

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
(Abstract)

Research leading to Ph. D Degree - Implementation of UGC Regulations 2009 - Modifications - Approved - Orders issued.

ACADEMIC 'E1' SECTION

No. Ac. E 1 //2016-17

Thiruvananthapuram, dated 16.01.2017

- Read : 1. U.O No.Ac.E1/2016 dated 01.02..2016
2. Order in WP (C)No.17725 issued by the Hon'ble High Court on 15th June, 2016
3. Judgment of the Hon'ble High Court in WP(C) No.12532 of 2016 (N) dated 25.10.2016.
4. U.O No.Ac.E1/2016 dated 24.10.2016.
5. Minutes of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council dated 31.12.2016 (Addl.item No.9).

ORDER

Directives contained in the UGC (Minimum Standards for the Award of M.Phil / Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2009, were implemented in the University by framing comprehensive Regulations of the University of Kerala vide University Order read as (1) above. However, a few petitions challenging the validity of this University Order was filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala and all those petitions were dismissed by the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court in WP (C)No.12532 of 2016(N) read as (3) above.

While upholding the decision of the University in toto, it was directed by the Hon'ble High Court that any further amendments to U.O No.Ac.E1/2016 dated 01.02.2016 shall have to be implemented only with the approval of the UGC.

It was recommended by the Syndicate in its meeting held on 19.11.2016 (Item 22.30) to grant grace time for submission of Theses up to 30th November, 2017 in respect of all research students, who have already exceeded the prescribed time limit of 5 years / 8 years of full time / part-time research respectively, for completing their research, subject to the approval of the Academic Council.

The Standing Committee on the Academic Council examined the above mentioned resolution of the Syndicate in detail and recommended that U.O No.Ac.E1/2016 dated 24.10.2016 be suitably modified to cope with the said resolution of the Syndicate and the revised decision be executed in accordance with the directives contained in judgment of the Hon'ble High Court in WP(C) No.12532 of 2016(N) dated 25.10.2016, and to seek approval of the UGC for the same.

The Vice Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 10(13) of the Kerala University Act, has approved the above recommendations of the Standing Committee on the Academic Council and ordered to extend the last date for the submission of Theses up to 30th November 2017 in respect of all existing research students, who have already exceeded the

prescribed time limit of 5 years / 8 years of full time / part-time research respectively, subject to reporting to Academic Council, However, it is reiterated that granting registration for research leading to Ph. D Degree in respect of all applicants from 2016 January Session onwards shall be strictly in accordance with the UGC Regulations 2009 and 2016, as the case may be. The provision for granting extension of research period beyond the prescribed time limit of 5 years / 8 years of full time / part-time research respectively, for research students covered under UGC Regulations 2009 is dispensed with for accommodating fresh meritorious candidates in the limited number of seats.

It is further ordered by the Vice Chancellor that U.O No.Ac.E1/2016 dated 24.10.2016 issued in line with the Interim Order of the Hon'ble High Court in WP(C) No. 17725 read as (2) above stands cancelled with immediate effect and that the decisions taken by the University on requests received up to 16.01.2017 to the advantage of existing research students, in accordance with the said University Order shall sustain.

It is further accentuated by the Vice Chancellor that modifications in the last date of submission of Theses up to 30th November, 2017 specified in this University Order, shall be subject to the final approval of UGC, as ordered by the Hon' ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) 12532 of 2016(N) dated 25.10.2016 and that the thesis submitted by existing research scholars, covered under the said extension, under the guidance of supervisory teachers who require relaxation as per UGC Regulation 2009, shall be adjudicated only under the directives of the UGC.

Orders are issued accordingly.

Sd/-

DR. M. JAYAPRAKAS
REGISTRAR
DCDC in-charge

Approved for issue


Section Officer

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