

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

(Abstract)

Ph.D Research – UGC Regulations 2016 – Guidelines for the evaluation of Ph.D thesis –
Amendment to the existing guidelines - Approved - Orders issued

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ACADEMIC E I. SECTION

No. Ac. E1/10685/(2)/2016

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 15.12.2020

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Read: 1. UO No.Ac E I/10685(1)/2016, Dtd.12.08.2016

- 2. Item No.1 in the minutes of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research as approved by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to Syndicate.**
- 3. Item No.38 in the minutes of the Academic Council held on 21.11.2020**
- 4. Item No: 20.54 in the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 30.11.2020**

ORDER

The University Grants Commission(UGC) had notified the UGC Regulations-2016 (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) on 05.05.2016 and the University of Kerala adopted the above Regulations for Ph.D programme with effect from 05.06.2016, vide paper read as (1) above.

The Research Director has submitted a proposal regarding the modifications to be made in the Regulations with respect to the evaluation of Ph.D thesis in tune with the UGC Regulations 2016. The Academic Council at its meeting held on 21.11.2020, vide item No.38, considered the same along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research, vide paper read as (2) above, and resolved to amend clause 8.7 and 8.8 in the Regulations for Award of Ph.D Degrees, University of Kerala, 2016 as follows:

8.7 *The Thesis for Ph.D submitted for adjudication shall be evaluated by the respective Research Supervisor, who shall be the Principal Guide and two external examiners of whom one may be an examiner from outside the country.*

8.8 *Two external examiners for evaluating the Ph.D Thesis shall be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from among the panel of twelve experts in which at least two examiners shall be from outside the country. Foreign examiners are not mandatory in the case of regional languages. The panel shall be submitted by the supervising teacher duly scrutinised by the Head of the Department and countersigned by the Dean of the faculty concerned, invariably with sufficient modifications if required giving due consideration to the specialisation in the topic of study.*

The Vice-Chancellor has ordered to implement the above resolution of the Academic Council.

The above amendment shall be made applicable to all research scholars registered for the Ph.D programme as per the Regulations for Award of Ph.D Degrees, University of Kerala, 2016.

Orders are issued accordingly

Sd/-
Dr. C. R. Prasad
Registrar (i/c)

To

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