be conducted after completion of six months from the date of registration.
5. In case, the progress is not satisfactory, the Doctoral Committee shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. A research Committee comprising the (i) members of Doctoral Committee, (ii) Dean (Research) and (iii) Chairperson of the PG Board of Studies (UD) in the concerned subject shall be held to assess the corrective measures addressed by the scholar. If the research scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the Research Committee may recommend to the University with specific reasons for cancellation of the registration of the research scholar.
6. A candidate shall be allowed to submit the synopsis and the thesis only on the recommendation of the doctoral committee after being satisfied with the research output of the candidate.
7. Every candidate registered for the Ph.D., programme shall pay Rs. 8,000/- towards Doctoral Committee Fee. Each of the members of the Doctoral Committee shall be paid Rs.500/- per meeting as honorarium. Subject experts from the institutions other than the host institution shall be paid TA/DA as per the norms of the University.
8. In case of any candidate who has shifted from one research institution to another, the former institution shall reimburse the Doctoral Committee fee paid by the candidate to him.

9. **Independent Candidate:** Doctoral Committee shall be constituted by the University for the candidates who have registered for Ph.D. programme under the category of Independent Registration. In such cases, the Chairperson of the PG Board of Studies (UD) in the concerned subject shall be the convener of the Doctoral Committee.

9. Ethics and Grievance Redressal Committee

Any clarification or any dispute faced by the candidate shall be addressed to the Ethical and Grievance Redressal Committee (EGRC). The role of EGRC shall include scrutinizing the issues and recommending its decisions to the Vice - Chancellor of the University on the following:

1. Ethical issues relating to plagiarism, authorship of the research papers, etc.
2. Issues relating to problems between research supervisors and research scholars.
3. Issues relating to interdisciplinary research.
4. Change of independent registration to registration under the research supervisor.
5. Cases relating the refusal of HOD in signing or forwarding the Ph. D., thesis.
6. Other issues relating to research.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University shall constitute EGRC with the following as its members:

1. Dean (Research) – Convener
2. Dean of the concerned Discipline
3. Chairperson of the PG Board of Studies (UD) in the concerned subject
4. One subject expert to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. (Note: Subject expert shall have at least three years of teaching experience after the award of Ph. D., degree and shall be a recognized research supervisor in any University recognized by UGC)
5. Research Supervisor of the candidate

10. Application for Provisional Registration

- a. A candidate applying for provisional registration shall furnish all the information *inter alia* in the prescribed form along with the required fee.
- b. Every applicant who satisfies all the conditions and norms prescribed shall be provisionally registered for Ph.D. programme after approval by the University.

- c. Candidates shall also be permitted to register for Ph.D. programme under interdisciplinary fields. For details, the candidate can refer to **Clause 23(d): ‘Interdisciplinary Research’** in the present regulations.

11. Research Institutions

A candidate may be permitted to pursue research leading to the award of Ph.D. degree in any one of the following institutions subject to the fulfillment of the conditions such as eligibility, availability of supervisor, availability of vacancies and necessary facilities as stipulated in the present regulations:

- a. All University departments, recognized research departments in affiliated colleges and recognized research institutions shall be approved to offer Ph. D., research programmes in the respective disciplines or in the disciplines for which they have been recognized or in interdisciplinary areas. (Full-time and part-time for both laboratory and non-laboratory subjects).

Note: No department in an affiliated college without a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree course in the discipline concerned (for laboratory/non-laboratory subjects) shall be approved to offer Ph.D., programme. However, departments in an affiliated college without a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree course only in the disciplines such as Tamil, English, Hindi, Library Science and Physical Education shall be approved to offer Ph. D., programme.

- b. All India Research Institutions and Regional Research Institutions recognized by the University.
- a) Research and Development (R & D) Centres / Laboratories of public and private sector undertakings which are located in the territorial jurisdiction of the University and recognized by the University as having necessary facilities for carrying out research at an advanced level.

Grant of Recognition for Research Departments

1. Research Department shall have at least one recognized Ph.D., guide for considering the grant of recognition to conduct Ph.D., programme.
2. The maximum intake of candidates for full-time and part-time Ph.D., programme (both for laboratory and non-laboratory subjects) in each research department of the Institution will be fixed by the Inspection Commission duly constituted by the University based on the facilities and research publications in the reputed research journals.

