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NOTIFICATION

Sub: "Regulations Governing the Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Doctor of Philosophy - Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) Degree at Karnataka Samskrit University - 2024"

Ref: 1. Letter No. ED 188 UNE 2023, dt:19.09.2025 from the Secretary to Government, Education Department (Higher Education), Govt. of Karnataka.

2. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor's approval para no.: 11, Dt: 26.09.2025.

The Secretary to Government, Education Department (Higher Education), Government of Karnataka vide letter cited in reference (1) has communicated the assent of the Hon'ble Chancellor to the **"Regulations Governing the Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Doctor of Philosophy - Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) Degree at Karnataka Samskrit University - 2024"**.

The **"Regulations Governing the Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Doctor of Philosophy - Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) Degree at Karnataka Samskrit University - 2024"** is hereby notified for information of the concerned.

By Order

V. Srinivasan
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To,

1. The Deans of All the Faculties, KSU, Bengaluru.
2. The Registrar (Evaluation), KSU, Bengaluru.
3. The Finance Officer, KSU, Bengaluru.
4. The HoDs of all the Departments, KSU, Bengaluru.
5. Director, College Development Council, KSU, Bengaluru.

Copy to:

1. The Secretary to Governor, Raj Bhavan, Bengaluru – 01
2. The Secretary to Government, Education Department (Higher Education), Govt. of Karnataka, M S Building, Bengaluru – 01
3. The Members of the Syndicate/Academic Council/Finance Committee, KSU, Bengaluru.
4. PS to Vice Chancellor, KSU, Bengaluru.
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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಇಡಿ 188 ಯುಎನ್‌ಇ 2023

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಚಿವಾಲಯ,
ಬಹುಮಹಡಿಗಳ ಕಟ್ಟಡ,
ಡಾ: ಬಿ.ಆರ್.ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ್ ವೀಧಿ
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ:19.09.2025.

ಇವರಿಂದ,

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ,
ಉನ್ನತ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560 001.

ಇವರಿಗೆ,

ಕುಲಸಚಿವರು,
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ,
ಚಾಮರಾಜಪೇಟೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

ಮಾನ್ಯರೇ,

ವಿಷಯ: ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ "Statutes Related to Recognition Governing the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D)- Vidyavaridhi in the KARNATAKA SAMSKRIT UNIVERSITY" ಪರಿನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗೆ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ದೊರಕಿಸಿಕೊಡುವಂತೆ ಕೋರಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.

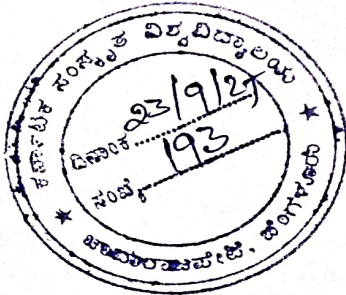
ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ:ತಮ್ಮ ಕಚೇರಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕಸಂವಿ/ಪರಿನಿಯಮ.01/2023-24/06 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.05.2025

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಷಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ ಪತ್ರದತ್ತ ಗಮನ ಸೆಳೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಪತ್ರದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಿ ಕಳುಹಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ Statutes Related to Recognition Governing the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D)- Vidyavaridhi in the KARNATAKA SAMSKRIT UNIVERSITY" ಪರಿನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಯನ್ನು ಘನತೆವೆತ್ತ ಕುಲಾಧಿಪತಿಗಳು ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ನೀಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಘನತೆವೆತ್ತ ಕುಲಾಧಿಪತಿಗಳಿಂದ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೊಂಡಿರುವ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪಿತ ಪರಿನಿಯಮಗಳ ಮೂಲ ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು ಇದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಿ ಕಳುಹಿಸಲು ನಿರ್ದೇಶಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

ತಮ್ಮ ನಂಬುಗೆಯ,

(ಶಶಿಕಲಾ ಸಾಗರಾಚಾರ್ಯ)

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧೀನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ,
ಉನ್ನತ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ (ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ-1)



**Regulations Governing the Minimum Standards and Procedure for
Award of Doctor of Philosophy - Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) Degree at
Karnataka Samskrit University - 2024**

Preamble:

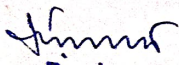
The regulations governing the Ph. D. programme in Karnataka Samskrita Vishwavidyalaya , Bengaluru shall be in accordance with the UGC GAZETTE Notification of INDIA, New Delhi, dated 7th November, 2022 relating to (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 and notified by its office letter No. D. O. No. 1-3/2021(QIP/Ph.D. Regulations/part-file) dated 14-11-2022. These new regulations are framed to encourage the research scholars to become well trained researchers and inquisitive explorer as per the global demand and fulfill the requirement for the eligibility to get admission for Ph.D. programme by the aspirants.

Application:

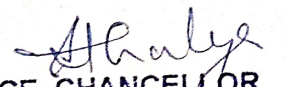
The regulations shall be applicable to the Ph. D. Programme offered in P.G. Departments/ Constituent /Affiliated Colleges and Organizations / Institutions / Research Centers recognized for the purpose by the University in different subjects of various Faculty such as Vedic studies, Language, Shastras, Vedanta, Ancient Indian Sciences and any other faculty constituted by the University from time to time.

Salient Features:

- Admission mainly based on the Entrance Test (except in case of exempted candidates) and Merit-Cum-Roster System.
- The number of candidates to be admitted will be against the number of vacancies notified in each subject.
- Allocation of the qualified candidates shall be depending on the number of vacancies and the area of specialization of the Research Supervisor and the Candidate's research interest as indicated in the interview.


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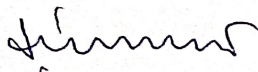
- iv. Undertaking course work is mandatory for the selected candidates.
- v. Research work may be carried out either on full-time or part-time basis.
- vi. Thesis shall be evaluated by three examiners from the panel including the Research Supervisor (out of which preferably one shall be from within the state and one from outside the State/Country).
- vii. Maximum duration for submission of Ph.D. thesis for full time/ Part-time students shall be six (6) years.
- viii. There shall be a provision for extension to complete the Ph.D. degree in two (2) more years.

1. Title and Commencement:

- 1.1. The Regulations shall be called the Regulations governing the standards and procedures for the award of the degree of **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) – Vidyavaridhi** of the Karnataka Samskrita Vishwavidyalaya.
- 1.2. The Regulations shall come into force from the date of assent of the Chancellor of the Karnataka Samskrit University.
- 1.3. The Directorate of Research established in the University shall be responsible for the conduction of Ph.D. Vidyavaridhi programme from the stage of Notification for Admission, Monitoring the Progress and other administrative issues. However, the Registrar (Evaluation) shall be completely responsible for the evaluation and the award of Ph.D. Degree to a candidate.

2. Definitions

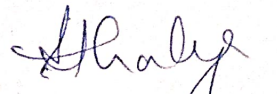
- 2.1. “**Act**” means the Karnataka Samskrita Vishwavidyalaya Act, 2009 (13 of 2010).
- 2.2. “**Academic Council**” means Academic Council of the University.
- 2.3. “**Board of Examiners**” means the panel of examiners constituted as Board by the University for evaluating/adjudicating the Ph.D. thesis submitted by a candidate.
- 2.4. “**Board of Studies**” means the Board of Studies (Post-Graduate) of the University in the discipline/subject concerned.



