

**DRAFT ORDINANCE FOR
THE AWARD OF DOCTOR OF
PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.) DEGREE PROGRAMME**

[Central University Act 2009 — Section 28 (1)(o)]

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy may be granted in any School of the University. All academic matters related to this degree shall be supervised by a **Departmental Research Committee (DRC)** consisting of the following:

- (i) Head of the Department (Chair);
- (ii) One Professor (a nominee of the Vice- Chancellor);
- (iii) Professors in the Department subject to a maximum of two by rotation according to seniority;
- (iv) One Associate Professor in the Department by rotation according to seniority;
- (v) Two Assistant Professor in the Department qualified to be the Supervisor(s) by rotation according to seniority;

Where Departments have strength of less than ten teachers, all teachers recognized as research supervisor will be the members of the Departmental Research Committee.

The term of the Departmental Research Committee will be for a period of two years and 50% of members present in a meeting including VC Nominee shall form the quorum.

The student intake will be regulated in each Department as per the availability of seats according to the norm of Professor — 8 students, Reader — 6 students, and Lecturer —4 students, by the Departmental Research Committee. However, in such cases where teachers are retiring or leaving and where redistribution / reallocation of their Ph.D. students to other faculty members is required, the norm can be relaxed by the Board of Research Studies.

Each school shall have a **Board of Research Studies (BRS)**. The composition of Board of Research Studies for multiple Department schools will be as follows:

- (i) Dean of the School;
- (ii) The Heads of the Departments concerned;
- (iii) One Professor from each Department by rotation according to seniority;
- (iv) One Associate Professor from each Department by rotation according to seniority;
- (v) One Assistant Professor qualified to be Supervisor(s) from each Department by rotation based on seniority;

The composition of the **Board of Research Studies (BRS)** for a single Department faculty will be as follows:

- (i) The Dean of the School
- (ii) Two Professors to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;
- (iii) Two Associate Professor by rotation according to seniority nominated by the VC;

- (iv) Two Assistant Professor qualified to be Supervisor(s) based on seniority nominated by VC;

Dean of the School will be the Chairman for the respective Board of Research Studies. The term of the Board of Research studies will be for a period of two years. 50% members of the board shall form the quorum.

The BRS of the Schools will be authorized to prepare policies on matters related to research activities in the school. Number of seats and their allocation based on infrastructure will be done by the BRS. If any dispute related to research work will arise between HoD/DRC and research supervisor, the matter will be referred to BRS for a decision. The BRS will also decide the interdisciplinary subjects or areas of the research of the concerned departments and their seats.

The HoD will be an *Ex-Officio* member of the above committees and recognition as research supervisor will not be a bar to become a member in these committees.

The DRC will meet once in every six month and BRS will meet once in every year minimum.

The Dean shall appoint Supervisor(s) which will be reported to the Board of Research Studies in the manner as prescribed in Regulations.

The candidates can be registered for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the Departmental Research Committee, provided that they fulfill the eligibility conditions as prescribed in the Regulations.

Students who are otherwise eligible for admission to the Ph.D. Programme and do not have any financial assistance, will be admitted through an Vishwavidyalaya Research Entrance Test (VRET) to be conducted in a manner and in subjects as prescribed by the University in concerned Regulations. Students provisionally admitted to the Ph.D. Programme through an entrance examination or interview shall be awarded University Grants Commission fellowships for programmes of doctoral research or any other fellowship that is launched by the national agencies. The number of fellowships under this category will be determined annually by the University in consultation with BRS.

The process of registration, evaluation and award of Ph.D. Degree, financial assistance/fellowship shall be as prescribed in the concerned Regulation.