12. Research Guide / Supervisor and Co-supervisor / Co-Guide for Research

- a. Every scholar registered for Ph.D., programme shall work under the continuous supervision of a recognized guide or supervisor.
- b. In situations such as non-availability or absence of the research supervisor from research the research centre / station for more than six months, research problem involving specializations other than that of the research supervisor and interdisciplinary nature of the research problem, the research supervisor can nominate a co-guide with the approval of the University duly recommended by the Dean (Research).
- c. At the time of admission, co-guide can be appointed, if required.
- d. Faculty members who are recognized research supervisors in the University departments, in the departments of affiliated colleges and the research centres approved by the University are eligible to supervise / guide the registered Ph. D., candidates.
- e. In the subjects like Yoga / Yoga for Human Excellence, only the faculty having M. Phil., / Ph.D., degree in Yoga or Yoga for Human Excellence shall be recognized as research supervisors for M. Phil., /Ph.D., programmes in Yoga or Yoga for Human Excellence. Faculty having PG degree in Yoga and Ph.D., in the subjects other than Yoga shall not be recognized as research supervisors in Yoga.
- f. The process of admitting M. Phil., / Ph.D., programme in Yoga or Yoga for Excellence shall be kept in abeyance from 2018-19 onwards if there are no research supervisors having M. Phil., / Ph.D., in Yoga or Yoga for Human Excellence.
- g. Faculty who have been recognized as research guides in Yoga or Yoga for Human Excellence, but do not possess M.Phil., / Ph.D., in Yoga or Yoga for Human Excellence shall not be allowed to register the candidates under their supervision from 2018-19 onwards.
- h. Candidates registered for M. Phil., / Ph.D., programme in Yoga under research supervisors who do not possess M. Phil., / Ph.D., degree in Yoga shall be permitted for conversion to independent research.
- i. Only for Ph.D., programme in Yoga or Yoga for Human Excellence, guide recognition shall be granted to persons who possess Ph. D., degree in Yoga (for Human Excellence), but may not be in service in an educational institution, and the recognized guides shall be permitted to guide the candidates registered for Ph.D., programme in Yoga or Yoga for Human Excellence. In such cases, Ph.D., degree shall be awarded either in Education (Yoga) or in Physical Education (Yoga).

- j. If a foreign academician is interested in serving as a co-guide for a research scholar, then a case-by-case consideration can be made.

13. Qualification for Guide Recognition

- a. A regular Professor of the University / the affiliated college with at least five research publications in refereed journals and a regular Associate / Assistant Professor of the University / the affiliated college with a Ph.D., degree and at least two research publications in refereed journals may be recognized as Research Supervisor. In the case of recognition of Associate / Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor, of the two research publications, one may be prior to the award of the Ph.D., degree and the other may be after the award of the Ph.D., degree or the two papers may be after the award of Ph.D., degree.
- b. The guide recognition/approval shall be given in a particular discipline in which the Ph.D., degree is awarded on verification of the conditions stipulated in Clause 13(a) mentioned above by the Office of the Registrar. In case of any clarification that is required on research publication of a teacher in a particular discipline or any ambiguity in any other related issues, the opinion of the Dean of the concerned faculty and the Head of the Department relating to the discipline of the teacher shall be sought for approving a faculty as Research Supervisor.
- c. In case any change in the discipline is required, the research supervisor may seek in written the change in the guide approval in other discipline relevant to the appointed department only against cancellation of the earlier approval.
- d. Only a full time regular teacher of the University / the affiliated college / research institute approved by the University can act as a supervisor. The external supervisors are not allowed. However, co-supervisor can be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas from other departments of the same institute or from other related institutions with the approval of the Research Advisory Committee, which is to be constituted by the University.
- e. In case of relocation of a woman Ph.D., scholar due to marriage or otherwise, the research data shall be allowed to be transferred to the University to which the scholar intends to relocate provided all the other conditions in these regulations are followed in letter and spirit and the research work does not pertain to the project secured by the parent institution/ supervisor from any funding agency. The scholar will however give due credit to the parent guide and the institution for the part of research already done.
- f. An approved research supervisor working in an unapproved department in a recognized Research Institution / Affiliated College cannot guide candidates for Ph.D. degree (However, this condition is exempted for Librarians and Directors of Physical Education).

- g. Teachers having at least one year post-doctoral experience in abroad with evidence of research publications in journals of repute during that period may be considered for granting guide recognition.

14. Number of Candidates under a Supervisor

- A Research Supervisor / Co-supervisor who is a Professor, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than three (3) M. Phil., and eight (8) Ph.D., scholars. An Associate professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of two (2) M. Phil., and six (6) Ph.D., scholars. An Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of one (1) M. Phil., and four (4) Ph.D. scholars.
- For assessing the number of vacancies under a supervisor the actual date of submission of the thesis by the candidates registered shall be taken into account.
- The maximum intake of candidates for full-time and part-time laboratory programme in the departments in each affiliated college / division of R & D Institution shall be fixed by the inspection commission constituted by the University.
- The total number of registered Ph.D., research scholars under a research supervisor in Bharathiar University / any other universities / any Research Centres with all research schemes / projects in any given point of time shall not exceed the number stipulated in Clause 15(a) above. In case, the total number of candidates registered under a research supervisor in all universities / research centres put together exceeds the number stipulated in Clause 15(a), the candidates registered under the research supervisor in Bharathiar University shall be cancelled without any notice. A self-declaration to this effect shall be given by the research supervisor in the prescribed format as shown below:

DECLARATION BY THE RESEARCH SUPERVISOR

I,, hereby declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the total number of candidates registered for Ph.D., research programme under my guidance does not exceed the maximum number as stipulated in the Ph.D., Regulations of Bharathiar University. I, further, furnish the following list of candidates who pursue the Ph. D., research programme under my guidance and declare that they have not submitted their dissertations for the award of Ph. D., as on date.

