

**REGULATION FOR POST DOCTORAL DEGREE IN HUMANITIES, MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (D.LITT), SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING ((D.SC.) AND LAW (LL.D.)**

**TO BE EFFECTIVE FROM 19<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2020**

**1. ELIGIBILITY:**

- A. The degree of D.Litt. or D.Sc. or LL.D. may be conferred on a candidate who is qualified according to the provisions contained herein on a thesis in a subject or published work in a topic in which the candidate has registered for the degree within the purview of the faculty/subject from which he/she has received a Ph.D. Degree.
- B. The degree shall be opened to those who have obtained a Ph.D. degree and have completed five years of research experience from the effective date of Ph.D. award notification.
- C. The candidate for Post Doctoral Degree Registration must be a scholar of repute and must have at least ten research papers published in peer reviewed journals. He/She must have completed five years of teaching and / or research experience in an Academic / Research Institute, or have five years of professional experience. Out of these ten publications, at least 05 publications must be beyond his/her Ph.D. work.

**2. REGISTRATION:**

- A. The application of the candidate in prescribed form for registration for the degree shall be sent to the Controller of Examinations with a registration fee of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees five thousand) only. The application shall be accompanied by five copies of the synopsis of the proposed thesis or published work on which the candidate rests his/her claim for the degree and shall specify:
  - a. His/her qualification, including details of publications
  - b. How far his/her work is original and contributes to the advancement of knowledge.
- B. The candidate may be allowed to carry out his research work independently. However, he/she may opt for a supervisor/guide who shall be a recognized research guide, under whom at least 03 Ph.D. must have been awarded. The option for taking a Supervisor must be exercised at the time of filing the application for the registration. However, such Supervisor must not have more than 04 Post Doctoral Scholars under him / her at any single point of time. The Supervisor shall not be an examiner of the Post Doctoral Thesis.

- C. The Controller of Examinations shall place the application for registration before the Research Degree Committee (RDC). The Research Degree Committee will evaluate the synopsis, if need be with the help of subject expert(s). The RDC may also recommend for a pre-registration presentation by the candidate before the RDC or in the Nodal Centre for Ph.D. in the concerned subject in order to determine suitability of the proposal. The RDC may suggest modification to the proposal or may reject it, if the proposal is not in accordance to the regulation and / or suitable for registration. On the recommendation of the RDC, the Syndicate may allow the candidate to register for the degree.

### 3. SUBMISSION OF THESIS:

- A. The candidate shall submit 05 copies of the thesis any time after the registration. However, he/she must have published at least 05 papers out of the work in SCOPUS/SCI / UGC Care Listed Journals not below 'B' category after registration and before submission of the thesis. Publication in the SCOPUS/SCI/UGC Care Listed Journals may not be insisted for subjects like Odia/Hindi/Sanskrit.
- B. The candidate shall also deposit Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand) only and submit ten copies of abstracts of the thesis to the Controller of Examinations at the time of submission of the thesis for examination.
- C. The University shall adhere to the issued on 23rd July, 2018 by the University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) for the award of Ph.D. Degree and subsequent amendments from time to time as notified by the UGC. Further, the University has decided that the level of similarity at level 0 is upto 20% without penalty for the submission of D.Litt./LL.D./D.Sc. Likewise the limit of similarity at level 1, level 2 and level 3 shall be 20% - 40%, 40% - 60% and above 60% respectively.
- D. A declaration in the form of undertaking from the scholar and a certificate from the Research Supervisors on the content of the thesis by the candidate countersigned by the supervisor(s) in the prescribed format declaring the findings/ report of the research free of plagiarism as per the University norms (3.C) and that the work has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma by any Institution by anybody shall be submitted at the time of Thesis submission.



#### 4. EXAMINATION:

- A. The concerned Board of Studies shall recommend a list of 14 examiners from outside the state of Odisha which may include examiners from abroad also, out of which the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint three examiners to examine the thesis. In case of Odia language / Odia literature / regional literature / comparative literature, the BOS shall recommend 14 names from inside the Country including from Odisha.
- B. The examiners shall submit the report in the prescribed form to the Controller of Examinations. The report must be clear on the points
- i. it must be substantial work making a distinct contribution to the knowledge in the subject,
  - ii. it must be original in the sense of opening up new fields of research or of making a marked advance on the results of previous research or a new interpretation to the facts already known
  - iii. it must be a scholarly work of high merit (d) It must supplement and enrich the existing stock of knowledge in one Society/State/Nation.
- C. The examiners may recommend that the work be accepted for the award of the degree or that it be rejected or be revised. It should not be ambiguous. In case, one of the examiners does not recommend, the thesis shall be sent to the fourth examiner whose decision will be final. If two examiners out of three reject the thesis or suggest for modification, the thesis shall be revised in the line of the suggestion / observation given by the examiners and re-submitted afresh.
- D. An open viva voce examination will be held with at least two out of the three examiners present. The viva voce board will consist of the three examiners who recommended the thesis and one of them will be the Chairman of the board. The Chairman will coordinate the process of viva voce Examination. The Chairman of the board will send the report of the examination, in the prescribed form. The Head of the concerned nodal centre will facilitate for smooth conduct of the Viva-Voce examination and send a report separately about conduct of the viva-voce. The candidate shall be awarded with the degree upon his satisfactory performance in the viva-voce as well as the unanimous recommendation of the three examiner for such award.
- E. If the performance of the candidate is not satisfactory in the viva voce examination he will be allowed to reappear the examination after six months again. If he/she fails, no more chance will be given.

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## 5. AWARD OF THE DEGREE:

- A. The Controller of Examinations shall place the reports before the Syndicate, if the recommendations are unanimous and performance of the candidate is satisfactory, the Syndicate may consider for publication of result if it is fit and proper. The result will be published and the Diploma in the prescribed format signed by the Vice-Chancellor will be conferred to the candidate in the next convocation.
- B. Appendix I, II and III (Formats) will be used as usual and change may be made by the Controller of Examinations, whenever necessary.
- C. If any discrepancy arises regarding interpretation of regulations, the decision of the Syndicate shall be final.