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- 2.5. **"Candidate"** means any person who satisfies the prescribed eligibility conditions as stated later in Section 4 and who intends to register for the degree.
- 2.6. **"College"** means an institution engaged in higher education and/or research, either established by the University as its constituent unit or is affiliated with it.
- 2.7. **"Commission"** means the University Grants Commission established under section 4 of the UGC Act 1956.
- 2.8. **"Co-supervisor/Co-guide"** means the recognized Research Supervisor who guides and supervises an inter-disciplinary Doctoral thesis of a candidate as the second supervisor along with the Research Supervisor.
- 2.9. **"Course Work"** means the courses prescribed as a part of Ph.D- Vidyavaridhi programme and which all the candidates shall successfully complete as a pre-requisite to start the preparation of Ph.D- Vidyavaridhi thesis.
- 2.10. **"Credit"** means the number of hours of instruction required per week over the duration of a semester. A three-credit course in a semester means three one-hour lectures per week, with each one-hour lecture counted as one credit;
- 2.11. **"Degree"** means the degree of Doctor of Philosophy – Vidyavaridhi
- 2.12. **"Department"** means the respective Departments of the University where a candidate intends to pursue the degree either as a full-time candidate or as a part time candidate.
- 2.13. **"Entrance Test"** means the test taken by the applicants who seek to qualify themselves for Ph.D- Vidyavaridhi programme.
- 2.14. **"External examiner"** means an academician/researcher with published research work who is not part of the Higher Educational Institution where the Ph.D. scholar has registered for the Ph.D. programme.
- 2.15. **"Fee"** means the fees prescribed by the Vishwavidyalaya for the Ph.D – Vidyavaridhi programme.
- 2.16. **"Foreign Educational Institution"** means:
- (i) an institution duly established or incorporated in its home country and offering educational programmes at the undergraduate, postgraduate and higher levels in its home country and
 - (ii) Which offers programme(s) of study leading to the award of a degree through conventional face-to-face mode, but excluding distance, online, ODL mode.



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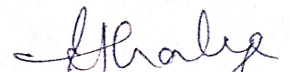
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- 2.17. **“Foreign Students”** means those who are foreign citizens and who have completed their master’s degree or equivalent recognized by UGC as equivalent to P. G. Degree from a recognized foreign University/institution
- 2.18. **“Head of the Department”** means Chairperson of the Department/Coordinator of the Department of studies and Research of the University where a candidate works for the degree.
- 2.19. **“Interdisciplinary Research”** means research conducted by a Ph.D. scholar in two or more academic disciplines.
- 2.20. **“Plagiarism”** means the practice of taking someone else’s work or idea and passing them as one’s own.
- 2.21. **“Pre-registration Colloquium”** means the presentation of the Ph.D- Vidyavaridhi proposal/outline prepared by the candidate before the Research Advisory Committee to prove his/her preparedness to take up the research work/ submission.
- 2.22. **“Pre-submission Colloquium”** means the presentation of the Ph.D- Vidyavaridhi Final synopsis/ draft prepared by the candidate before the Research Advisory Committee to prove his/her preparedness for the submission of thesis.
- 2.23. **“Regular mode of Ph.D.”** means the Ph.D. degree which is pursued either full time or part time but not on distance / on-line mode.
- 2.24. **“Refereed/Reputed Journals”** means a professional or literary journal or publication in which articles or papers are selected for publication by a panel of referees who are experts in the field with ISSN Number.
- 2.25. **“Research Advisory Committee”** means the Committee constituted under the clause 14 of the regulations.
- 2.26. **“Research Proposal/Outline”** means a brief write-up in the form of research proposal on the proposed research work which shall be submitted by the candidate along with the application for provisional registration for Ph.D- Vidyavaridhi programme.
- 2.27. **“Re- registration”** means continuation of registration after completion of maximum period and need not appear for course work once again.
- 2.28. **“Research Supervisor/Guide”** means the qualified teacher who is recognized by the University as Research Supervisor/Guide to guide the candidates for their Ph.D. - Vidyavaridhi programme.


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- 2.29. **“Sponsored Candidate”** means those permanent employees of educational and/or research institutions and organizations of public/private sector deputed to pursue Ph.D- Vidyavaridhi, including the permanent teachers on FIP/QIP.
- 2.30. **“Synopsis”** means the final synopsis of the completed research work which shall be submitted by the candidate.
- 2.31. **“University”** means the Karnataka Samskrit University.
- 2.32. **“Vishwavidyalaya”** means KARNATAKA SAMSKRITA VISHWAVIDYALAYA.

Words and expressions used and not defined in the Regulations but defined in University Grants Commission (UGC) Act and not consistent with these Regulations shall have the meanings assigned to them in that Act.

3. Notification of Vacant Seats:

The University shall issue a circular, once in a year to all P.G. Departments/Research Centers/Constituent Colleges directing them to submit the number of available/vacant seats under each Research Supervisor as well as the total number of seats available/vacant in the Department/Research Centre.

3.1. The concerned Research Supervisor shall decide and declare the number of seats available in the current year and submit the same to the Chairperson of the PG Department. The total number of seats available in the Department once intimated to the University cannot be altered.

3.2. The list submitted by the respective P.G. Department shall be authenticated by the University before giving notification.

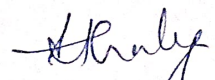
3.3. After receiving the details of the available seats from all P.G. Departments/ P.G. Centers/ Research Centers/ Constituent Colleges, the University shall issue a notification in University Website and through Advertisement in two leading Newspapers, of which at least one shall be in the Kannada language.

The notification shall contain the following information:

3.3.1 Number of vacant seats in the P.G. Departments / P.G. Centers / Research Centers / Constituent / Affiliated Colleges.


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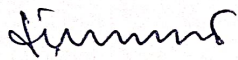
- 3.3.2 Last date for submission of applications and payment details.
- 3.3.3 Date and venue of the Entrance Test and viva-voce.
- 3.3.4 Date of announcement of results of Entrance Test on the Notice Board of the concerned P.G. Department and on the University Website (results will not be intimated individually to candidates).
- 3.3.5 Dates of interview and announcement of selection list.
- 3.3.6 Details of fees.
- 3.3.7 Last date for payment of registration fees if selected.
- 3.3.8 Commencement of the term (common for all departments).
- 3.3.9 Commencement of Course work.

4. Eligibility criteria for admission to the Ph.D. Programme:

The following are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme:

a) Candidates who have completed:

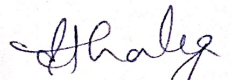
- i.A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme in the concerned or cognate subject after a 4-year / 8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme in the concerned or cognate subject after a 3-year/ 6 semester bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared 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 pointscale wherever grading system is followed.
- ii. 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.
- iii.A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC / ST / OBC (non-creamy layer) / Differently-Abled, and other



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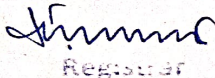


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- categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.
- iv. Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 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, and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.
- b) Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme in the concerned or cognate subject 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 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, and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.