S. No.	Name of the Candidate	Full-time/ Part-time	Name of the University/Institution
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
Total			

Date:

Signature of the Research Supervisor

- e) The number of re-registered candidate per guide should be restricted to one at any point of time and the re-registration candidate count is over and above the existing strength of the guide.

15. Age Limit for Research Supervisors

- a. Upper age limit for registering fresh candidates for Ph.D., is 57 years of age in the case of teacher of affiliated colleges and 59 years of age in the case of University teachers (i.e. one calendar year prior to their retirement). The reappointed research supervisors in any recognized research department / institute / organization or a recipient of Major Research Projects from government funding agencies will be permitted to register Ph.D., candidates till they attain 62 years of age.
- b. When a research supervisor retires before the candidate completes his/her Ph.D., the he / she shall continue to supervise the candidate till the candidate completes the degree.

16. Change of Supervisors and Transfer of Scholars

- a. Transfer of Ph.D., scholars from one supervisor to another supervisor can be permitted if mutual willingness is given by both the original and new supervisors by issuing 'No Objection Certificate (NOC)' by the former and the 'Acceptance Letter' by the latter. The processing fee of Rs. 500/- to this effect shall be paid by the candidate. In the case of research supervisors who have shifted from the jurisdiction of Bharathiar University, NOC need not be insisted.
- b. In the case of change of supervisor or transfer of candidates, if proposed, without the consent of any one of the parties concerned, the case shall be referred to the EGRC. The recommendation of EGRC shall be treated as final. The processing fee of Rs. 1,000/- to this effect shall be paid the candidate.
- c. The supervisors who wish to avail leave/lien/deputation beyond a period of six months shall nominate co-guides in the concerned subject for the candidates registered under him/her and the same shall be intimated to the University in advance.
- d. If a supervisor leaves a college/research institution leaving behind the research scholars, a case-by-case consideration can be made.

17. Change of Research Topic / Specialization

Change of topic of research by the candidate is permitted in exceptional cases. The processing fee of Rs. 1,000/- to this effect shall be paid the candidate. The time limit fixed for change of topic of research in Ph.D. programme is as given below:

Full-time: Within eighteen months from the date of registration, in case of candidates registered with Master's degree qualification and within twelve months from the date of registration, in case of candidates registered with M.Phil., qualification.

Part-time: Within twenty-four months from the date of registration, in case of candidates registered with Master's Degree qualification and within eighteen months from the date of registration, in case of candidates registered with M.Phil., qualification.

In exceptional cases (i.e., correction in Topic / Title), for the candidates who have crossed the time limit, the consent may be obtained from the research supervisor and the candidate is required to submit an application to the University through the research supervisor. However, broad field of research cannot be changed.

18. Cancellation of Ph.D., Registration

- a. In case of candidates (Full Time/Part Time) who do not possess an M.Phil., degree and have not passed the theory examination(s) under Part I of M. Phil., in the relevant subject within the minimum period, or have not cleared the examinations within *five* appearances, their registration shall be cancelled. For candidates seeking fresh admission within 5 years from the date of initial registration, he/she shall be exempted from appearing Common Eligibility Test (CET) and exempted from appearing the theory paper(s) of Part I of M. Phil., in which he/she has scored a minimum of 50% and above marks in each paper.
- b. For cancellation of Ph.D., registration in the absence of letter from the candidate, the supervisor may write a letter to the Registrar who in turn informs the same to the candidate. If no reply is received within three months, the Ph.D., registration for the candidate shall be cancelled.

19. Examination and Evaluation

19.1 Part I: Course Work Examination, Pattern of Question Paper and Evaluation

Course Work Examination

- a. Full time candidates should appear for the theory examination under Part I of the programme at the end of six months after joining the course and part time candidates should appear for the theory examination under Part I of the programme at the end of one year after registration.
- b. The course work, i.e., Part I shall be the same as Part I of the M. Phil., programme and shall consist of the following three papers, in which the candidates are required to appear:

Paper 1: Research Methodology (Research Methods in the concerned discipline)

Paper 2: Advanced course in the concerned discipline

Paper 3: Special Paper (Pertaining to the area of specialization chosen by the candidate / research specialization of the supervisor)

