

II. THE AWARD OF Ph.D. (DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY)

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1 Full Time Scholars

- 1.1.1 A candidate who has qualified for the Master's Degree with 55% of marks in aggregate in the Faculties of Arts, Science, Fine Arts, Indian and other Languages, Commerce, Teaching and Management Sciences of any University recognised by this University and who has subsequently carried out research work for a minimum period of three years under the guidance of a Research Guide after provisional registration as hereinafter prescribed, in a Department of this University may present himself for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy.
- 1.1.2 A candidate who has qualified for the M.Phil. Degree with 55% of marks in aggregate or a Degree accepted as equivalent thereto by this University and who has subsequently carried out research work for a minimum period of two years under the guidance of a Research Guide after provisional registration, as hereinafter prescribed in a Department of this University may present himself for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy.
- 1.1.3 A candidate who has qualified for the Master's Degree with 55% of marks in aggregate in the Faculties of Law, Engineering, Technology, Veterinary Science or the Doctor of Medicine or Master of Surgery in the Faculty of Medicine of any University recognised by this University and who has subsequently carried out research for a minimum period of two years under the guidance of a Research Guide after provisional registration, as hereinafter prescribed, in a Department of this University may present himself for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy.
- 1.1.4 A candidate who has qualified for the M.B.B.S. or B.E., Degree with 55% of marks in aggregate of any University recognised by this University and who has subsequently carried out research for a minimum period of four years under the guidance of a Research Guide after provisional registration, as hereinafter prescribed, in a Department of this University may present himself for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy.
- 1.1.5 A relaxation of 5% may be provided from 55% Marks to 50% Marks at the Master Level for SC/ST Categories for M.Phil. and Ph.D. Admissions.

Note: Apart from the rules specified in the statutes of Tamil University, the rules and regulations formulated by the UGC time to time would be applicable for the award of M.Phil. and Ph.D. Degrees.

1.2 Part-Time Scholars

1.2.1 A teacher with two years experience working in Department of this University or those who educationally serve in Universities, Colleges, Higher Secondary Schools, Elementary Schools, National Research centres and other allied institutions approved by Tamil University or any eminent person if he possess 50% and above in the qualified degree mentioned under any of the sections 1.1.1 to 1.1.4 shall be eligible for provisional registration for the Ph.D. degree under these regulations and carry out research work under the guidance of Research Guide for a minimum period which is longer by one year than the minimum period prescribed for his counterpart full-time scholar.

1.2.2 A candidate from anywhere in India or from abroad can register for Ph.D. as part time student.

1.3 Interdisciplinary Research

A candidate possessing the qualifying degree in one subject shall be permitted to carryout research in another related subject/department facilitating interdisciplinary research; however, for such candidates, the specific discipline under which the Ph.D. degree is to be awarded shall be decided by the Syndicate on the advice of the Research Guide of the University.

1.4 Research under Joint Supervision

When the area of research is interdisciplinary as in 1.3 and requires assistance from more than one Research Guide, the Principal Research Guide may co-opt another eligible expert as a co-guide to the candidate after getting approval from the University. The Principal Research Guide in these cases is deemed to be the Research Guide for the candidate.

2. PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION

2.1 Full-Time Course

Candidates seeking admission in the full-time programme shall obtain the prescribed preliminary forms from the University and submit them through the Heads of the University Department. These candidates, on intimation, shall submit the provisional registration forms with the prescribed fees. The candidates who have qualified for research Fellowships by writing the centrally conducted UGC/CSIR and similar test working in Departmental Projects, and FIP candidates shall join directly the University Department, depending upon the vacancies available.

2.2 Part-Time Course

Candidates seeking admission in the part-time programme shall after obtaining the concurrence of the Research Guide and the Head of the concerned University Department submit the preliminary forms to the Registrar.

2.3. Registration Sessions

There shall be four sessions for registration as noted below:

SESSION	LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF PRELIMINARY APPLICATION
January	December 1
April	March 1
July	June 1
October	September 1

3. PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION

- 3.1 A candidate, who satisfied all the conditions prescribed, shall, after approval by the University be provisionally registered for the Ph.D. degree from 1st January 1st April, 1st July and 1st October as the case may be.