5. Submission and Processing of Applications:

- The candidates are required to submit duly filled application to the Chairperson of the concerned P.G Department/ Director, Research & P.G Studies.
- The Director Research & P.G. Studies /Department Council of the concerned P.G Department, shall (i) scrutinize all applications to determine the eligibility (ii) conduct of the Entrance Test, and (iii) prepare overall consolidated merit list of qualified candidates and conduct the interview of eligible candidates.
- The Research Advisory Committee shall allot qualified candidates to Research Supervisor.
- The Chairperson of P. G. Department shall send the applications along with the recommendations of the Research Advisory Committee to the University for Provisional Registration.


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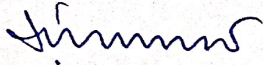
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6. Procedure for Admission:

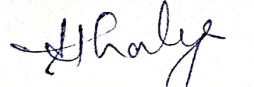
- 6.1. University shall decide on an annual basis a predetermined and manageable number of Ph.D. scholars to be admitted depending on the number of available cadre-wise Research Supervisors.
- 6.2. Applicants who secured the minimum percentage of marks at their P.G Degree as specified in clause 5.0 shall appear for the Entrance Test. However, (a) Government sponsored; (b) foreign candidates and (c) candidates who have cleared the UGC / UGC-CSIR / JRF Test / NET / SLET (Karnataka)/ SET (Karnataka) / M.Phil (Admitted through an Entrance Test) shall be exempted from the Entrance Test.
- 6.3. All the applicants who possess at least the minimum percentage of marks at their P.G Degree as specified above in Regulations 4.i.i to 4.i.ii shall appear for the Entrance Test. However, (a) Sponsored candidates, (b) University or College teachers on FIP/QIP, (c) candidates who have cleared the UGC/UGC-CSIR /JRF – NET / NET/ SLET (Karnataka)/ SET (Karnataka) /shall be exempted from the Entrance Test.
- 6.4. The syllabus for the Entrance Test and other details pertaining to the Entrance Test shall be finalized by the Research & P.G.Studies of the University.
- 6.5. The Entrance test shall consists of one paper for 100 marks. It shall be divided into two parts. Part – A shall include 50 multiple choice questions from various disciplines like Vyakarana, Nyaya, Mimamsa, Vedanta, Alankara, Dharmashastra, Jyotisha, Puranetihasa, Veda, Yoga, Sanskrit language and literature and its allied subjects. Part –B shall consist of descriptive type questions for 50 marks from the core/cognate subjects.
- 6.6. The paper shall be set by the examination section and part – A shall be common to all departments.
- 6.7. Entrance test shall be held for a maximum duration of 180 minutes.
- 6.8. The candidates should secure an average of 50% marks in the Entrance test. A relaxation of 5% (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed to candidates belonging to



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SC/ST/OBC / Differently abled category in the entrance exam and other categories of candidates as per the government orders issued by the Government/UGC from time to time.

- 6.9 The marks of candidates scored in the Entrance Test are valid only for the concerned academic year.
- 6.10 The selection of candidates is based on the entrance test conducted by the University; a weightage of 70% for the entrance test and 30% for the performance in the interview/viva-voce shall be given.
- 6.11 A Research Supervisor is not allowed to participate in the entire process of Entrance Test if his/her relative (i.e. wife, husband, son, daughter, grand-son, grand-daughter, brother, sister, nephew, niece, grand-niece, grand-nephew, uncle, aunt, father, mother, first-cousin, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, son, daughter, brother or sister will be understood to include also step-son, adopted son, step-brother, step-daughter or step-sister) is appearing for the Ph.D. entrance examination.
- 6.12 Ph.D. seats shall be allotted in a 50:50 ratio for candidates who had taken entrance and who are exempted.

7. Intake of Candidates for Ph.D. Programme:


- 7.1. A Research Supervisor/Co-supervisor who is a Professor, at any given point of time, can guide a maximum up to Eight (8) Ph.D. scholars; an Associate Professor as Research Supervisor can guide a maximum up to six (6) Ph.D. scholars and an Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor can guide a maximum up to four (4) Ph.D. scholars.

Note: At any point, the total number of Ph.D. scholars under a faculty member, either as a supervisor or a co-supervisor, shall not exceed the number as fixed above for each cadre.

- 7.2 i) A Professor is allowed to guide a maximum of eight candidates. The candidates shall be distributed on the following basis:
- a) GM - 4; b) SC - 1; c) ST/Cat-I - 1; d) IIA - 1; e) IIB/IIIA/IIIB - 1.


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ii) An Associate Professor is allowed to guide a maximum of six candidates. The candidates shall be distributed on the following basis:

a) GM-3; b) SC/ST/Cat-I-1; d) IIA - 1; e) IIB/IIIA/IIIB – 1.

iii) An Assistant Professor is allowed to guide a maximum of four candidates. The candidates shall be distributed on the following basis:

a) GM - 2; b) SC/ST/Cat-I - 1; c) IIA/IIB/IIIA/IIIB – 1.

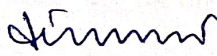
The seats reserved for SC/ST/Category-I candidates shall be Inter-changeable (i.e., if there are no eligible candidates from SC, the SC vacancy shall be filled with ST/Category-I candidate and vice-versa). These vacancies shall not be transferred to OBC or the General pool.

7.3 Foreign students seeking admission for Ph.D., Programme must submit 'No Objection Certificate' or 'Sponsorship Letter' from their respective Embassies. Foreign students admitted to Ph.D. programme on the basis of merit shall be allotted as two students per guide (based on seniority of Research Supervisor) over and above the normal quota.

7.4 If the Research Supervisor is on leave/ deputation for a period of more than six months, he/she shall continue to provide guidance to registered candidates through any suitable mode of communication. During such period of absence, all correspondence with the University shall be made through the Chairperson of the Department. All such arrangements shall be made with the prior approval of the Registrar.

7.5 A recognized Research Supervisor, on his appointment or transfer from another University or Institution to Karnataka samskrit University, shall declare to the concerned Research Advisory Committee, the number of candidates already registered under him/her in the earlier place of work to ensure that the total number of candidates working under his/her guidance should not exceed the maximum number (vide clause 7.1).

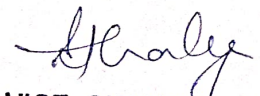
7.6 No Research Supervisor should be allotted his/her relative (vide clause 6.11) as a candidate for the Ph.D. Programme.



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- 7.7 Faculty members with less than three years of service at the time of notification for Ph.D. admission, before superannuation shall not be allowed to take new research scholars under their supervision. However, such faculty members can continue to supervise Ph.D. scholars who are already registered until superannuation and as a co-supervisor after superannuation, but not after attaining the age of 70 years.

8. Preparation of Merit List of Qualified Candidates:

- 8.1. After the Entrance Test, Respective departments shall conduct the viva- voce for the entrance qualified candidates for 30% weightage. The members attending the meeting shall award marks, average of which shall be considered for the final 30% score.
- 8.2. Further, a list of the marks obtained in the entrance test of 70% weightage and 30 % for the performance in the viva- voce shall be prepared.
- 8.3. The selection of candidates is based on the entrance test conducted by the University; a weightage of 70% for the entrance test and 30% for the performance in the interview/viva-voce shall be given.
- 8.4. The Government sponsored, foreign candidates, and those who have cleared UGC- JRF/UGC-CSIR-JRF/GATE/GRE/NET/ SLET (Karnataka)/ SET (Karnataka) / M. Phil (Admitted through Entrance Test) shall be placed first in the Consolidated Merit List based on their percentage of marks secured by them at their qualifying examinations. The merit list of the exempted candidates shall be based on the percentage obtained in the P.G.course and the viva-voce on a 50:50 basis.
- 8.5. Names that appear in the consolidated merit list shall be notified by the Registrar (Evaluation) and shall be considered for the existing vacancies only. The candidates shall be called for interview before the respective departments. The seats shall be allotted in the ratio of 1:5.
- 8.6. All the qualified candidates shall be considered for the vacancies notified for

the year.