NOTE

- a. The syllabi for papers 1, 2 and 3 shall be framed by the committee comprising all research supervisors in the respective disciplines and duly approved by the Board of Studies in Research and the Standing Committee on Academic Affairs (SCAA).
- b. A candidate who has completed M. Phil., degree in a specified area of research shall be exempted from Part I of Ph.D., programme, provided he/she has registered for Ph.D., programme in the same area of research. Otherwise, the Doctoral Committee shall recommend the relevant paper in the area of research to be written by the candidate.
- c. In case of Ph.D., programme in a related discipline (Interdisciplinary Research), the Chairperson of Board of Studies in Interdisciplinary Research shall decide on the exemption from appearing theory examinations under Part I in consultation with the Chairperson of the concerned discipline.
- d. Candidates registered for Ph.D., programme in Computer Science with MCA qualification must qualify in Part I, irrespective of the faculty/discipline to which they belong to.
- e. The medium of language for the candidates registering for Ph.D., programme in Yoga for Human Excellence is Tamil only if they should have studied UG/PG degree courses with medium of instructions in Tamil and for other candidates, the medium is English.
- f. Candidates appearing for theory examinations under Part I in different subjects (other than language subjects like Tamil, Telugu and Hindi) should answer only in English.
- g. Theory examinations under Part I shall be conducted twice in a calendar year in the months of May/June and October/November.
- h. The duration of examination for each paper shall be 3 hours and the maximum marks for each paper shall be 100 marks.

Pattern of Question Paper

Part I examination shall be with the following pattern of question paper:

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks:

100

Part A – (5 x 8 = 40 marks)

Answer any *five* out of *eight* questions

All questions carry *equal* marks

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

Part B – (5 x 12 = 60 marks)

Answer any *five* out of *eight* questions

All questions carry *equal* marks

- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.
- 13.
- 14.
- 15.
- 16.

Evaluation

- a. A system of double valuation shall be followed inviting experts from institutions outside the jurisdiction of Bharathiar University for the first valuation and inviting experts from institutions within the jurisdiction of the University for the second valuation.
- b. There shall be one Board of Examiners for theory examinations under Part I comprising both University and College teachers. It shall be mandatory that the research supervisors of the candidates are examiners for the specialization papers in which their candidates appear.
- c. The convener of the meeting of the research supervisors in each discipline shall provide the list of examiners in consultation with the research supervisors.

- d. There shall be a passing minimum of 50 marks out of 100 in each paper. Only the candidates who have secured the minimum of 50 marks out of 100 in all the three papers shall be declared as passed in Part I Theory Examinations.
- e. A candidate who does not secure the passing minimum of 50 marks out of 100 in a paper shall reappear to that paper for the purpose of completing Part I. Candidates who have secured a minimum of 50 marks and above shall be exempted from re-appearing the examinations.
- f. Any candidate who is declared as 'failed' in Part-I must reappear in all the failed papers in which he/she has not been exempted and the marks obtained at the reappearance shall only be taken into account for declaring the result.
- g. The maximum number of attempts for the candidates to clear papers of Part I Theory Examinations shall be fixed as five.
- h. Candidates who have not completed the duration of the programme or the candidates who have not cleared Part I Theory Examinations in five attempts shall re-register for the programme. In such cases, there shall be no requirement of recommendation of the EGRC for re-registration.
- i. A candidate who is seeking permission for re-registration shall write the paper only in the current syllabus if he/she has not completed the paper(s) on earlier occasions.
- j. Certificate for Ph.D., Course Work may be given to the candidates who have cleared all the papers prescribed under Part I - Course Work if requests are received from the passed out candidates. (Note: This decision is taken as many institutions seek the above certificate for employing the candidates who have completed the Ph.D., after completing the theory examinations under Part I of M. Phil., programme / Ph. D., Course Work)

19.2 Part II –Thesis

Each candidate shall be required to choose a research problem in his/her chosen area of research specialization (related to Paper III of Part I) and submit a thesis incorporating the results of his/her original investigation carried out under the supervision of a recognized supervisor.

Submission of Synopsis (Under Part II)

- a. The candidates shall submit six copies of the synopsis of the thesis to the University, through his / her research supervisor along with the final Doctoral Committee report, evidence for the publication of research papers, the prescribed fee receipt and relevant certificates.
- b. The candidates may submit the synopsis three months before the minimum period of submission of the thesis enabling the University to get the consent of examiners for the evaluation of the thesis. The synopsis shall not exceed 6 to 10 (not beyond 10 pages) type - written or printed pages (one side of A4 size papers in Times New Roman, font size 12).

- c. While forwarding the synopsis, the research supervisor shall submit to the University, in a sealed cover, the prescribed panels of examiners along with the brief Curriculum - Vitae containing e-mail ID of each examiner for the evaluation of the thesis and for the conduct of the viva-voce examination. It is mandatory that the supervisors shall submit two separate panels of 4 to 6 examiners, one panel containing examiners from abroad and the other from India.
- d. The regulation that the research supervisors recognized by Bharathiar University (including Category B) cannot be the examiners for adjudicating the thesis shall be strictly adhered.
- e. The pre-synopsis viva-voce report as per the UGC norms may be submitted along with the synopsis after the modalities are framed by the University.
- f. The synopsis shall not be accepted by the Research Section of the Office of the Controller of Examinations if the research supervisors do not submit the panels of examiners for the adjudication of the thesis in a sealed cover at the time of submission of the synopsis.
- g. The synopsis shall not be accepted by the Research Section of the Office of the Controller of Examinations if the Certificate of Genuineness of Research Publication (with the first page of published paper) is not enclosed at the time of submission of the synopsis.
- h. In the case of candidates who have registered for Ph.D., in the category of Independent Registration, the Chairperson of the PG Board of Studies (UD) in the concerned discipline shall submit a panel of three competent persons in the relevant research area within 30 days of receipt of communication from the University and one of them shall be appointed as the Convener by the Vice-Chancellor.

