

**UNIVERSITY OF KERALA**  
(Abstract)

Admission to M.Phil, programme 2016-17 allotment of students to Research Supervisors -arrangements sanctioned-orders issued.

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**ACADEMIC D SECTION**

No. Ac.D/MPhil/2016-17

Dated Thiruvananthapuram 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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Read: 1. U.O. No. Ac.AII/2016 Thiruvananthapuram, dated. 20.08.2016.  
2. Minutes of the Meeting of the CSS Sub Committee on Admissions held on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

**ORDER**

The Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of M.Phil Degree Regulation, 2016 as ordered by the University Grants Commission was implemented in the University with effect from 05.07.2016 vide U.O read 1<sup>st</sup> above. As such the University is bound to implement UGC Regulations 2016 for the award of M.Phil Degree from 2016 admissions onwards, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations framed for the purpose by the University and reported to the Academic Council.

It is noted that a few Departments, as well as a section of the student community, shall benefit through the implementation of the UGC Regulation 2016, with enhanced number of intake, compared to the previous academic year, whereas a majority of the Departments are forced to reduce the intake owing to the paucity of qualified research supervisors.

The root cause of the problem has been on account of the temporary ban imposed by the Government of Kerala in filling the existing huge number of vacancies in different cadres such as Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor, spread over in almost all Departments. Maximum pressure is being exerted on the Government to lift this ban and pave the way for removing the basic hurdle confronted by the University in streamlining fruitful research. At the same time, the University is deeply committed to resolving the grievances of student community and encouraging them to join and pursue their research work to the maximum extent possible.

The matter was discussed at the meeting of the CSS Sub Committee on Admissions, under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor and with the participation of Members of the Core Committee of the Standing Committee on Academic Council as special invitees, held on 17 October 2016. It was decided to recommend in the meeting that not even a single Department be forced to reduce the intake in comparison with the number of students admitted to M.Phil. Programme during 2015-16. It was also decided to put forward the following recommendations to resolve the problems existing at present owing to the paucity of qualified research supervisors in the Departments.

- 1) The existing Faculty in the Department shall handle the course work internally for all the students admitted.

- 2) The supervision work of dissertation shall be allocated to the Research Supervisors duly approved by the University strictly in accordance with the M.Phil. Regulations 2016 and in case needed the Departments concerned shall seek the help of approved Research Supervisors working in School of Distance Education, University of Kerala/Affiliated Colleges/Research Laboratories in the geographical jurisdiction of the University of Kerala.
- 3) The Departments intending to draw the help of approved Research Supervisors working in School of Distance Education/Affiliated Colleges/Research Laboratories, as stated above, shall send the proposals to the CSS Academic Committee thereon within one month from the date of commencement of M.Phil. Programme.
- 4) It shall primarily be the responsibility of the respective University Departments to identify the qualified research supervisor(s) from outside the Department, as detailed above, to make good the shortage, if found necessary.
- 5) The affiliated Colleges offering M.Phil. Programme shall follow the same procedure unfolded in 1 to 4 above, for maintaining status quo in respect of the intake for 2016-17.

The Vice Chancellor has ordered, to implement the above mentioned recommendations as such in the University for the conduct of M.Phil. Programme for the Academic Year 2016-17.

Orders are issued accordingly.



**REGISTRAR**

TO.

1. The Vice Chairman, CSS
2. The Heads of University Departments/SDE
3. The Directors of Centres
4. The Principals of all affiliated colleges
5. Joint Registrar (Campus Admn. ), Kariavattom
6. Joint Registrar ( Academic)
7. PS to VC/PVC
8. PA to Regr/FO/CE
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