- 8.7. Allocation of seats shall be as per the reservation policy of the Government issued from time to time.

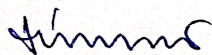
9. Conduct of Interview:

- 9.1. An interview for all eligible candidates shall be conducted by the respective P.G Departments.
- 9.2. Attending the interview is mandatory. Eligibility to appear for the interview shall not be construed as confirmation of registration for Ph.D.
- 9.3. During the interview, the candidates are required to discuss their research interest/specialization.
- 9.4. The interview shall also consider the following aspects, namely whether (i) the candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research, (ii) the research work can be suitably undertaken at the University/and (iii) the proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.

10. Duration of the Programme:

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. A maximum of an additional two (2) years can be given through a process of re-registration 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.

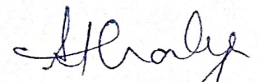
Provided further that, female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two (2) years; however, the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme in such cases should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission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



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10.3. 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.

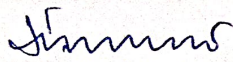
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11.1 Permanent faculty members working as Professor/Associate Professor of the Higher Educational Institution with a Ph.D., and at least five research publications in peer-reviewed or refereed journals and permanent faculty members working as Assistant Professors in Higher Educational Institutions with a Ph.D., and at least three research publications in peer-reviewed or refereed journals may be recognized as a Research Supervisor in the University where the faculty member is employed or in its affiliated Post-graduate Colleges/institutes. Such recognized research supervisors cannot supervise research scholars in other institutions, where they can only act as co-supervisors. Ph.D. awarded by a University under the supervision of a faculty member who is not an employee of the University or its affiliated Post – graduate Colleges / Institutes would be in violation of these Regulations.

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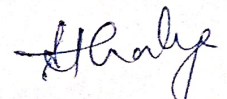
Provided that in areas/disciplines where there is no, or only a limited number of peer-reviewed or refereed journals, the University may relax the above condition for recognition of a person as Research Supervisor with reasons recorded in writing.

Co-Supervisors from within the same department or other departments of the same institution or other institutions may be permitted with the approval of the competent authority. Adjunct Faculty members shall not act as Research Supervisors and can only act as co-supervisors.


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11.2 In case of interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary research work, if required, a co-supervisor from outside the Department/School/Centre/College/University may be appointed.

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11.4 In case of relocation of a female Ph.D. scholar due to marriage or otherwise, the research data shall be allowed to be transferred to the Higher Educational Institution to which the scholar intends to relocate, provided all the other conditions in these Regulations are followed, and the research work does not pertain to a project sanctioned to the parent Institution/Supervisor by any funding agency. Such scholar shall, however, give due credit to the parent institution and the supervisor for the part of research already undertaken.

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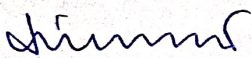
12 Admission of International students in Ph.D. programme. -

a) Each supervisor can guide up to two (2) international research scholars on a supernumerary basis over and above the permitted number of Ph.D. scholars as specified in clause 11.3 above.

b) The University may decide their own selection procedure for Ph.D. admission of international students keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by statutory/regulatory bodies concerned from time to time.

13 At any point, the total number of Ph.D. scholars under a faculty member, either as a supervisor or a co-supervisor, shall not exceed the number prescribed in clause 11.3. and clause 12. a).

Note: Guidelines pertaining to admission of foreign students is enclosed in annexure - I.



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14 **Constitution of Research Advisory Committee.**

14.1. There shall be a Research Advisory Committee for each Ph.D. scholar. The Research Supervisor of the Ph.D. scholar concerned shall be the Convener of this committee, and this committee shall have the following responsibilities:

14.1.1. to review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research.

14.1.2. to guide the Ph.D. Scholar in developing the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that he/she may have to do.

14.1.3. to periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the Ph.D. Scholar.

14.2 Each semester, a Ph.D. Scholar shall appear before the Research Advisory Committee to make a presentation and submit a brief report on the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance. The Research Advisory Committee shall submit its recommendations along with a copy of Ph.D. Scholar's progress report to the Registrar.

14.3. In case the progress of the Ph.D. Scholar is unsatisfactory, the Research Advisory Committee shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the Ph.D. scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the Research Advisory Committee may recommend with specific reasons for the cancellation of the registration of the Ph.D. Scholar from the Ph.D. programme.

i. The composition for the Research Advisory Committee shall be

a) Dean of the Faculty concerned	Chairperson
b) Registrar (Evaluation)	Member
c) Director of Research	Member
d) Chairman / Chairperson / HoD	Member
e) Faculty (Nominated by the Vice-chancellor)	Member
f) External Expert	Member
g) Research Supervisor	Member Convener


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- ii. The Research Advisory Committee shall be reconstituted at the end of every two years.

14.4 Duties and Responsibilities of Research Advisory Committee

- 14.4.1. to conduct the pre-registration colloquium.
- 14.4.2. to consider the half-yearly progress reports of registered candidates forwarded by the Supervisor and chairperson of the P.G Department.
- 14.4.3. to conduct the pre-submission colloquium and to accord permission for the submission of the thesis.
- 14.4.4. to consider the request of the candidate for the change of title of the thesis on the recommendations of the Supervisor.
- 14.4.5. to carry out such other duties as the University may entrust the Committee from time to time in connection with the PhD Programme.
- 14.4.6. to conduct minimum of two meetings a year, however, if needed the meetings shall be conducted on need basis.
- 14.4.7. to consider the request of the candidate for the change of Supervisor/ Co-supervisor.
- 14.4.8. to consider the request of the admitted candidates for conversion from Full-time to Part-time and vice-versa and cancellation of the registration.

15 Mode of Ph. D. Programme:

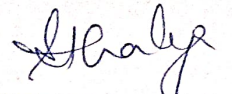
- 15.1. A candidate may register either for Full-time or Part-time Ph.D. programme.
- 15.2. Full-time Ph. D. programme shall be undertaken by a candidate who will work on regular basis in the department till the submission of the thesis.
- 15.3. Part-time Ph.D. programme shall be undertaken by In-Service / Professional candidates.
- 15.4. A teacher fellow (On QIP/FIP Programme) shall work on a Full-Time basis in the Department/Research Centre during the period of Fellowship.



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- 15.5. No Ph.D. candidate shall register for any regular degree or course, except part- time courses like Diploma, Certificate, etc. during the period of the Ph. D. Programme.
- 15.6. All Full-time Ph.D. scholars including QIP/FIP, irrespective of discipline, shall be required to train in teaching / education / pedagogy / writing related to their chosen Ph.D. subject during their doctoral period.
- 15.7. All Full-time Ph.D. scholars may also be assigned 4-6 hours per week of teaching / research assistantship for conducting tutorial or laboratory work and evaluations. No other assignments unless offered by the University as per its statutes during the period of Ph. D. programme be taken.