Submission of Thesis (Under Part II)

- a. Not later than SIX MONTHS after the submission of the Synopsis and after the expiry of the minimum period of research prescribed, every candidate shall submit FIVE COPIES of the thesis embodying the results of the original research carried out by him/ her along with the prescribed application and fee. The hard copy must accompany a soft copy of the thesis.
- b. In order to promote Tamil in higher education and research, the candidates are generally encouraged to submit an additional copy of the thesis in Tamil which will be kept in Library for reference.
- c. Ph.D. candidates shall publish at least one research paper in Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) / Arts & Humanities Citation Index (AHCI) Journals / Scopus Indexed Journals / UGC CARE List of Journals before submission of the thesis in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and Languages. For science subject, at least one research paper shall be published in Science Citation Index (SCI) / Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) Journals / Scopus Indexed Journals / UGC CARE

List of Journals before submission of the thesis and the same shall be shown in the form of acceptance letter or as reprint with a certificate from the guide to this effect. Publications in the Proceedings of Conferences / Seminars shall not be considered. The candidates whose research papers have been accepted for publication in the journals may be allowed to submit the synopsis of the thesis.

- d. The doctoral committee should certify the quality of research and the quality of publications. Without such certificate, the thesis shall not be accepted / processed by the Research Section of the Office of the Controller of Examinations
- e. Prior to submission of Ph.D., thesis, the candidate shall make pre-Ph.D. presentation in the Department that shall be open to all faculty members and research students, for getting feedback and comments, which may suitably be incorporated into the draft of the thesis under the advice of the supervisor.
- f. The maximum length of the thesis should not exceed **250 to 275 pages (not beyond 275 pages)** (A/4 size typed matter) pages, excluding bibliography, tables and diagrams and if the candidate so desires he/she may include published papers or manuscripts along with the thesis. Exemption from page restriction shall not be entertained under any circumstances.
- g. Every candidate shall submit a declaration and a certificate from the research supervisor under whom he / she worked in the prescribed format along with the application for Ph.D., Degree and the thesis. An extra copy of each of the certificate and declaration shall be submitted along with the thesis.
- h. The title of the Synopsis and title of the Thesis shall be the same. The title page of the thesis, cover format, etc., shall be strictly in conformance to the format of presentation as prescribed. The thesis should NOT be hard bound and it should have a thin and flexible cover.
- i. Ph.D., thesis / synopsis may generally be written in English (for subjects other than languages). However, the thesis may be written in Tamil provided a translated copy in English is also appended.
- j. For non - receipt of panel of examiners from the supervisor within a month of submission of Ph.D., thesis by the candidate, the Vice-Chancellor is empowered to nominate a panel of examiners.
- k. No tuition fee shall be collected by the Institution from the candidates after submission of the thesis.
- l. Ph.D Candidate shall adopt the regulations on Similarity Checks for Plagiarism, Quantification of Plagiarism, Handling of Plagiarism and Penalties of Plagiarism as stipulated in the ***Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism Regulations of Bharathiar University*** framed based on the UGC (Promotions of Academic

Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations 2018.

Certificate of Genuineness of Research Publication(s)

This is to certify that the Ph.D. candidate Mr. / Ms. working under my supervision has published a research article in the standard refereed / SCI Journal named with Vol.... No. Page No. and year of publication published by The contents of the publication are incorporated as the part of the results presented in his / her thesis.

Countersigned

Research Supervisor

Principal / Head of the Department / Director
College / University / Institute)

Declaration

(to be submitted by the candidate)

I hereby declare that the thesis, entitled “.” submitted to the Bharathiar University, in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in is a record of original and independent research work done by me during under the supervision and guidance of Dr. Department of and it has not formed the basis for the award of any Degree / Diploma / Associate ship / Fellowship or other similar title to any candidate of any University.

Countersigned

Signature of the Candidate

(Research Supervisor)

Note: Candidates who are permitted to work without a guide shall also submit a declaration to the above effect.

Certificate

(to be submitted by the Research Supervisor)

This is to certify that the thesis entitled “.....” submitted to the Bharathiar University, in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in is a record of original research work done by Mr./Ms. during the period of his/her study in the Department of at (College/Research Institute/Bharathiar University) under my supervision and guidance, and the thesis has not formed the basis for the award of any Degree / Diploma / Associateship / Fellowship or other similar title to any candidate of any University.

