

**Proposed amendments**

The amendments proposed to Ordinance VI: Procedure for Award of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree are the following:

Sl. No.	Provision concerned	Existing Ordinance VI	Proposed Amendment
1.	<b>Introduction</b> <i>I</i>	The Ordinance conforms with University Grants Commission Gazette (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016	The Ordinance conforms with the following :  <b>(i) University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 with effect from 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and its amendment, namely, the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) (1<sup>st</sup> Amendment) Regulations, 2018 with effect from 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018;</b>  <b>(ii) University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018 with effect from 23 July 2018. and</b>  <b>(iii) Relevant provisions of University Grants Commission Regulations for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2018 with effect from 18 July 2018;</b>
2.	<b>B. Procedure for Admission</b> <i>Clause B-1</i>	As per UGC Regulations, 2016, the University shall admit M.Phil./Ph.D. students through an Entrance Test conducted at the level of the University. The University may decide separate terms and conditions for those students who qualify UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/GATE/teacher fellowship holder or have passed M.Phil. Programme. Similar approach may be adopted in respect of Entrance Test for M.Phil. Programme.	As per UGC Regulations, 2016, the University shall admit M.Phil./Ph.D. students through an Entrance Test conducted at the level of the University. The University may decide separate terms and conditions for those students who qualify UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/AYUSH-NET/GATE/teacher fellowship holder or have passed M.Phil. Programme. Similar approach may be adopted in respect of Entrance Test for M.Phil. Programme.
3.	<b>B. Procedure for Admission</b> <i>Clause B-6</i>	The Head of the Department shall consult the faculty members and college teachers who are recognized to be Supervisor as per UGC Regulation	The Head of the Department shall consult the faculty members and college teachers who are recognized to be Supervisors as per UGC Regulation

		2016, regarding the number of vacant seats available with each member in that (academic year. Each prospective Supervisor may decide on the number of seats that he/she may like to fill in a particular year within his/her maximum permissible strength and inform the Head of Department accordingly.	2016, regarding the number of vacant seats available with each member in that academic year. Each prospective Supervisor may decide on the number of seats that he/she may like to fill in a particular year within his/her maximum permissible strength and inform the Head of Department accordingly.  <b>There shall be special provision of supernumerary Ph.D. seats not exceeding 10% of the total seats available in the Department, if there is no vacant seat available with the eligible Supervisors in that Department, for the in-service teachers for encouraging the faculty members of colleges and universities for getting a Ph.D. degree, as laid down in the UGC Regulations for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2018.</b>
4.	<b>C. Eligibility Criteria</b>  <i>Clause C-1.3</i>	Candidates with Masters or equivalent degree must appear in a written exam conducted by the University in order to be eligible for interview. Based on the performance in the written test, which is the qualifying exam, the shortlisted candidates shall appear for an interview.	Candidates with Masters or equivalent degree must appear in an entrance test conducted by the University. The entrance test will be a qualifying examination with 50% as the qualifying marks for candidates belonging to the unreserved category.  <b>A relaxation of 5% of marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC(Non-Creamy layers)/Differently-abled category in the entrance examination conducted by the University as per the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./ Ph.D. Degrees) (1<sup>st</sup> Amendment) Regulations, 2018.</b>  The shortlisted candidates on the basis of the entrance test shall appear for an interview.
5.	<b>C. Eligibility Criteria</b>  <i>Clause C-1.4</i>	Candidates who have qualified UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/DBT-JRF, ICMR-JRF, DST-INSPIRE or equivalent national level examination/fellowship (as identified by DRC)/GATE/teacher fellowship holder may directly appear	Candidates who have qualified UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/ <b>AYUSH-NET</b> /DBT-JRF, ICMR-JRF, DST-INSPIRE or equivalent national level examination/fellowship (as identified by DRC)/GATE/teacher fellowship

		for interview.	holder may directly appear for interview.
6.	<b>C. Eligibility Criteria</b>  <i>Clause C-1.7</i>	Scientists/professionals working at R & D institutes of the Government of India/ State Government <i>and</i> with whom the University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding may directly appear for interview subject to fulfilling minimum eligibility criteria.	Scientists/professionals working at R & D institutes of the Government of India/ State Governments with whom the University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding may directly appear for interview subject to fulfilling minimum eligibility criteria.
7.	<b>D. Entrance Test and the Interview</b>  <i>Clause D-2</i>	The Entrance Test will be a qualifying examination with qualifying marks as 50%. The syllabus for the entrance test will consists of 50% questions on research aptitude/methodology and 50% subject-specific questions.	<p>The Entrance Test will be a qualifying examination with qualifying marks as 50%. The syllabus for the entrance test will consists of 50% questions on research aptitude/methodology and 50% subject-specific questions.</p> <p><b>A relaxation of 5% of marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy layers)/Differently-abled category in the entrance examination conducted by the University as per the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) (1<sup>st</sup> Amendment) Regulations, 2018.</b></p> <p><b>If in spite of the above relaxation, the candidates for SC/ST/OBC (Non Creamy Layer)/Differently-Abled categories are not available, the respective DRCs shall explore suitable policies to fill most of the vacant seats keeping in mind the pool of candidates available from National Level Tests and other categories as per Clause C, Ordinance VI dated 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.</b></p> <p><b>The Departments shall conduct interviews for M.Phil./Ph.D. admissions simultaneously for all the categories and ensure that the category of candidates is not revealed at the interview. Once the merit of the candidates is collated, the respective DRCs may allot the seats as per the reservation provisions of Government of India/the University.</b></p>
8.	<b>M. Evaluation and Assessment</b>  <i>Clause M-13</i>	While submitting for evaluation, the dissertation/thesis shall have an undertaking from the research scholar and a certificate from the Research Supervisor attesting to the originality of	While submitting for evaluation, the dissertation/thesis shall have an undertaking from the research scholar and a certificate from the Research Supervisor attesting to the originality of

		<p>the work, vouching that there is no plagiarism and that the work has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma of the same Institution where the work was carried out, or to any other institution. The Head of the Department shall countersign these certificates for submission of the M.Phil. dissertation/ Ph.D. thesis. In case of resubmission, the same procedure may be followed. The research scholar shall also attach a Student Approval Form in the format provided by the UGC for hosting and distributing their thesis in digital format in 'Shodhganga', or any other server designated for this purpose by UGC.</p>	<p>the work, vouching that there is no plagiarism and that the work has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma of the same Institution where the work was carried out, or to any other institution. The Head of the Department shall countersign these certificates for submission of the M.Phil. dissertation/ Ph.D. thesis. In case of resubmission, the same procedure may be followed. The research scholar shall also attach a Student Approval Form in the format provided by the UGC for hosting and distributing their thesis in digital format in 'Shodhganga', or any other server designated for this purpose by UGC.</p> <p><b>This Clause is supplemented by the provisions of UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018, attached as Annexure -1.</b></p>
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