



GONDWANA UNIVERSITY, GADCHIROLI

DIRECTION NO. 8 OF 2021

“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, 2016 (AMMENDMENT) Direction 2021”

(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, the matter is required to be executed with immediate effect;

AND

Whereas, matter was regulated by issuing Direction No. 17 of 2019 by the Vice Chancellor on dated 3.08.2019;

AND

Whereas, Direction No. 17 of 2019 dated 3/08/2019 is automatically lapsed on 2/02/2020 as provided under the provision of section 12(8) of the Act;

AND

Whereas, making an Ordinance for regulating the given matter is a time consuming process;

Now, therefore, I, Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi, 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, 2016 (AMMENDMENT) DIRECTION 2021”** (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 process of Enrolment, PET examination and 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.

4. 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) "Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET)" means the entrance test conducted by the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli in accordance with the (applicable) rules framed by the University in this regard;
- h) "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;
- i) "Supervisor" means a Ph.D. supervisor who is recognised as Ph.D. supervisor and "External Supervisor" means a Ph.D. supervisor

who is recognised as a Ph.D. supervisor in the university but is not a full time regular teacher of the University/Institution/College, and

j) “University” means the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli.

5. Eligibility Criteria for admission to Ph.D. Programme:

Subject to the compliance with the requirements of this Direction, an applicant, fulfilling the eligibility criteria as recommended by the sub-committee for the purpose and approved by the Academic Council which is appended with this Direction as Appendix-I, shall be eligible to Enrol for PET examination.

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

Subject to the compliance with the requirements of this Direction, an applicant after qualifying PET examination shall have to follow procedure as recommended by the sub-committee for the purpose and approved by the Academic Council which is appended with this Direction as Appendix-I, shall be eligible to be admitted for Ph. D.

7. Recognition of Ph. D. supervisor:

Subject to the compliance with the requirements of this Direction, an applicant desirous of supervising research study/studies, shall fulfil the eligibility criteria as recommended by the sub-committee for the purpose and approved by the Academic Council is appended with this Direction as Appendix-I, shall be eligible to Enrol for PET examination.

8. The relevant provisions as specified in Ordinance No 55 of 2017, 87 of 2017 and 105 of 2017 and Direction No 1 of 2020 stands repealed due to issuance of this Direction. However for rest of the matters pertaining to Ph.D. registration and award, various other provisions as applicable and specified in Ordinance No 55 of 2017, 87 of 2017 and 105 of 2017 and Direction No 1 of 2020 shall remain in force.

9. 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 and 105 of 2017 and Direction No 1 of 2020, 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.



(Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi)
Vice-Chancellor

Place: Gadchiroli
Date: 15/06/2021



GONDWANA UNIVERSITY, GADCHIROLI

(Established by Government of Maharashtra Notification No.MISC-2007/(322/07) UNI-4 Dated 27th Sept. 2011 & Presently a State University governed by Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (Maharashtra Act. No. VI of 2017)

Rules for conducting Online Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) for Registration of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D.)

- University will conduct Online Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) for registration of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy
- To be conducted centrally by the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli
- To be conducted Once in a year
- Applications should be invited online
- External Agency should be appointed by the University which will generate Roll Numbers and Admission Cards and will conduct the PET exam online on behalf of the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli
- Admission Cards shall be provided Online to the candidates.

PET Syllabus

- PET will have one paper with two sections – Section A & Section B
- Section A – 50 Questions - 100 Marks
- Section B – 50 Questions - 100 Marks

Section A- General Aptitude

Note: common to all candidates and medium will be in English / Marathi.

Paper Course Structure:

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| • Logical Reasoning | 10 Marks |
| • Numerical Ability | 10 Marks |
| • Analytical Reasoning | 20 Marks |
| • Language | 10 Marks |
| • Aptitude Test | 10 Marks |
| • General information Awareness of Environment | 10 Marks |
| • Awareness of Computer | 10 Marks |
| • Research Methodology | 20 marks |

Section B- Subject Specific

Based on specific subject in the relevant faculty.

Paper Course-

The Paper Course for Section B shall be as per the prescribed for the respective P.G. course of the Gondwana University. The syllabi will be displayed on the University Website.

General Instructions

-Duration of Examination - 2 Hours (One hour for each section)

-Mandatory to score minimum 50% marks in aggregate for passing the PET exam.

However for the reserved category student S.C. /S.T./ D.T. /N.T. / S.B. C. / O.B.C. (Non Creamy Layer) / SEBC etc., minimum passing will be of 45%.

-Question Bank Committee will be formed by the University & will carry out the work of preparation of Question papers for the Section A & Section B.

-Total Questions in the bank will be minimum 10 times of the total number of questions in a paper in a particular section.

-The appointed External Agency will make the questions available Online at randomly from the Question Bank.

- PET will be conducted online at the specified examination centres
- The validity of PET will be of 3 years.

Fees for PET Examination- Rs. 1000/- for Open Category students and
Rs. 650/- for Reserved Category students

Exemption / Relaxation from the PET

- The candidate who have passed UGC- NET (including GRF)/ UGC-CSIR (including GRF)/SLET/GATE/Teacher fellowship holder will be exempted from PET.
- The Candidates who have passed M.Phil. Exam. (Regular mode- admission to M.Phil. programme through entrance examination) shall be exempted from PET.

Eligibility criteria for PET Exam

The candidate should have passed a Master's degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a 7-point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/VJNT/SBC/OBC (non-creamy layer) / Differently-Abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures.

Candidates who have cleared the M.Phil. course with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and successfully completed the M.Phil. Degree shall be eligible to proceed to do research work leading to the Ph. D. Degree in the **same Institution in an integrated programme**. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC(non-creamy layer)/differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

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 on or before 1st December every year. 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 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 Advisory Committee shall take care of reservation policy of the State while allocating the supervisor/s.

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 confirm the admission by paying the prescribed fees and depositing essential original documents, on or before 31st December of the year.

Recognition for Ph.D. Supervisor:

- Must possess Master's Degree in the relevant subject.
- Must have Ph.D. in the relevant subject/area in which recognition is to be sought.
- Regular Professor of the University/College having at least five research publications in the referred journals
- Regular Associate Professor of the University/College with a Ph.D. degree and at least two research publications in the referred journals
- Assistant Professor at PG level in the University having teaching experience of two years and two research papers in the referred journals
- Assistant Professor at UG level in colleges with Ph.D. and should have teaching experience of five years and two research papers in the referred journals
- Five years of working experience as a Librarian / Director of Physical Education with at least two research publications in the concerned subject in the referred journals
- A person working in institute/organization, in the private or public sector, with not less than ten years of experience as a scientist with Ph.D. Degree and having published at least five research papers in the referred journals.

Students Count -

Professor:	will have the registration of Maximum 8 students
Associate Professor:	will have the registration of Maximum 6 students
Assistant Professor:	will have the registration of Maximum 4 students

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