**Countersigned
Supervisor**

Research

Principal / Head of the Department / Director
(College / University / Research Institute)

20. Maximum and Minimum Period for Submission of Thesis

- a. Candidates with PG qualification shall be permitted to submit their thesis, within a period of five years, but not earlier than three years from the date of Registration in case of full-time Research and within a period of six years but only after four years from the date of Registration in case of part-time research.
- b. Candidates with M. Phil., qualification shall be permitted to submit their thesis, within a period of four years, but not earlier than two years from the date of registration in case of full-time research and within a period of five years, but not earlier than three years from the date of registration in the case of part-time research. Early submission of the thesis shall not be permitted in any circumstances.
- c. When a candidate gets his/her M. Phil., degree after registration to Ph.D., programme, the M. Phil., degree will be considered for his minimum / maximum periods of submission of the Ph.D., thesis with the payment of ‘Status Change Fee’, as prescribed by the University.

Mode	For Candidates with PG Degree		For Candidates with M.Phil. Degree	
	Minimum Period	Maximum Period	Minimum Period	Maximum Period
Full Time	3 years	5 years	2 years	4 years
Part Time	4 years	6 years	3 years	5 years

- d. Extension of time for submission of Ph.D., thesis will be granted up to a maximum period of two years on payment of the fee prescribed as detailed below. Such extension will be granted for a period of six months in the first instance and additional three six-monthly extensions may be granted, making a total of two years in exceptional cases with the recommendation of the

research supervisor. At a time, two extensions may be admissible after paying the necessary fee and penalty. Special extension not exceeding six months shall be permissible only with the recommendation of EGRC.

Fee Prescribed for Extension and Penalty

First Extension	Rs. 500 in addition with the penalty fee of Rs. 500
Second Extension	Rs. 1000 in addition with the penalty fee of Rs. 1000
Third Extension	Rs. 2000 in addition with the penalty fee of Rs. 2000
Fourth Extension	Rs. 2500 in addition with the penalty fee of Rs. 2500
Special Extension	Rs. 3000 in addition with the penalty fee of Rs. 3000

- e. In case of non-completion of Ph.D. programme, even after four extensions, it is mandatory for the candidate to re-register for the programme at the end of the fourth extension. Moreover, the total duration of the re-registration period shall not exceed 2 years.
- f. The time elapsed between the fourth extension and the date of sanctioning re-registration has to be included within the total re-registration period of two years.

21. Adjudication of Ph.D., Thesis

- a. For adjudication of the Ph.D., theses (other than Tamil and Indian languages), the panel of examiners shall be submitted by the Research Supervisors in a sealed envelope at the time of submission of the synopsis. The panel shall consist of four examiners from abroad, preferably from scientifically advanced countries, avoiding persons working on contractual basis in abroad (foreign countries), and four examiners from India (preferably within Tamil Nadu, but outside the geographical area of Bharathiar University or from the states in South India, such as Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Pondicherry). Research Supervisors (including Category B) of Bharathiar University are not eligible to act as external examiners to any of the candidates. The Indian examiner who adjudicated the thesis shall be the examiner for conducting the viva-voce examination. There shall be no separate panel of examiners for conducting the viva-voce examination.
- b. Full-time faculty who is a recognized Ph.D., research supervisor in any of the Universities and working in the cadre of Assistant Professor or an equivalent cadre / Scientist B in accredited research institutions with post - graduate teaching as well as research experience having at least two research publications in the standard National / International Refereed and Indexed Journals after the award of Ph.D., degree shall be considered for appointment as Indian or Foreign Examiner for adjudication of the Ph.D., thesis, and the research supervisors shall provide the panel of examiners along with the website details about the examiners for verification.

- c. While submitting the panel of examiners, the research supervisors shall provide the acceptance / consent letters of examiners along with their bio-data / curriculum vitae.
- d. Submission of the panel of examiners shall be in a sealed cover. Engaging candidates to carry the panel in unsealed covers should be strictly avoided.
- e. Declaration on the accuracy and the correctness of the particulars about the examiners like designation, affiliation, email and contact address may be submitted along with the panel of examiners.
- f. In case of non-receipt of the panel of examiners from the research supervisor within one month from the date of submission of Ph.D., thesis by the candidate, the Vice-Chancellor is empowered to appoint a new panel of examiners in consultation with the Chairman of the PG Board of Studies (UD).
- g. The research supervisor shall be one of the examiners for evaluation of the thesis.
- h. As soon as the reports are received from the research supervisor and examiners (both foreign and Indian examiners), the reports shall be sent to the supervisor / convener to prepare a consolidated report with recommendation to conduct the Viva-voce examination. The supervisor shall send his / her consolidated report with recommendation within 30 working days from the date of receipt of the letter from the Research Coordinator / Office of the Controller of Examinations. If the consolidated report is not received within a period of three months, the Vice-Chancellor is empowered / authorized to constitute an expert panel for preparing the report and conducting the viva-voce examination.
- i. For adjudicating the Ph.D., thesis in Tamil, the panel shall consist of four examiners from outside Tamil Nadu (in lieu of foreign examiners due to paucity of foreign examiners) and four examiners from Tamil Nadu but outside the geographical area and jurisdiction of Bharathiar University. An examiner within Tamil Nadu who adjudicated the thesis in the subject Tamil / thesis written in Tamil in the subjects of Linguistics and other Indian languages shall be the examiner for conducting viva-voce examination.
- j. The examiners from India and abroad shall adjudicate a thesis and submit a detailed report (in the prescribed format) on the merits and demerits of the thesis and finally indicate whether the thesis is 'Commended', 'Not Commended' or 'Recommended for resubmission'.
- k. No fresh offer for adjudicating the Ph.D., thesis shall be given for an examiner who has three adjudication assignments against his/her name at a time. The same examiner shall be considered for the adjudication assignment if the number of such assignments is less than three at a time.
- l. Hard copies of the evaluation reports duly signed by the examiners shall be considered for further processing. However, soft copies of the evaluation report can also be considered provided the adjudicators submit the adjudication reports in the format prescribed by the University along with the affiliated official letter head duly signed by them with proper seal (stamping).

