

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

(Abstract)

Research leading to Ph.D. Degree – Quality improvement in research –
Measures to be adopted – Sanctioned – Orders issued.

ACADEMIC E.I.B SECTION

No. Ac.E1.B/1/2011

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 25.11.2011

- Read: 1. Minutes of the meeting of the Deans' of various faculties held on 31.08.2011.
2. Minutes of the special meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Research and Scholarships held on 28.10.2011.

ORDER

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 04.11.2011 considered along with the recommendations of the Deans' of various faculties and that of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Research and Scholarships the measures to be adopted for improving the quality of research and resolved the following:

Registration

To strictly follow the existing regulation that the registration will be automatically cancelled on expiry of the stipulated maximum period of 5 years for full-time research scholars and 6/8 years for part-time research scholars.

To implement this, a notification will be issued every year in April cancelling the registrations which have exceeded the maximum period. In such cases, the requests for re-registration will be considered as fresh registrations and will be governed by the regulations for that. If requested, the candidates will be permitted to register for the same topic and in such cases exemption in the minimum period for submission will be granted.

Number of research scholars a guide can supervise

In accordance with the UGC Regulations 2009, all research guides are permitted to guide 8 research scholars, provided the scholars produce facility certificates from the respective research centres.

Even if a teacher/scientist is an approved guide in more than one discipline the total number of students he/she can guide at a time will remain unchanged. All approved guides will be permitted to supervise two foreign students in addition to the stipulated number.

In the case of interdisciplinary research the candidate will be allowed to have one co-guide depending on the requirement and an approved guide will be permitted to act as co-guide for two research scholars at a time and this will not be counted while calculating the number of students under the guide.

Exemption to M.Phil. Degrees

To grant exemption from the entrance test, M.Phil. Degree shall be in the concerned discipline in which the applicant is seeking registration. In the case of interdisciplinary areas the eligibility may be decided on the recommendation of the Dean of the concerned faculty. Even in such cases, only those M.Phil degrees which have Research Methodology course in the curriculum will be considered for exemption of Research Methodology paper of the Ph.D. Course work examination.

Periodic review

The Departmental Doctoral Committee shall review the progress of all full-time and part-time research scholars on an yearly basis. The assessment should form the basis for recommending scholarship/conversion/extension etc. to the University. If the scholar fails to turn up or does not show significant progress for two consecutive reviews the doctoral committee may recommend cancellation of registration. In such cases, a notice will be served to the scholar giving a chance for explanation, if any, before effecting cancellation.


Orders are issued accordingly.

Sd/-
A. BEENA
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