4. QUALIFICATIONS FOR RESEARCH GUIDE

- 4.1 A person may be recognised as Research Guide in any Faculty if he possesses a Ph.D. degree, two years of Post-Doctoral experience, and evidence of Research publications, during the past three years.
- 4.2 On the recommendation of the Research Committee of the University and on considerations of individual merit, persons possessing any other equal qualifications shall be declared eligible to be a Research Guide.
- 4.3 A Research guide shall not undertake to offer guidance for Ph.D. work for more than 12 candidates including part-time scholars, at a time and any change of guide can be effected only with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor. No change of Research Guide is permitted unless the guide leaves the institution.
- 4.4 The Ph.D. candidates with M.Phil. Degree, who have completed 2/3 years in the case of full-time/part-time after registration and Ph.D., candidates with P.G. Degree who have completed 3/4 years in case of full-time/part-time after registration and are deemed to have completed their course. The guide can take fresh candidates in those vacancies. However the candidate can submit his/her thesis upto the period prescribed in the University statute 7.6.

5. DOCTORAL COMMITTEE

The Doctoral Committee shall consist of Research Guide, Head of the Department and the Faculty Dean and the meeting of the committee shall be called for by the Research Guide.

This Committee shall conduct the Part-I Examination for the candidate. In case of joint supervision, both the Guides will form the Doctoral Committee.

6. **EXAMINATION PART - I**

- 6.1 Unless otherwise indicated, each candidate provisionally registered shall be required to carryout research work and undergo such courses of instruction as may be suggested by the Research Guide during the first year of his provisional registration. Such courses of instruction shall be in the light of the candidate's attainment and with a view to fulfilling the requirements of research.
- 6.2 Such courses of instruction may be given short term courses lasting from three to four months in such subjects as may be chosen by the Research Guide and through seminars, discussions, occasional lectures, laboratory techniques, or field work.
- 6.3 A candidate while undergoing the course of study during the first year may also undertake such research work as the Research Guide may advise him to do, but shall not be a candidate for any other Examination conducted by any University during the period of research.
- 6.4 On the completion of such courses, every candidate shall be examined by the Doctoral Committee by written and or oral Examinations. Based on the result of these Examinations the Research Guide shall report to the University at the end of the first year of provisional registration on the candidate's fitness to proceed with the research work for the Ph.D. degree.
- 6.5 In case where a candidate is not approved at the end of the Examination under Part-I, the Doctoral Committee may recommend that the candidate should undergo a furthercourse for a period not exceeding six months at the end of which he shall be examined again and if found fit, he shall be permitted to proceed with his research work.
- 6.6 A candidate who is not approved a second time by the Doctoral Committee shall not be permitted to continue and his provisional registration shall be cancelled.
- 6.7 A candidate with M.Phil. or M.Litt. or equivalent qualification may be exempted from Part-I Examination by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Research Guide.

7. **CONFIRMATION OF PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION AND DURATION OF RESEARCH**

- 7.1 The provisional registration of a candidate for the Ph.D. degree shall be confirmed when recommended by the Doctoral Committee on the basis of Part-I Examination.

- 7.2 In all, he shall carryout research work for a minimum total period prescribed in section 1.1.1 or 1.1.2 or 1.1.3 or 1.1.4 of the regulations after provisional registration as the case may be.
- 7.3 During the course of the research period for reasons approved by the Research Guide a candidate may be permitted to spend not more than one year in an institution and or on a project approved for the purpose, outside the University for carrying on research in the fields related to the subject or investigation/ research.
- 7.4 The candidate shall however be required to have put in a minimum of 30 conduct days for each year of his Ph.D. course directly under the Research Guide in order to scrutinise the work that is being done by the candidate.
- 7.5 After the registration is confirmed, the candidate shall submit a working paper/ progress report once in every year to the Research Guide till he submits synopsis. A certificate to this effect from the Research Guide shall accompany the synopsis submitted by the candidate.
- 7.6 The maximum period prescribed for research work is five years for full-time scholars and six years for the part-time scholars.