- m. If the University does not receive the evaluation report from any examiner even after the second reminder (90 days from the date of receipt of thesis), another examiner shall be appointed in his / her place.
- n. In case, both examiners from India and abroad have not commended the thesis, it shall be referred to EGRC for further instructions and action.
- o. In case one of the two examiners have not commended the thesis, the thesis shall be referred again to a third examiner, Indian or Foreigner as the case may be (i.e. if the thesis is not commended by a foreigner, the third examiner shall be a foreigner and if it is not commended by an Indian, the third examiner shall be an Indian). However, if the third examiner does not commend the thesis, again it shall be referred to EGRC for further instructions and action.
- p. If the examiners insist upon corrections / revision / re-submission to be made, the same shall be made before appearing for the public viva-voce examination, along with a certificate from the research supervisor that the corrections have been satisfactorily and fully carried out. The detailed report of such corrections, mentioning the corrected page numbers, must be made available.
- q. The candidate whose thesis has been approved shall submit himself / herself to a public viva-voce examination to be conducted by a Board of Examiners, consisting of the external Indian examiner and the research supervisor as the Convener, in the presence of the members of the Department and persons who are interested in the subject.
- r. Viva-voce examination will be conducted for Ph.D., candidates strictly within 30 days of receipt of the consolidated report by the Research Coordinator / Office of the Controller of Examinations.
- s. The research supervisor / convener shall notify the date and time of the viva-voce examination in consultation with the Indian external examiner and inform the same to the Research Coordinator / Office of the Controller of Examinations issuing a minimum of 7 days notification. After conducting the viva-voce examination, the supervisor / convener shall convey to the University, the result of the examination. A candidate who is successful in the public viva-voce examination shall be declared to have qualified for Ph.D., degree by the Syndicate.
- t. The medium of language for public viva-voce examination will be English. However, the general public will be encouraged to ask questions in Tamil and clarifications shall be given to them in Tamil. In case of language departments, the viva-voce examination shall be held in the respective languages.
- u. A candidate who is not successful at the public viva-voce examination may be permitted to undergo the examination a second time within a period of three months with another examiner / an Indian expert, Research Dean and Chairman of the PG Board of Studies (UD), not before one month after the ill fated first viva-voce examination.
- v. The time-limit to resubmit the revised thesis, as per the suggestions for revision and resubmission of thesis given by the examiner(s), shall not exceed twelve full months.

- w. A candidate shall not ordinarily be permitted to resubmit the thesis for the Degree or to take the public viva-voce examination on more than two occasions.
- x. When a research supervisor is shifted from one institution to another within the Bharathiar University area, the viva - voce may be conducted at the place of registration or at the place where the supervisor is working or at Bharathiar University campus. In other places, there shall be no permission to conduct the viva voce.
- y. When a research supervisor moves to an institution outside the territorial jurisdiction of Bharathiar University, he/she shall be required to submit an application to get a guide continuation certificate from Bharathiar University to continue his/her guide recognition.

22. Publication of the Thesis

- a. A thesis whether approved or not shall not be published in full without the permission of the Syndicate and the syndicate may grant permission for the publication under certain conditions as may be imposed.
- b. A candidate may during the course of his / her research publish papers in standard research journals as advised by his /her supervisor, but the thesis as a whole shall not be published without obtaining permission of the syndicate mentioned supra.
- c. The research supervisor / convener shall be required to furnish a certificate along with the report of the viva-voce examination, in connection with the suitability of the thesis for publication by the candidate, at a later date in the following format:

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that in the thesis entitled ‘.....’
submitted by ‘.....’ all the corrections
/ modifications suggested by the examiners have been incorporated and the thesis does
not have any objectionable material. Hence, the thesis is fit for publication, if the
candidate so desires.

