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Recommendations of the Board of Studies in Research and Interdisciplinary Research

1. The Board reiterates its stand on the registration of candidates for the award of M. Phil./ Ph.D., degrees under Interdisciplinary Research in the subjects like Nano Science and Technology (Physics, Chemistry, etc.), Life Sciences (Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Microbial Biotechnology, etc.) considering the regulations of University of Madras, Madurai Kamaraj University, Bharathidasan University and Alagappa University. Accordingly, a candidate holding post-graduate degree in a core subject shall be permitted fulfilling the eligibility norms to register for interdisciplinary research programmes in another academic department irrespective of the subject in his/her post-graduate study and the degree of M. Phil., / Ph. D., shall be awarded in the **core subject of the post-graduate degree followed by the department** where he / she had been registered with the caption '**Interdisciplinary**'. For instance, a candidate holding post-graduate degree in a core subject 'A' and registered for M.Phil., / Ph.D., programme in a department 'B' for interdisciplinary research shall be awarded the M.Phil., / Ph.D., degree with the nomenclature '**A – B (Interdisciplinary)**'.
2. The Board reiterates its stand on registration of candidates for M. Phil., / Ph. D., programmes in Computer Science, Computer Applications, Information Technology, considering the larger interest of candidates in these disciplines. Accordingly, the present status of awarding M.Phil., / Ph.D., degree in Computer Science for the candidates who hold the post-graduate Degree in Computer Science / Information Technology / Computer Applications and have been registered for the research programmes in the Department of Computer Science / Department Information Technology / Department of Computer Applications **shall be continued**. Accordingly, a candidate having post-graduate Degree in Computer Science / Information Technology / Computer Applications and has been registered in the Department of Computer Science / Department Information Technology / Department of Computer Applications shall be awarded the degree of M. Phil., and Ph.D., with the nomenclature '**Computer Science**'.
3. The passing minimum of 10 marks out of 35 in the common eligibility tests for admission to M. Phil., and Ph.D., programmes shall be continued without any change.
4. The common eligibility test (CET) for admission to M.Phil., and Ph.D., programmes shall be conducted two times in a year in order to provide an opportunity for more number of aspiring candidates.
5. Considering the confidential nature of the work involved in the conduct of CET, University administration shall initiate steps to entrust the task to the Office of the Controller of Examinations providing adequate infrastructure and manpower.
6. Commencement of M.Phil., programme (both full time and part time) existing procedure for enrolment shall be followed.
7. A candidate pursuing the Ph.D., programme on a full time basis shall be permitted to avail 'On Duty' for a period of not more than 30 days in a year. 'On Duty' shall be permissible for the candidate only with the recommendation of the Research Supervisor and the endorsement of the Head of the Department concerned. Prior approval shall be sought by the candidate from the

Head of the Department submitting a letter of request with evidence duly forwarded by the Research Supervisor to the Head of the Department.

8. In case of any collaborative research work (within and outside country), the candidate shall be permitted to avail 'On Duty' for a period of not more than 30 days at a stretch to which the candidate should submit a letter of request with evidence duly forwarded by the Research Supervisor to the Head of the Department. In case of any collaborative research work, if the On duty permission is required for more than 30 days, prior approval shall be sought from the Registrar submitting a letter of request with evidence duly recommended by the Research Supervisor and forwarded by the Head of the Department.

9. Attendance requirements for the candidates pursuing Ph.D., programmes shall be reinforced as follows: (Already stipulated in M.Phil., Regulations)

(a) Candidates admitted to full-time Ph. D., programme shall secure a minimum of 75% attendance every year, including short-term training programmes, workshop, seminar, conference, etc., attended by them outside the University on the recommendation of the supervisor and with the prior permission of the Head of University department / Principal of the affiliated college. The attendance shall be calculated year-wise.

(b) The Head of the University Department / Principal of the affiliated college shall be empowered to condone 10% of shortage of attendance and grant the condonation depending on the merit of the case. However, a candidate cannot claim the condonation as a matter of right.

(c) Part-time candidates shall report to the supervisor at least thirty days in a year. This period may include public and other holidays also.

(d) Attendance for part-time candidates shall be maintained by the respective supervisors and shall be submitted to the Head of the Department once in six months.

(e) Part-time candidates shall take part in seminars at the departmental level at least twice in a year.

(f) If there is a shortage in attendance for a candidate due to availing of leave on medical grounds, his / her minimum period of research shall be extended accordingly within the prescribed maximum period.

10. In case of candidates who have been re-registered for M. Phil., and Ph. D., programmes, they shall be permitted to submit the dissertation/thesis at any point of time before the granted re-registration period. They need not wait for a minimum of one year after re-registration.

11. When one or more candidates opting for re-registration under a research supervisor, the existing re-registration norms not exceeding 4-6-8 be followed. In the case of change of guide, a candidate has to do his research work under the new guide for a minimum period of one year.

12. As per Ph. D., Regulations 2018, the candidates possessing professional degrees such as M.E., and M.Tech., and PG Degree in Medicine, Law, Agriculture and similar other professional

courses are **not eligible** for admission to the Ph.D., programmes of the University. This shall be strictly adhered. Accordingly, the candidates having degrees like M.Pharm., and similar other professional degrees shall not be considered for admission to the research programme of the University.

13. One of the requirements in the existing regulations for registration to D.Sc., and D.Litt., programmes states the following:

The candidate must have been actively working in the state of Tamil Nadu at least for two decades in a position not less than Associate Professor and above in a manner that he/she is continuously working in that discipline.

In lieu of the above condition, the following shall be incorporated:

The candidate shall be in a position of Associate Professor or Professor while applying and shall be actively involved in teaching and research in the state of Tamil Nadu at least for fifteen years in a manner that he/she is continuously working in that discipline be approved.

14. M. Phil, and Ph. D., regulations were revised in 2018 and are in force.