

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

(Abstract)

Registration to Ph.D - UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2009 - Research Supervisors - Eligibility stipulations - Adoption of - Sanctioned - Orders issued.

ACADEMIC E1 SECTION

No.Ac.EI/2015

Thiruvananthapuram, dated 08.01.2016

- Read : 1. Notification in the Gazette of India No. 28 dated July 11, 2009 Part III Section.41.
2. Letter from the UGC dated 6th July, 2015 addressed to the Vice Chancellor.
3. Letter from the UGC dated 4th September, 2015 addressed to the Vice Chancellor.
4. Letter No.VC/Ac.E1/2015 dated 3rd November, 2015 of the Vice Chancellor to the Chairman, University Grants Commission.

ORDER

The University Grants Commission vide paper read as (1) above, notified the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2009 in the Gazette of India. The Regulations, as specified therein, shall come into force with the date of their publication in the Gazette of India and stands applicable to every University established or incorporated by or under the Central Act, Provincial Act or a State Act, every Institution including the constituent of an affiliated college recognized by the Commission in consultation with the University concerned under Clause (1) of Section 2 of the University Grants-Commission Act, 1956, and every Institution deemed to be a University under Section 3 of the said Act.

The UGC vide their letter read as (2) above, issued the following clarifications with regard to the appointment of Research Supervisors, reminding that any violation will be viewed very seriously by the UGC.

'Universities shall allcate the Supervisor from amongst the regular faeulty members in a Department or its affiliated PG Colleges/Institutes depending on the number of students per faculty member, the available specialization among the faculty supervisors and the research interest of the student. It is further clarified that any Ph.D/M.Phil Degree awarded by a University under the supervision of a supervisor who is not a faculty member of the University or its affiliated PG Colleges/Institutes would be in violation of UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2009.'

The UGC vide their letter read as (3) above has reiterated the above directions as it has come to the notice of the UGC, as stated, that some of the Universities are circumventing the provisions of UGC Regulations, 2009. It was also strictly mentioned therein that in case of any aberration by the University it will be proceeded against as per the UGC Act, 1956 and the name of the University will be put in the defaulters list on the UGC Website.

The University vide letter read as (4) above addressed the UGC seeking relaxation on the provisions in the Regulations on the above aspect, as resolved by the Academic Council. But no relaxation has been granted by the UGC.

In the circumstances, sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor in exercise of the powers of the Academic Council vested under Section 10(13) of the Kerala University Act 1974 to the following in consonance with the UGC Regulations, 2009, and the subsequent clarifications issued by the UGC:

1. *The University shall allocate the Supervisor from amongst the **Regular** faculty members in a Department or its affiliated PG Colleges/Institutes. He/She shall not be eligible to continue as Supervisor after his/her retirement. However, a Research Supervisor can continue as co-guide once he ceases to be a Regular faculty and the Research Scholars at such point of time shall formally be transferred to an eligible Research Supervisor (Regular faculty) in the subject.*
2. *Adjunct Faculty shall not be allocated as Research Supervisor.*
3. *The UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2009 shall be strictly adhered to.*
4. *Provisions in the University Regulations/Rules/ Bye Laws and orders pertaining to Registration and procedure for the award of Ph D which are inconsistent with UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2009 stands cancelled.*

Orders are issued accordingly.

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