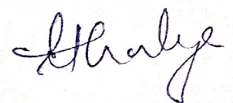
16. Research Proposal/Outline

- 16.1. Every selected candidate shall prepare and submit a Research Proposal/ Outline to the Chairperson of the P. G Department, who in turn shall arrange for the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee and to place it before the Doctoral Committee. This is mandatory for all the selected candidates including those who are exempted from the Entrance Test.
- 16.2. The candidate shall prepare the Research Proposal/Outline defining clearly the Objectives, methodology, literature survey, work plan and relevance of the proposed research and shall present it in the form of a colloquium before the Doctoral Committee.
- 16.3. The Research Advisory Committee shall assess the preparedness of the candidate to take up the proposed research work and recommend to the Board of Studies for its approval. However, the Committee is empowered to suggest changes, if necessary, in the title/scope/methodology of the proposed research topic/outline in consultation with the Supervisor.
- 16.4. If the performance and/or preparedness of the candidate is not satisfactory, the Research Advisory Committee shall give one more chance to the candidate to prepare for the colloquium again within three months from the date of the first colloquium. If the candidate fails even in the second attempt, he/she shall not


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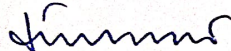
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be eligible for Provisional Registration.

- 16.5. All the applications which are cleared and recommended by the Research Advisory Committee shall be sent to the Dean by the Chairperson of the P.G Department for obtaining the approval.
- 16.6. The concerned Board of Studies shall scrutinize the research proposals and accord its approval or otherwise – if the Board is not satisfied with the title of the research work, it shall return the proposal with its suggestions. When a proposal is returned by the Board with its suggestions, the candidate shall, in consultation with the Research Supervisor, attend to them and resubmit the proposal to the chairperson of the P. G Department.
- 16.7. On receipt of the research proposals approved by the Board, the Chairperson of the P. G Department shall forward them with Application to the Director of Research wing of the University for Provisional Registration.
- 16.8. All the candidates who are given Provisional Registration shall take up and complete the prescribed course work.
17. **Provisional Registration / Enrollment:** Candidates shall apply for Provisional Registration as Doctoral Candidates after payment of stipulated fee to the University. Application forms can be obtained from the University and submit the same after the consent of the guide and forwarded through the chairperson/Head of the Department/ coordinator of the Department to the Directorate of Research/ Chairman P.G. studies of the University.
18. **Coursework:** Credit requirements, number, duration, syllabus minimum standards for completion, etc.
 - 18.1 The Credit requirement for the Ph.D. coursework is a minimum of 12 credits, including a “Research and Publication Ethics” course as notified by UGC vide D.O.No.F.1-1/2018 (Journal/CARE) in 2019 and a research methodology course. The Research Advisory Committee can also recommend UGC recognized online courses as part of the credit requirements for the Ph.D. programme.


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18.2. All Ph.D. scholars, irrespective of discipline, shall be required to train in teaching/education/pedagogy/writing related to their chosen Ph.D. subject during their doctoral period. Ph.D. scholars may also be assigned 4-6 hours per week of teaching/research assistantship for conducting tutorial or laboratory work and evaluations.

18.3. A Ph.D. scholar must obtain a minimum of 55% marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 10-point scale in the coursework to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit his or her thesis.

18.4. The course work for Ph.D. - Vidyavaridhi programme shall comprise of three papers of 100 marks each, viz.,

Course – I: Research Methodology,

Course – II: Cognate/ core Subject/s and Research and Publication Ethics

Course – III: Field of Specialization.

The pattern of course work for the Ph.D. programme .

Sl. No.	Name of the Paper	Credits	Contact Hours / Week / Exam hours	Maximum Marks			Duration of Exam (hr)
				Formative Assessment (IA)	Course End-Examination	Total	
01	Paper – I: Research Methodology & Manuscriptology	04	03	30	70	100	02
02	Paper – II: Cognate/Core Subjects and Research and Publication Ethics	04	03	30	70	100	02
03	Paper – III:	04	03	30	70	100	02


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- 18.5. Each paper has 4 credits; the composition of marks shall be 70 marks for term end examination and 30 marks for internal assessment.
- 18.6. This shall be followed by a comprehensive viva-voce for 50 marks. However, it shall be noted here that Courses – I and II are common for all the candidates in a particular Faculty/Department/Subject/Discipline.
- 18.7. Each Course shall have 48 contact hours. Classes for Courses – I and II shall be arranged by the Dean/the chairperson of the P. G Department/Head of the recognized research Centre, and that of Course – III by the concerned Research Supervisor. Both the full-time and part-time candidates shall attend at least 75% of the classes in each paper to be eligible to appear for the examination.
- 18.8. The candidates who fail to attend a minimum of 75% of the classes in each of the Courses shall not be eligible to appear for the examination and hence due to the shortage of attendance his/her provisional registration shall stand cancelled automatically.
- 18.9. Continuous Assessment Marks of the course work shall be awarded by the course teacher based on (a) Assignments – 10 marks, (b) Seminar – 10 marks, and (c) Tests – 10 marks.
- 18.10. The concerned Board of Studies (PG) shall prepare and approve the course input for each of the three courses.
- 19. Examination (Course Work) and Evaluation of Answer Scripts:**
- 19.1. There shall be a Board of Examiners (Ph.D- Vidyavaridhi) constituted by the Registrar (Evaluation), with the approval of the Vice Chancellor, based on the


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panel of examiners approved by the Board of Studies.

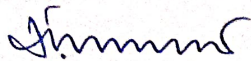
- 19.2. The chairperson of the Board of Examiners shall get the requisite number of question papers set, get them approved by BoE, send them to the Registrar (Evaluation) and arrange for the evaluation of answer scripts. The Registrar (Evaluation) shall conduct the examination for all the candidates (i.e., including those who are working for Ph.D- Vidyavaridhi in other institutions) in the faculty/ the Department.
- 19.3. There shall be Course-end Examination of three-hour duration (for 70 marks per Course). Each answer script of the Course-end Examination shall be coded and assessed by two examiners (preferably, one internal Course teacher and another external). The marks awarded to the answer script shall be the average of these two evaluations.
- 19.4. If the difference in the marks between two evaluations exceeds 20% of the maximum marks, such a script shall be assessed by a third external examiner. The marks awarded to that script shall be an average of two nearer marks out of the three evaluations.

20. Minimum Pass Marks and Improvement Examination:

- 20.1. The minimum pass in each written paper shall be 45% in the course end examination and 55% in aggregate including the continuous assessment marks. However, there shall be no minimum for viva-voce. But every candidate shall compulsorily attend the viva-voce examination. The results shall be declared only based on three papers and viva-voce.
- 20.2. Failed candidates shall be allowed to take only one improvement examination within three months of their first examination. In case of failure of the candidate even after an improvement examination, his/her Provisional Registration shall get cancelled.

21. Confirmation of Registration

- 21.1 On completion of course work, the candidates (full-time/part-time) shall submit research proposal, on the topic chosen to the Director of Research &



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P.G.studies / concerned P.G. Department in the prescribed format, not later than a year from the date of provisional registration.