RESEARCH SUPERVISOR / CONVENOR

23. Conferment of the Degree

- a. A candidate shall be eligible for the conferment of Ph.D., degree, if he / she has undergone the prescribed programme for a period of not less than two years (for those registered with M.Phil., qualification) or three years (for those registered with PG degree qualification) in the case of Full-time programme, and not less than three years (for those registered with M.Phil., qualification) or four years (for those registered with PG degree qualification) in the case of part-time programme in an institution affiliated to the University / approved by the University, and passed all the examinations and fulfils such conditions as have been prescribed therein.
- b. After successful completion of the viva-voce examination, a provisional certificate shall be issued bearing the title of Ph.D., thesis.
- c. Candidates who qualify for Ph.D., degree shall be awarded the degree in the discipline in which the candidate has been registered. Please refer the following Clause d: '**Interdisciplinary Research**'.
- d. **Interdisciplinary Research**
 - i. Teachers employed in various Departments of the University or any affiliated colleges of the University may be permitted to serve as research supervisors, irrespective of their own discipline / area of research and must be enrolled as supervisor in the respective departments discipline only. (For example, a teacher with Zoology or Botany or Chemistry qualification, but appointed as a teacher in the Department of Environmental Science or Microbiology or Biochemistry or Biotechnology or Bio informatics be recognized as a research supervisor to guide / supervise the candidates in the same discipline / department in which teacher is appointed).
 - ii. However, candidates holding post-graduate degree are permitted to register for research programmes (M. Phil., / Ph.D.,) in interdisciplinary areas in various departments irrespective of the subjects of the study in their PG degree and the degrees be awarded in the field of research and interdisciplinary with the relevant core subjects obtained in the PG Degree course. For instance, for an M. Sc., Chemistry candidate who pursued the Ph.D., programme in Environmental Sciences, the degree may be awarded as Ph.D., in Environmental Sciences (Interdisciplinary – Chemistry).
 - iii. The committee comprising Dean (Research) and Chairpersons of the Board of Studies in PG (UD) of the concerned subjects should decide the eligibility of the candidate's subject for admission to M. Phil., / Ph. D., in interdisciplinary programmes, if any disputes arise.
 - iv. Co-guide shall be encouraged but not mandatory for interdisciplinary studies. On any account, the subject of co-guide shall not be considered for the award of the degree. Further, the department in which the co-

guide belongs need not be a recognized research department for that purpose. However, the co-guide shall be a part of doctoral committee and shall sign in the thesis as well.

24. Conversion from Full-Time to Part-Time & Vice-versa of Ph. D. Programme

- a. Conversion from full-time to part-time and vice-versa of Ph.D. research programme shall be allowed only under special circumstances on payment of 'Status Change fee'.
- b. Conversion of full-time mode to part-time mode is considered only after the completion of a period of 18 months from the date of registration. The requests of candidates for conversion before the period of 18 months need not be considered and such candidates must seek admission with the submission of fresh application. In case, the candidate get the job in government organizations, recognised educational institutions and recognised standard software companies, the students can apply for special permission with the recommendation of the Dean (Research).
- c. If the candidate has been allowed by the employer to avail any leave / leave on loss of pay for two years, he/she may be allowed for conversion from part-time to full-time (only after the completion of a period of 18 months).
- d. The following rule shall be adopted for conversion from full-time to part-time and vice-versa of Ph.D. programme:

The residual period that the candidate has to complete at the time of his / her application for conversion (from full-time to part-time or from part-time to full-time, as the case may be) for fulfilling the requirement of the minimum duration for submitting the thesis under the existing category be taken note of and the equivalent of the corresponding period without exceeding the maximum duration shall be determined, and intimated to the candidate.

25. Re-registration

- a. Candidates desirous of seeking re-registration for the Ph.D. programme should prove the progress of the research work before the Ethics and Grievance Redressal Committee (EGRC) and the re-registration shall be permitted based on the recommendation of EGRC. Re-registration shall be permitted as per the conditions stipulated in Clause 20 of the present regulations. However, a candidate who has been re-registered shall be permitted to submit his/her thesis at any time after one year from the date of re-registration, but within a maximum period of two years.
- b. A candidate may be permitted to re-register under the same research supervisor (if he/she retires) / same institution or under a new research supervisor / another institution (if he/she is willing) without getting 'No Objection Certificate (NOC)'. For re-registered candidates with change of research topic of the thesis, the required period would be similar to that of freshly registered candidates.

- c. A candidate who is seeking permission for re-registration should write the paper in the current syllabus if he/she does not complete the paper on earlier occasions.
- d. Re-registration shall be permitted either in July session or in October session.
- e. Elapsed period shall be taken into account while permitting the period of re-registration.

26. Depository of Registered Candidates

The University shall maintain the list of candidates who have registered for the Ph.D. programme registered students on its website on year-wise basis. The list shall include the names of the registered candidates, topics of their research, names of their supervisor/co-supervisor and dates of enrolment/registration.

27. Revision of Regulations and Curriculum

The University may from time to time revise, amend or change the regulations, scheme of examinations, syllabus and also the fee structures, if necessary, and such amendments or changes shall come into effect from the date prescribed.