8. LANGUAGE OF THE SYNOPSIS AND THESIS

The synopsis and thesis may be written in Tamil or English. If the synopsis is in English, a Tamil version shall also be submitted along with the synopsis in English, If the thesis is in English, a synopsis shall be submitted in Tamil along with the thesis.

9. TITLE OF THE THESIS

The exact title of the Thesis shall be intimated to the University along with the submission of the synopsis and no change in the title shall be accepted after the submission of the synopsis. However a provisional title indicating the problem on which the Researcher is carrying on the work shall be communicated to the University within 18 months after the provisional registration in the case of full-time Research students and 24 months in the case of part-time Research students.

10. SYNOPSIS

When the candidate, whose registration has been confirmed, completes his research work and is sure of compiling the results into the thesis within a period of three to six months, he shall submit six copies of the synopsis of the proposed thesis to the University through his Research Guide along with the prescribed application form and fee.

field of his study. The candidate shall be asked to give an account of the research work embodied in the thesis, highlighting the new contribution made, the methods and techniques employed and the place that the topic of research occupies in the general field of study. Since, the Examination is conducted after the evaluation of the thesis by the referees, all points raised by them (including those of the referee under section 13.4) are to be clarified during this Examination. For this purpose, the reports of all the Examiners who adjudicate the thesis shall be made available to the members of the Board for the viva-voce Examination.

- 14.3 A pass in the viva-voce Examination is compulsory. If a candidate fails in this Examination, he shall be allowed to appear once again after four months from the date of the first viva-voce Examination. In the event of his failing again, his candidature for the degree shall be rejected.

15. CONSOLIDATED RECOMMENDATION

If the candidate passes the viva-voce Examination, the viva-voce Examination Board shall consolidate the recommendations for the award of the degree based on:

- * The reports of the Examiners who adjudicated the thesis, and
- * The evaluation of the candidate's performance in the viva-voce Examination.

The Board shall then forward its consolidated recommendation with the classification HIGHLY COMMENDED/COMMENDED to the Registrar along with such other documents may be required by the University for its consideration. For placing the thesis under the HIGHLY COMMENDED category, it should have been so placed by all the Examiners.

16. CERTIFICATE FOR RESEARCH DEGREE

Every candidate shall submit with his application for the Research Degree and thesis, a certificate from the Research Guide under whom he worked, that the thesis submitted is a record of research work done by the candidate during the period of study under him and that the thesis has not previously formed the basis for the award to the candidate of any Degree, Diploma, Associateship, Fellowship or other similar title, together with a statement from the Research Guide indicating the extent to which the thesis represents independent work on the part of the candidate. If the thesis submitted has formed in part, the basis for the award of a previous research degree, the candidate shall clearly set forth in a preface or written statement the portion or portions which have formed the basis for the award of the previous degree.

17. PUBLICATION OF THESIS

The thesis, whether approved or not, shall not be published without the sanction of the

Syndicate and the Syndicate may delegate this authority to the Vice-Chancellor to grant permission for publication subject to such conditions as it may impose.

18. FEES FOR PH.D. PROGRAMME (FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME)

1. Registration Fee	Rs.100/-
2. Research Fee/Tuition Fee (per annum)	Rs.500/-
3. Laboratory fee (per annum) (for Science Faculty only)	Rs.1500/-
4. Library Deposit	Rs. 300/-
5. Fee for accepting Degrees awarded by other Universities	Rs. 100/-
6. Caution Deposit	Rs. 500/-

For Foreigners

7. Students from European countries	300 US\$
Students from other developed countries	150 US\$
Students from under developed countries	100 US\$

SYNOPSIS SUBMISSION

i. Fee for first submission	Rs. 350/-
ii. Fee for second submission	Rs. 200/-

LATE SUBMISSION OF THESIS

i. Fee for first extension (six months)	Rs. 200/-
ii. Fee for second extension (six months)	Rs. 250/-