21.2 The Research Proposal shall include research objectives, literature survey, methodology, work plan and relevance of the proposed research work. The same shall be presented at the pre-registration colloquium in the Research Advisory Committee.

21.3 The Research Advisory Committee shall review and approve the research proposals.

21.4 The Chairperson of the P.G Departments should submit all approved research proposals to the University for Confirmation of Registration.

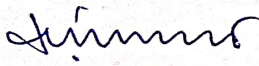
22. Place Of Course Work and Research Work:

22.1. All the provisionally registered candidates shall complete the course work in faculty / the P. G Department of the University or in the Laboratory/ Institution or the Department of an affiliated/constituent college (wherein the Research Supervisor is working) recognized by the University as Research Centre. This shall apply to all types of candidates - full-time, part-time, sponsored, foreign, JRF candidates, etc.

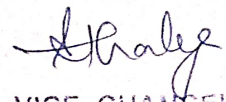
22.2. Part time candidates shall work for at least 120 working days for the entire duration of the Ph.D. course in the Faculty /Department of the Research Supervisor.

23. Progress Reports:

23.1. After the completion of the course work and the confirmation of the registration, every candidate shall submit half-yearly progress report regularly through the Research Supervisor to the chairperson of the P.G Department who shall place it before the subsequent meeting of the Research Advisory Committee for its review. The half-yearly Progress Report should cover, among others, the aspects such as the review of literature, new data collected/obtained, techniques developed, progress in research, discussion of the work done including any findings, etc.


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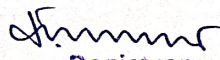


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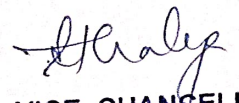
- 23.2. Besides, the candidate shall make, once in a year (preferably during the meeting of Research Advisory Committee), presentation about the progress made by him/her during the last one year and also the work plan for the next one year.
- 23.3. If a candidate fails to submit two consecutive half-yearly progress reports in time and/or if the progress of the candidate is not satisfactory for two half-year periods, the Research Advisory Committee shall recommend to the University for the Cancellation of his/her registration in consultation with the concerned Research Supervisor. Before cancellation, a show cause notice shall be issued to the candidate.

24. Pre – Registration Colloquium:

- 24.1. After successful completion of the Course Work as certified by the Registrar (Evaluation), a candidate, in consultation with his/her Guide, shall identify the Title of the proposed research topic, prepare a research proposal and submit five copies of the Ph.D. research proposal to the Department/research center through the guide within one month from the announcement of results of the course work. The department shall organize the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee for all the candidates in consultation with the chairman within fifteen days to conduct the Pre- registration Colloquium.
- 24.2. Every candidate shall ensure that the Research proposal clearly defines the objectives, methodology, expected results and their implications in terms of filling up gaps in existing knowledge and its social/scientific relevance.
- 24.3. Every candidate shall prepare a brief technical report comprising literature Survey work plan and the scientific relevance of the proposed research and shall present it in the form of a colloquium before the Research Advisory Committee.
- 24.4. The Research Advisory Committee is authorized to suggest changes, if necessary, in the title/scope, methodology of the topic selected for research, based on the performance of the candidate in the Pre-registration Colloquium.
- 24.5. The Research Advisory Committee shall assess the preparedness of the candidate and may recommend presenting the colloquium again if the performance


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preparedness of the candidate in the first instance is not satisfactory. Only one re-appearance is permitted within 2 months from the date of the first Colloquium.

- 24.6. If the Research Advisory Committee does not approve the research proposal even after the second presentation, such a candidate, after a lapse of one year from the date of the second presentation, can again present the Pre-registration Colloquium, after fresh Provisional Registration without undergoing Course Work.
- 24.7. The Chairperson of the Research Advisory Committee shall inform the decision of the Pre-registration Colloquium to the Directorate of Research Based on the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee; the candidate is permitted to apply for Registration.

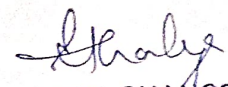
25. Ph.D. Permanent Registration:

- 25.1. Application for Registration with prescribed fees shall be submitted to the Directorate of Research along with 06 copies of the Synopsis through the Guide, Co-guide, if any and the Chairperson/Coordinator of the Department, after successful completion of the Pre-registration Colloquium.
- 25.2. Candidates are eligible to apply for Registration within six months from the date of successful completion of the Ph.D. Course work. If any candidate fails to apply for Registration within six months from the date of successful completion of the Course Work, he/she forfeits his/her claim for Registration. Such a candidate must re-apply for admission and go through the Entrance Test afresh.
- 25.3. The Director of Research & P.G. studies / P.G. Departments must forward the application for Ph.D. Registration to the concerned department head.
- 25.4. The Director of Research & P.G. studies / P.G. Departments shall arrange a meeting to obtain the recommendations of the members in writing within one month from the date of receipt of application from the Directorate of Research consolidate the decision of the Research Advisory Committee and inform the same to the Directorate of Research.
- 25.5. The Directorate of Research, upon receiving the recommendations from the Research Advisory Committee shall obtain approval from the Registrar.


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25.6. The Registrar shall notify the Registration upon the receipt of the recommendations of the Research Advisory Committee to the candidate/Guide Chairpersons of Board of Studies/Department/Research Institute/Research Advisory Committee members; The Registration is effective from the date of Provisional Registration.

25.7. In case the Research Advisory Committee suggests changes in the Ph.D. Synopsis, the Directorate of Research shall inform the candidate about such recommendation and ask the candidate to submit the Synopsis afresh by repeating a Pre-registration Colloquium.

26. Change of Research Supervisor/Guide

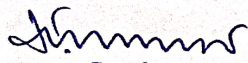
26.1. Generally, a change of Research Supervisor/Guide shall not be entertained and permitted.

26.2. Under extraordinary circumstances such as death or disability on health ground of the supervisor or transfer of the Supervisor, the change of Research Supervisor shall be permitted by the University at the request of the Candidate and on the recommendation of the Dean of the faculty and the chairperson of the P.G Department.

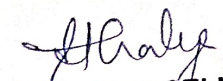
26.3. In case of any conflict between the Research Supervisor and the Candidate, the Dean/Chairperson of the P. G Department, on the receipt of request letter either from the Candidate or from the Research Supervisor or both, shall refer the matter to the Research Advisory Committee. The Research Advisory Committee shall examine the case and send its report/recommendation to the Registrar. The decision of the Vice Chancellor shall be final in this regard.

27. Submission of Thesis:

27.1. Subject to the above minimum and maximum period for submission of thesis, every candidate, six (6) months prior to the probable date of submission of thesis, shall submit an application along with five (5) copies of synopsis of the thesis through the Research Supervisor to the Dean of the faculty/ Chairperson of P.G Department for permission to submit the thesis. The Chairperson shall

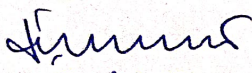

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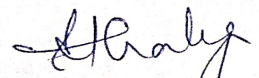
arrange to place the candidate's application and synopsis before the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee provided that the Researcher has published two (2) research papers in peer reviewed or refereed journals of repute and/or obtained one patent based on his/her research work. He/she must make two paper presentations in conference /seminars. He/she is required to produce reprint/galley proof/proof of acceptance of research paper/patent to the Research Advisory Committee during his/her pre-submission colloquium.

