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## NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers vested in it, under the provisions of Statute 26(2) of the IGNOU Act, 1985 (No.50 of 1985), the Board of Management of the University in its 131<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 22.12.2018 made the following IGNOU Research Ordinance for conducting Research Degree Programmes followed by few changes thereon communicated by the UGC. This has the approval of the President of India, in his capacity as the Visitor of the University, conveyed by the MHRD vide its letter No.F.5-15/2014-DL(Pt.) dated 17.06.2019. This Ordinance will supersede the earlier Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes alongwith subsequent amendments and will come into force from the date of its Notification.

### IGNOU Research Ordinance (Under Section 26 of IGNOU Act, 1985)

The Research Degree Programmes i.e. Master of Philosophy (MPhil), Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), will be offered and conducted by the University in accordance with the provisions contained in IGNOU Regulations (for Research Degree Programmes) as amended from time to time and in accordance with UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016 and its amendments issued by UGC from time to time.

#### 1. Statutory Structures

Research studies leading to the award of the Degree of Master of Philosophy (MPhil)/Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) shall be organized and managed by the following bodies in accordance with their respective roles as specified hereunder.

##### 1.1 Academic Council

The Research Degree Programmes of the University shall be in accordance with the Research Policy adopted by the Academic Council subject to the provision of the Act and the Statutes of IGNOU.

##### 1.2 Research Council

There shall be a Research Council, which subject to the overall guidance and supervision of the Academic Council, shall be responsible for the approval, planning, management, organization, evaluation and monitoring of Research Degree Programmes. It will also ensure implementation of Government of India Reservation Policy.

**1.2.1 Subject to the provisions of the Act and Statutes and UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016 and its amendments issued by UGC from time to time, the Research Council shall perform the following functions:**

- (i) Management and administration of the research policy and research degree programmes of the University

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- (ii) Formulation of Guidelines for registration, supervision, programme design, curriculum transaction, evaluation and award of research degrees
- (iii) Formulation of parameters for evaluating the Research Programmes of the University.
- (iv) Recognition of Research Supervisor on the recommendations of the discipline specific Doctoral Research Committee and concerned School Board
- (v) To resolve disputes, if any, for determining which research areas/themes/topics are in the purview of a given School Board
- (vi) Guidance and advice on research priorities and allocation of resources for research programmes
- (vii) Delegation of any of these functions to the School Boards.
- (viii) Preparation of the consolidated reports on research activities of the University
- (ix) Instituting grievance redressal mechanism and monitoring the matters pertaining to research in the University
- (x) Formulation of code of discipline for Research Students
- (xi) Constitution of Committee for Research Ethics
- (xii) Institute fellowships/ Scholarships for Research Degree Students.
- (xiii) To create its standing committee or any such other committees as it may deem fit for conducting research degree programme
- (xiv) Any other work related to research, development and co-ordination delegated by Academic Council from time to time

**1.2.2** The composition of the Research Council shall be as follows:

- (i) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson of the Research Council.
- (ii) Six eminent experts drawn from various domains, who are not employees of the University, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. Out of these six Members, two Members will be one each from Board of Management and Academic Council.
- (iii) Senior most Pro-Vice-Chancellor entrusted with academic responsibilities. As and when found necessary, other Pro-Vice-Chancellors may be invited.
- (iv) Five Directors of Schools by rotation amongst Schools.
- (v) Eight teachers [3 Professors, 2 Associate Professors and 2 Assistant Professor (who are already Research Supervisors) and one academics (who meets the requirement of UGC as research supervisor) of IGNOU by seniority and by rotation] nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.
- (vi) Director / Head, Research Unit (RU)/ Research Coordination Division (RCD) shall be the Member Secretary of the Research Council.

**1.2.3** The term of the office of the members will be two years from the date of nomination.

**1.2.4** The Research Council shall meet at least twice in a year. One third of the total membership shall form the quorum for the meeting.

**2. School Board**

The School Boards, as constituted under the provisions of Statute 10A, and with the guidance of the Research Council, shall make operational the Research Degree Programmes in the disciplines (having permanent Faculty) assigned to the Schools concerned in accordance with the policies and guidelines laid down by the Academic Council and the Research Council. In case Academic Council decides/authorises any

other Institutions/ Centres to offer research degree programme in the areas not assigned to any school, a separate Research Committee may be constituted for the purpose of discharging functions of Doctoral Research committee and School Board for administering the Research Degree Programme under the control of Research Council. For this purpose, separate guidelines will be formulated by the Research Council.

### **3. Registration and Procedure for Admission**

**3.1** The registration and procedure for admission, allocation of supervisor, eligibility criteria for a research supervisor, approval of synopsis, structure of the M.Phil./Ph.D. programme, course work, duration of the programme, procedure for submission of M.Phil./Ph.D. thesis, monitoring of progress of research students, appointment of evaluators, provisions for recognition of research institutes for offering M.Phil./Ph.D. programme, depository with INFLIBNET, will be as per the provisions contained in **IGNOU Regulations for conducting Research Degree Programme**, as amended from time to time in consonance with UGC (**Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree**) Regulations, 2016 as amended from time to time

### **3.2. Award of MPhil/PhD Degree**

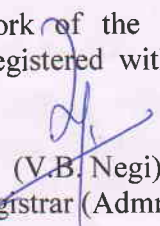
A student shall be awarded the MPhil/PhD Degree/ in the manner prescribed in the Regulations and Guidelines with the approval of the Academic Council in accordance with UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016.

### **4. Grievance Redressal Committee**

Grievances if any may be dealt by the Grievance Redressal Committee to be constituted by the Vice Chancellor as per UGC (Redress of Students Grievances), 2019 and as amended from time to time and its report will be submitted to the Vice Chancellor.

### **5. Removal of Difficulties**

Notwithstanding anything contained in the above Ordinance, the Vice-Chancellor may take such measures as may be necessary within the framework of the UGC Regulations, in respect of students for M Phil/ Ph D who are registered with the University.

  
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Registrar (Admn.) I/c

1. All Directors of Schools/Heads of Divisions/Centres/Units
2. All IGNOU Regional Centres
3. Director, Research Unit
4. DD, VCO
5. PS to PVCs
6. PS to Registrar (Admn.)