Modification/Changes made in the Ph.D. Regulations 2018, in the Light of UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degrees), Regulations 2016

Existing Ph.D. Regulations	Proposed modification/changes
2.2. Entrance Exempted category:	
(i) Teacher candidates working in the institutions admitted to the privileges of this University and other Universities provided they are qualified, have at least one year of continuous teaching experience at degree and / or post-graduate level in the subject concerned and granted leave for the required period, under Quality Improvement Program or equivalent program to do full-time PhD are exempted from the admission test.	(i) Regular Teacher candidates awarded QIP/FIP by UGC/AICTE or such other organization of Government of India working in the institutions admitted to the privileges of this University and other Universities provided they are qualified, have at least one year of continuous teaching experience at degree and / or post-graduate level in the subject concerned and granted leave for the required period to do full-time PhD are exempted from the admission test.
(ii) The admission test is waived off for candidates who have qualified the National Eligibility Test conducted by UGC/ CSIR, or UGC Rajiv Gandhi Fellowship for SC/ST, or DBT-BINC, or Maulana Azad Fellowship for minorities, or DST-INSPIRE, or such other examination recognized by the University as equivalent, and awarded a Junior Research Fellowship (JRF). These candidates could be admitted any time of the year, on the recommendation of the Admission Committee constituted by the Head of Department with the approval of the Dean of the concerned School. NET without JRF qualified candidates will have to take the entrance test.	(ii) The admission test is waived off for candidates who have qualified the National Eligibility Test conducted by UGC/ CSIR or such other National Level examination recognized by the University as equivalent, and awarded a Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) to carry out Ph.D. Programme. These candidates could be admitted at the beginning of monsoon and winter semesters, on the recommendation of the Ph.D. Admission Committee. NET qualified candidates without JRF will have to take the entrance test.
(iv) Pondicherry University teachers and teachers from affiliated colleges who have cleared the NET Lecturership and who seek admission to the parttime Ph.D. are exempted from the Admission Test and are eligible to register immediately after completing their probation in the University/College.	(iv) Regular teachers of Pondicherry University and Regular Teachers from affiliated colleges who have cleared the NET Lecturership and who seek admission to the part-time Ph.D. are exempted from the Entrance Exam and are eligible to register immediately after completing their probation in the University/College.

4. Provisional Registration to the Ph.D. Programme (Full-time and Part-time)

- (c) Candidates who propose to carry out research work in an interdisciplinary area will have Co-guide on permitted to a the recommendations of the Supervisor / Doctoral Committee, if necessary. The Co-guide should be duly recognized as Research Supervisor by Pondicherry University, and could be chosen from different Department / Centre of the Pondicherry University, or from any other University / Institution.
- (c) Candidates who propose to carry out research work in an area involving more than one discipline will be permitted to have a Co-guide on the recommendations of the Supervisor / Doctoral Committee, if necessary. The Co-guide should be duly recognized as Research Supervisor by Pondicherry University, and could be chosen from a different Department / Centre of the Pondicherry University, or from any other University / Institution.

6.1. Examination under the Part-I of the Ph.D. Programme:

(h) Nil

(h) Apart from above, all Ph.D. Scholars are required to complete a course on "Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)".

Exemption from Pre-Ph.D. - Part - I Exam:

Candidates with M. Phil./M.Tech. qualification or Post-Graduate professional qualifications mentioned in clause 1.1 (b) and 1.1 (c) of the Ph.D. regulations or any other qualification as prescribed by the University from time to time are exempted from taking the pre-Ph.D. Part-I Examination, provided they are admitted to the research programme in their own Faculty / Discipline and based on the recommendation of Doctoral Committee.

Candidates with M. Phil./M.Tech. qualification or Post-Graduate professional qualifications mentioned in clause 1.1 (b) and 1.1 (c) of the Ph.D. regulations or any other qualification as prescribed by the University from time to time are exempted from taking the pre-Ph.D. Part-I Examination, provided they are admitted to the research programme in their own Faculty / Discipline and based on the recommendation of Doctoral Committee.

However, these candidates, if they have not completed courses on (1) Research Methodology and (2) Research and Publication Ethics (RPE) at M.Phil / M.Tech., they will be required to complete these two courses under Part-I of Ph.D. Programme.

15. Award of Degree

(b) Candidates, who qualify for the Ph.D. Degree, shall be awarded the Degree in the respective discipline as that of their Master's Degree / M.Phil. Degree.

(b) For candidates who register for Ph.D. program in same/related discipline as that of his/her Master's degree:

Candidates, who qualify for the Ph. D. Degree of a Department/Centre which has prescribed their own domain and related discipline as eligibility for admission shall be awarded the Ph.D. Degree in the name of the programme for which the candidate had registered for Ph.D.

For Example:

- i. If a Candidate with Master's degree in Physics registers for Ph.D. in Physics, he would be awarded Ph. D in Physics
- ii. If a Candidate with Master's degree in Sociology registers for Ph.D. in Social Work, he/she would be awarded Ph.D. in Social Work

(c) However, for those candidates who have qualified for the Ph.D. Degree disciplines which are interdisciplinary in nature viz., Computer Science, Environmental Sciences, Green Energy Technology, Nano Science & Technology, Management, Educational Technology, Biotechnology, etc, the University may issue the Degree on the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee in the respective discipline in which they have registered and completed their Ph.D. programmes.

Existing version c and d are deleted:

Revised Version:

(c) For the candidates who registers for Ph.D. in the discipline other than his/her Master's degree:

A candidate, who registers for the Ph.D. programme in this University of a Department/Centre other than his/her Master's degree will be awarded Ph.D. degree in the programme for which he/she has registered for Ph.D. However, his/her Master's degree will be mentioned within paranthesis.

For Example:

- i. If a Candidate with Master's degree in Physics registers for Ph.D. in Green Energy Technology, he would be awarded Ph.D. in Green Energy Technology (Physics)
- ii. If a Candidate with Master's degree in Commerce registers for Ph.D. in Banking Technology, he/she would be awarded Ph.D. in Banking Technology (Commerce).

(d) A Candidate, who registers for the Ph.D. programme in this University in an inter- disciplinary area, will be awarded the Ph.D. Degree in the same discipline as his/ her PG Degree/M.Phil. Degree with the explicit indication to the effect that it is an inter-disciplinary research. For example, a Candidate with a Master's Degree in Zoology having pursued a Ph.D. programme in Genetics, will be awarded the Degree as Ph.D. in Zoology (Genetics).

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8.2. Recognition of Supervisors

(e) Provided further that in the Faculty of Medicine, a person holding Post-Graduate qualifications with five years of teaching and research experience after acquiring the Post-Graduate qualification, and with not less than five years of teaching experience at the Post-Graduate level and at least three publications in reputed UGC approved journals or standard journals, shall be eligible for recognition as a Supervisor for the Ph.D. programme.

(e) Provided further that in the Faculty of Medicine, a person holding Post-Graduate qualifications with five years of teaching and research experience after acquiring the Post-Graduate qualification, and with not less than five years of teaching experience at the Post-Graduate level and at least three MCI approved publications (one should be PubMed – indexed as first author or corresponding author), shall be eligible for recognition as a Supervisor for the Ph.D. programme.

11. Synopsis

(e) Ph.D. scholars must publish at least one research paper in refereed journal and make two Paper presentations in conferences/ seminars before the submission of the Dissertation/Thesis for adjudication, and produce evidence of the same in the form of presentation certificates and/or reprints.

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