- 27.2. Further, the candidate who has submitted the application for permission to submit thesis shall present a pre-submission colloquium before the Research Advisory Committee demonstrating his/her preparedness to submit the thesis.
- 27.3. Considering the work of the candidate, his/her performance at the pre-submission colloquium and the publications besides other technical aspects, the Research Advisory Committee shall permit the candidate to submit the thesis.
- 27.4. If the Committee is not satisfied with the work of the candidate, it may, in consultation with the Research Supervisor, recommend improvements. In this case, the candidate shall appear for pre-submission colloquium again before the Research Advisory Committee within three months.
- 27.5. Every candidate shall (not later than six months after obtaining permission from the Research Advisory Committee for submission of thesis) submit four copies of the thesis to the Registrar (Evaluation) through the Supervisor and the Chairperson of the P.G Department. The candidate shall also pay the prescribed submission fee and produce "No Due Certificates" from the Chairperson of the P.G Department/ Head of the Institution concerned, University Librarian and Hostel Warden.
- 27.6. The candidate shall, after the viva-voce examination, incorporate the suggestions made by the adjudicators and also the summary of viva-voce examination into his/her thesis, and submit two more copies and a soft copy (Editable form and PDF) to the Registrar (Evaluation) for sending them to the University Library / INFLIBNET



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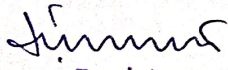


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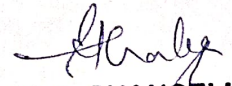
28. Guidelines for Preparing Thesis:

All candidates shall follow the guidelines below while preparing their thesis.

- 28.1. An Abstract shall be included in the preliminary section of the thesis.
- 28.2. The abstract should reflect the contents of the thesis.
- 28.3. Evidence of Publication: At the end of the thesis, a minimum of two research articles published with ISSN/Peer Reviewed/ UGC Care List journal must be enclosed.
- 28.4. The electronic version of thesis (PDF and Word format) is to be submitted in a Pen Drive. A Candidate should keep a copy with him/her. The Certificates and the declaration should be in format provided by the University.
- 28.5. Paper: Good quality paper must be used for copies and photocopy of the final copy should be such that it ensures consistent quality without gray or dark casts in the background. All copies shall be on white A4 paper and on a single side of the paper. Type should be done in UNICODE Sanskrit 2003 and size should be 15/Baraha Devanagari, Font Size-14/Ariel Unicode MS, Font-14/Times New Roman, Font-14, Ornamental fonts should not be used. Print must be letter quality. Accent marks and hand annotation must be done, neatly in black ink.
- 28.6. Margins: Margins on the binding edge must be 1.5 inches and all other margins must be 1 inch. (Pagination, headers and/or footer may be placed within the margin, but no closer than one-half inch from the edge of the page).
- 28.7. Spacing: One and a half spacing shall be followed in the main body excepting in presenting foot notes, tables etc. Final copies of the thesis must be clear and attractive. Each copy should be reviewed for evenness and clarity of type, missing pages and crooked text.


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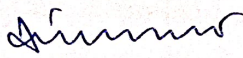
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29. Similarity-Index Check

- 29.1. The Ph.D. Thesis in PDF/Word form should be submitted to the Coordinator, Shodhganga, University library, Karnataka Samskrit University, Bengaluru for 'Similarity-Index Check' before the final submission by the Research Scholar through the Research Supervisor.
- 29.2. The PDF / word form of the Thesis should contain only Chapters pertaining to the research work. It should exclude other contents like certificate, abstract, declaration, acknowledgement, abbreviations, list of tables and figures, contents, bibliography, appendices, etc. (Refer to E-Thesis Submission Format for Shodhganga for further details).
- 29.3. No Ph.D. thesis shall be recommended for submission unless the 'Similarity-Index Check' is $\leq 10\%$.
- 29.4. If the 'Similarity-Index Check' is $>10\%$, the thesis should be modified and resubmitted for obtaining 'Similarity-Index Check' by paying prescribed fee.

30. Decision about the Evaluation

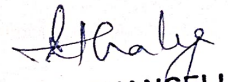
- 30.1. After the approval of the final synopsis by the Doctoral Committee, the Chairperson of the P.G Department shall write to the Dean of the faculty and the Chairperson of the Board of Studies. The Dean and Chairperson of Board of Studies shall send the approved panel to the Registrar (Evaluation) by name.
- 30.2. For the adjudication of Ph.D- Vidyavaridhi thesis, there shall be a Board of Adjudicators consisting of the Research Supervisor as the Chairperson and two external members to be chosen by the Vice-chancellor from a panel of ten examiners prepared and approved by the Board of Studies and Faculty.
- 30.3. The panel of adjudicators prepared and approved by the Faculty/ Board of Studies shall include only experts in the concerned field and not below the cadre of Associate Professors, or senior academicians who possess Ph.D- Vidyavaridhi in the concerned discipline/subject and have evidence of research experience in the



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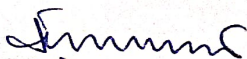
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field of research. Further, out of ten experts, five shall be from within Karnataka and five shall be preferably from Universities/Institutions outside Karnataka and/or foreign Universities/Institutions (if the Research Supervisor prefers foreign adjudicator, he/ she shall intimate the same to the Chairperson of P.G Department who in turn shall pass it on to the Chairperson of BoS).

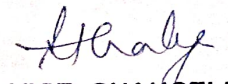
- 30.4. Each adjudicator appointed to adjudicate the thesis shall send the report to the Registrar (Evaluation) within two months from the date of receipt of the thesis.
- 30.5. Each adjudicator's report on the thesis shall include the following,
- 30.5.1. A critical account of the work of the candidate as embodied in the thesis and an evaluation of the work in terms of its contribution to the advancement of knowledge.
- 30.5.2. Details of any question/s to be asked to the candidate or points to be clarified by the candidate at the open viva-voce examination.
- 30.5.3. A definite recommendation as to whether the Ph.D- Vidyavaridhi Degree should be awarded or not.
- 30.5.4. The adjudicators shall also be required to answer specifically the following.
- 30.5.5. Whether the Ph.D- Vidyavaridhi Degree be awarded on the basis of the thesis as presented?
- 30.5.6. If the answer is **no**, whether the thesis can be resubmitted after revision/correction? or a definite recommendation against the award of the Degree.
- 30.5.7. Whether the thesis is fit for publication with or without revision?
- 30.6. If all the reports are positive/favorable, the Registrar (Evaluation) shall take necessary steps and inform the chairperson of the Board of Adjudicators to (a) prepare and send the consolidated report on the thesis, and (b) arrange for the open viva-voce examination inviting one of the external adjudicators approved by the Vice-chancellor.
- 30.7. If one of the examiners makes a qualified recommendation with valid reasons and



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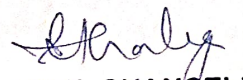
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recommends for re-submission of the thesis after suitable modifications, the Registrar (Evaluation) shall communicate to the concerned candidate, through the Research Supervisor, for re-submitting the thesis after suitable modifications within six months from the date of communication. In this case, the modified thesis shall be sent to the same adjudicator who recommended it for re-submission.

