

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

(Abstract)

Research leading to Ph.D Degree – Implementation of UGC Regulations 2009-
Measures taken for protection of the Registration already granted – regarding.

ACADEMIC E1 SECTION

No. Ac.E I/2016

Dated Thiruvananthapuram, 24.10.2016

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- Read:
1. Order in WP(C) No.17725 issued by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala on 15th June 2016.
 2. Discussion in the first meeting of the Sub Committee of the Academic Council constituted by the Academic Council held on 15th Oct 2016.
 3. Minutes of the Core Committee of Standing Committee on Academic Council dated 24-10-2016

ORDER

Directives contained in the UGC Regulations, 2009 for award of Ph.D Degree were implemented in the University by framing comprehensive Regulations of the University of Kerala vide order No. Ac.EI/2016 dated 01/02/2016. It was suggested by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 4th October, 2016 to address the grievances of researchers who were already granted registration by the University favourably and for this purpose a Sub Committee of the Academic Council was constituted.

Based on the discussions held in the first meeting of the Sub Committee on 15th October 2016 and the subsequent recommendations put forward by the Core Committee of Standing Committee on Academic Council in its meeting held on 24th October, 2016, the Vice Chancellor has issued orders to adopt the procedures stated below for resolving the grievances of researchers registered/seeking registration prior to the UGC Regulations, 2016.

1. The researchers who were granted registration to research leading to Ph.D Degree prior to 2009 Regulations shall be permitted to continue their research only for a period of 8 years from the date of registration and shall not be granted any further extension on any ground. The registration of candidates, who fail to submit the thesis within 8 years from the date of registration, shall remain cancelled automatically on the date of completion of 8 years.

2. The applications for registration to Ph.D under the guidance of Research Supervisors having less than 5 years of service remaining for retirement/attaining superannuation, shall be processed for granting registration subject to the condition that the Departmental Doctoral Committee concerned shall recommend regular faculty members as Research Supervisors in the place of existing Research Supervisors as and when they cease to be regular faculty. The University letter permitting the candidate to join for the research shall contain specific mention of these conditions and the University Order granting registration shall be issued on agreeing to this by the candidate, Research Supervisors and Heads of the Departments concerned. The proposals of the Doctoral Committees already forwarded to the University for re-allocation of Research Supervisors shall also be granted as per the conditions specified above.
3. The Registrar shall arrange to intimate the Research Scholars, for whom the Departmental Doctoral Committees have recommended re-allocation of Research Supervisors under the UGC Regulations 2009, the need for submitting applications individually in the proforma prescribed by the University for granting change of Research Supervisors, along with consent letters of the existing Research Supervisors and the proposed Research Supervisors.
4. The applications received for granting extension of registration for research under the guidance of Emeritus Scientists/Emeritus Fellows, shall be processed subject to the conditions laid down in recommendations (2) above. However, fresh registration shall not be granted under the guidance of Emeritus Scientists/Emeritus Fellows and in respect of such candidates, for whom recommendations for granting registration were forwarded, the Departmental Doctoral Committee shall suggest regular Faculty members as Research Supervisors in the place of Emeritus Scientists/Emeritus Fellows.
5. The candidates, who were granted registration for research leading to Ph.D Degree in subjects for which there exists a shortage or non-availability of regular faculty as Research Supervisors, shall be permitted to continue their research work and submit the thesis within a period of 5 years from the date of registration under the existing teachers. These candidates shall not be granted extension on any ground for registration of research beyond five years from the date of registration. These categories of researchers shall be eligible for the Certificate to the effect that "they have undergone their research work and awarded Ph.D Degree under the UGC Regulations 2009" subject to the specific approval by the UGC. Fresh registration shall be granted in these subjects only under the guidance of regular faculty members as Research Supervisors.

6. The researchers who have been pursuing research work under the guidance of Library staff shall continue their research work and submit thesis within 5 years from the date of registration. These candidates shall be granted permission, upon specific request, for minor modification of title/re-registration on account of non-payment of term fee on time. The certificate insisted by the UGC as mentioned in the recommendation(5) shall be issued only upon the specific approval by the UGC.
7. The existing approved research centres, other than University departments/affiliated colleges/Research Laboratories, such as University Library and so on shall be permitted to continue as Research Centres for the research scholars already granted registration by the University. Fresh registration in research centres other than University departments/affiliated colleges/Research Laboratories shall be discontinued from 2016 July Session onwards, under the UGC Regulations 2016.
8. The applicants who have Masters Degree in the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology seeking registration for research in Computational Linguistics shall be granted registration only if they submit application for registration in the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology with a co-research supervisor from Linguistics, if so desired by the Departmental Doctoral Committee.
9. The researchers, who were granted registration for research leading to Ph.D Degree, under the guidance of retired teachers who have retired from service subsequently, shall be permitted to continue their research work and submit the thesis within a period of five years from the date of registration. However, the research scholars who were granted registration for research under the guidance of teachers who have already retired from service on the date of registration shall have to be brought under the supervision of regular faculty by the Departmental Doctoral Committees concerned. This decision is on the basis of the instructions contained in the order in WP(C)No.17725 issued by the Hon'ble High Court on 15th June, 2016.

Orders are issued accordingly

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(DCDC-in-Charge)

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