



GONDWANA UNIVERSITY, GADCHIROLI

DIRECTION NO. 1 OF 2020

“ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES, ALLOTMENT OF SUPERVISORS/GUIDES AND RESEARCH TOPICS, SUBMISSION OF THESIS AND ITS EVALUATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, 2019 (AMMENDMENT) Direction 2020”

(Issued under Section 12(8) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016.)

Whereas, the Maharashtra Public Universities Act 2016 has come into force with effect from 1st March 2017 (herein after referred to as the Act);

AND

Whereas, the above said Act is applicable to the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli;

AND

Whereas, it is the duty of Board of Deans as provided under section 37 (2) (b) (IV) to undertake the task in Research matters;

AND

Whereas, the University Grants Commission, in suppression of the UGC (Minimum Standards & Procedures for Awards of Ph.D. Degrees of the universities) Regulation, 2009, has issued University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards & Procedures for awards of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016 vide its Notification dated 5th May 2016 published in the Gazette of India No.278, Part III - Section 4, dated 5th July 2016, necessitating issuance of new Direction regarding Minimum Standards & Procedures for award of the Ph.D. Degree;

AND

Whereas, a three member committee was constituted vide item no. 32 in the meeting of Academic Council on dated 2nd November 2018 to suggest

the effective measures for conducting PET examination, procedure for Ph. D. admission and allocation of supervisor and recognition of Ph. D. supervisor;

AND

Whereas, the recommendation of the above said committee were accepted vide item No. 8(2) in the meeting of Academic Council on dated 25th February 2019;

AND

Whereas, Direction No. 17 of 2019 encompassing all the recommendations of the above said committee was issued on dated 3rd August, 2019;

AND

Whereas, provision in respect of deadline for submission of Ph.D. registration application to the university in the Direction No. 17 of 2019 for award of Ph.D degree is found to be inconsistent with the relevant provisions of the para 11(iii)(iv)(vi) of the Ordinance No. 87 of 2017 in-force;

AND

Whereas, it is found expedient to amend Direction No. 17 of 2019 in consistent with deadline for submission of Ph.D. registration application to the university as provided in the para 11(iii)(iv)(vi) of the Ordinance No. 87 of 2017 in-force;

AND

Whereas, the matter is required to be executed with immediate effect.

Now, therefore, I, Dr. N. V. Kalyankar, Vice-Chancellor, Gondwana University, Gadchiroli, in exercise of the powers vested in me under the provision of Section 12(8) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016, do hereby issue the following Directions:-

1. This Direction shall be called **“ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES, ALLOTMENT OF SUPERVISORS / GUIDES AND RESEARCH TOPICS, SUBMISSION OF THESIS AND ITS EVALUATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, 2019 (AMMENDMENT) DIRECTION 2020”** (Hereinafter referred to as “the Direction”).

2. This Direction shall come into force with effect from the date of its issuance.

3. Scope:-

- a) This Direction shall govern the Procedure for Ph. D. admission and allocation of supervisor leading to the award of Ph.D. degree in all the faculties in the University;
- b) This Direction shall apply to the university / (institutions/conducted colleges/constituent colleges), every affiliated college of the university and an institution recognized by the university for the purposes of research.

2. Definitions:-

In this Direction, unless the context requires otherwise:-

- a) "Act" means the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016.
- b) "Board of Studies" means a Board for a particular subject or a group of subjects constituted as per provisions of the related Section;
- c) "College" means a college as defined under the related Section of the Act,
- d) "Faculty" means a faculty constituted as per the provisions of the related Section of the Act,
- e) "Head, Place of Research" means the Head of the Department of the University/Principal of the College/ Director of the Institute;
- f) "Place of Research" means all the post-graduate teaching departments of the University and includes any other place which is duly recognized as the place of research by the University;
- g) "Post Graduate Department" means a department in a college or institution of higher learning, research, or specialized studies, recognized to be so by the university and imparting post-graduate instruction or guidance for research and includes the post-graduate teaching department of the University;

h) "Supervisor" means a Ph.D. supervisor who is recognised as Ph.D. supervisor and

i) "University" means the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli.

3. Para for "Procedure for Ph. D. admission and allocation of supervisor" in the Appendix-I of the Direction No. 17 of 2019 be substituted by the following para:

Procedure for Ph. D. admission and allocation of supervisor:

There shall be a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for every subject. The constitution of the committee shall be as under:

a) For University Departments/Centers:

i) Head of the concerned Department / Center - Chairperson

ii) One subject expert (must be recognized supervisor)

Nominated by the Head of the Department / Center - Member

iii) Research Supervisor of the concerned subject - Member Secretary

b) For Affiliated/Autonomous Colleges:

i) Principal - Chairperson

ii) HoD of the concerned subject - Member

iii) One subject expert (must be recognized supervisor)- Member
(to be nominated by the Principal)

iv) Research Supervisor of the concerned subject - Member Secretary

The eligible candidate shall apply to the Research Center (RC) for admission to the Ph.D. programme in the prescribed format well in advance so and such that RC can process their applications and forward to the university before the specified deadlines mentioned in the succeeding paragraph. The RC shall prepare and display the list of eligible candidates along with the schedule of the interview. The schedule of the interview shall be notified 15 days in advance.

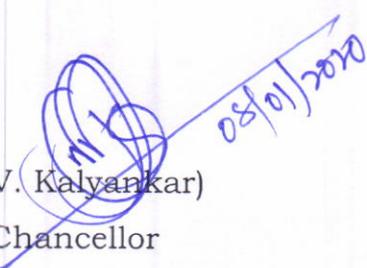
The Candidate shall have to appear for interview before the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for discussing proposed research interest / area of their doctoral degree. The allocation of research supervisor for a selected research scholar shall be decided by the concerned RAC depending on the number of scholars per research supervisor, the available specialization among the supervisors and research interests of the scholars as indicated by them at the time of interview.

In case if RAC feels that topic selected by the candidate is interdisciplinary, then a co-supervisor may be allowed who must be the recognized supervisor of the University. The Research Center (RC) shall ensure compliance with the State reservation policy whilst constituting Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and further that the constituted Research Advisory Committee (RAC) shall take care of reservation policy of the State while allocating the supervisor/s to the inmate applicant research scholars.

The Research Center (RC) shall display the list of selected candidates along with the allocated supervisors who shall be acting as internal evaluators for the Ph.D. thesis. After the interview process, the selected candidate shall submit completed Ph.D. registration application to the university by paying the prescribed fees and depositing essential original documents, on or before 15th January or 15th July of the calendar year as provided in the para 11(iii)(iv)(vi) of Ordinance No. 87 of 2017.

4. The relevant provisions as specified in Appendix-I, para for "Procedure for Ph. D. admission and allocation of supervisor" in the Direction No. 17 of 2019 stands repealed due to issuance of this Direction. However for rest of the matters pertaining to Ph.D. registration, award and other provisions as applicable and specified in Ordinance No 55 of 2017, 87 of 2017, 105 of 2017 and Direction No. 17 of 2019 shall remain in force.

5. For any other matter pertaining to Ph.D. registration and award which is beyond the purview of this Direction and Ordinance Nos. 55 of 2017, 87 of 2017, 105 of 2017 and Direction No. 17 of 2019 shall be referred to the Vice-chancellor and that the decision in the regard by the Vice-chancellor shall be final and binding to all the concerned.


(Dr. N. V. Kalyankar)
Vice-Chancellor

Place: Gadchiroli
Date: 8/01/2020