- 30.8. No candidate shall, however, be permitted to resubmit the thesis more than once.
- 30.9. If one of the adjudicators makes a definite recommendation against the award of the Degree, the thesis shall be referred to another external adjudicator. If the report of such an adjudicator is favorable, then the candidate shall be eligible to appear for the open viva-voce examination. Otherwise (i.e., even if the third external adjudicator recommends against the award of Degree), the thesis shall be rejected. However, the reports of the adjudicators shall be made available to the candidate.
- 30.10. If both the external adjudicators make definite recommendations against the award of PhD Degree, the thesis shall be rejected.
- 31. Evaluation and Assessment Methods, minimum standards/credits for award of the degree, etc.-**
- 31.1. Upon satisfactory completion of course work and obtaining the marks/grade prescribed, the Ph.D. scholar shall be required to undertake research work and produce a draft dissertation/thesis.
- 31.2. Before submitting the dissertation/thesis, the Ph.D. scholar shall make a presentation before the Research Advisory Committee of the Higher Educational Institution concerned, which shall also be open to all faculty members and other research scholars/students.
- 31.3. The Higher Educational Institution shall have a mechanism using well-developed software applications to detect Plagiarism in research work and the research integrity shall be an integral part of all the research activities leading to the award of a Ph.D. degree.
- 31.4. A Ph.D. scholar shall submit the thesis for evaluation, along with (a) an undertaking from the Ph.D. scholar that there is no plagiarism and (b) a certificate


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from the Research Supervisor attesting to the originality of the thesis and that the thesis has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma to any other Higher Educational Institution.

- 31.5. The Ph.D. thesis submitted by a Ph.D. scholar shall be evaluated by his/her Research Supervisor and at least two external examiners who are experts in the field and not in employment of the Higher Educational Institution concerned. Such examiner(s) should be academics with a good record of scholarly publications in the field. Wherever possible, one of the external examiners should be chosen from outside India. The viva-voce board shall consist of the Research Supervisor and at least one of the two external examiners and may be conducted online. The viva-voce shall be open to the members of the Research Advisory Committee/faculty members/research scholars, and students. Higher Educational Institutions may formulate appropriate rules/ordinances to effect the provisions of these Regulations.
- 31.6. The viva voice of the Ph.D. Scholar to defend the thesis shall be conducted if both the external examiners recommend acceptance of the thesis after incorporating any corrections suggested by them. If one of the external examiners recommends rejection, the Higher Educational Institution concerned shall send the thesis to an alternate external examiner from the approved panel of examiners, and the viva-voce examination shall be held only if the alternate examiner recommends acceptance of the thesis. If the alternate examiner does not recommend acceptance of the thesis, the thesis shall be rejected, and the Ph.D. Scholar shall be declared ineligible for the award of a Ph.D.
- 31.7. The Higher Educational Institution concerned shall complete the entire process of evaluating a Ph. D. thesis, including the declaration of the viva-voce result, within a period of six (6) months from the date of submission of the thesis.

32. Viva-Voce Examination

- 32.1. On the receipt of the favorable/satisfactory reports from all the three adjudicators, an open viva-voce examination shall be conducted on any working day by a Board Constituted by the Registrar (Evaluation) based on the approval of


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the Vice-Chancellor.

The Viva-voce Board shall comprise the following.

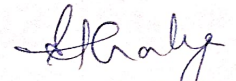
- Research Supervisor : Chairperson
- One external Adjudicator (nominated by the Vice-Chancellor): Member
- Co-Research Supervisor, if any: Member
- Dean of the Faculty : Member
- Chairman of the Research Advisory Committee: Member
- Chairman of the P. G Department of the University: Member

- 32.2. In case where the Research Supervisor cannot attend the viva-voce examination, then the co-supervisor or external adjudicator shall be made the chairperson. However, written consent from the Research Supervisor and prior approval from the Vice-chancellor shall be mandatory.
- 32.3. Under extraordinary circumstances where either of external adjudicators cannot be present for the viva-voce examination, the Vice-chancellor shall be competent to appoint another external substitute expert from out of the panel approved by the Board of Studies.
- 32.4. Besides the above, the chairperson of the Viva-voce Board shall invite the Chairperson and members of Doctoral Committee and send a circular to all the P. G Departments (including his/her own Department) inviting interested Faculty Members, Research Scholars and Students to attend the viva-voce examination.
- 32.5. The Viva-voce examination shall primarily be designed to test the understanding of the candidate on the subject matter of the thesis including the methodology employed and the competence in the field of research. Any of the points raised by the adjudicators shall be clarified during the viva-voce examination, and the report of the examiners shall be made available to the Board for Viva-voce examination.
- 32.6. In the case of candidates who are abroad and unable to be present physically, viva-voce examination may be held through video-conference mode as described above (with open viva) after the candidate pays the additional fees prescribed by the University from time to time.


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- 32.7. The Report of the Open Viva-voce examination shall be signed by only the Research Supervisor and the External Examiner.
- 32.8. If the performance of the candidate in viva-voce examination is not satisfactory, he/she may be allowed one more chance to reappear for the viva-voce within three months.

33. Ph.D. through Part-time Mode:

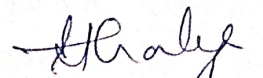
Candidates possessing educational qualification as stated for regular mode and falling under any of the following categories are eligible for admission in Part-Time mode.

- 33.1. A regular (permanent, including management appointment) teacher working in the Department of the University or in an affiliated / constituent College of the University after two years of service.
- 33.2. A non-teacher candidate having four years of regular service in a registered firm / Institution and having completed qualifying degree not less than four years.
- 33.3. Administrative staff members and non-teaching professionals working as regular employees in the state and central government offices, government owned autonomous organizations, subject to satisfying other conditions such as four years of service after the qualifying degree.
- 33.4. Research Assistants / Technical Assistants appointed on a permanent basis by the University after confirmation of service.
- 33.5. All applicants shall produce certificates from their employers about duration and nature of employment and "No Objection Certificate" from the employer.
- 33.6. Candidates shall produce employment certificate from the employer every year along with the application for continuation of registration.



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34. **Issuing a Provisional certificate:** Prior to the actual award of the Ph.D. degree, the University shall issue a provisional certificate to the effect that the Ph.D. is being awarded in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

35. **Award of Ph.D - Vidyavaridhi Degree**

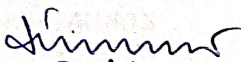
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36. **Publication of Thesis**

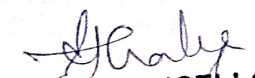
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37. Prohibition for doing PhD:

The statutory officers and nominated members of the authorities of the University are prohibited from registering for Ph.D. degree in this University.

38. Saving Clause

Notwithstanding anything done or any action taken, decision or direction initiated under the Act in force at any time earlier than these Regulations shall be deemed to be done or taken under these Regulations.

39. Removal of Difficulties

All disputes regarding any rule or its interpretation may be brought to the notice of the Vice-Chancellor for a solution. His / Her decision shall be final.

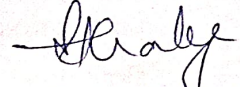
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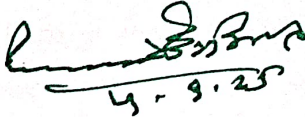
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