



## **GONDWANA UNIVERSITY, GADCHIROLI**

### **DIRECTION NO. 28 OF 2022**

#### **“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, DIRECTION, 2022”**

**Whereas**, the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli [hereinafter the “University”] governed by Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 [Mah. Act No. VI of 217] [hereinafter the “Act”] is offering various Certificate, Diploma, Undergraduate, Post-graduate degree programme as well as the programmes leading to the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, in conformity with the standard set by the regulating bodies;

#### **AND**

**Whereas**, the University Grants Commission, in supersession 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 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 published in the Gazette of India No.278, Part III – Section 4, dated 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016, necessitating assimilation of those standards in the body of University law by issuance of an appropriate Ordinance as entries 1 and 5 of section 73 read together requires University to issue Ordinances prescribing the standards of its academic programmes;

#### **AND**

**Whereas**, a three member constituted vide decision on item no. 32 in the meeting of Academic Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 suggested the effective measures for conducting PET examination, procedure for Ph. D. admission and allocation of supervisor and recognition of Ph. D. Supervisor, the recommendation of the above said committee having been accepted by the Academic Council vide item No. 8(2) in its meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019,

it became necessary to issue an Ordinance incorporating the recommendations of the said three member committee endorsed by the Academic Council of the University;

**AND**

**Because** making of an Ordinance is a time consuming process and there was exigency to enforce the norms of Ph. D. prescribed by the U.G.C. vide its above mentioned Regulations of 2016 the University had issued Direction No. 17 of 2019 on 3.08.2019 which has lapsed by virtue of the provisions of proviso to section 12[8] of the Act and since the said Direction could not be converted into an appropriate Ordinance and further since the process of admissions of students for the Ph.D. programmes of the University is required to be administered by the University without interruption it has become imperative to issue a fresh Direction incorporating the provisions of the said lapsed Direction with suitable modifications;

**Now**, therefore, I, Dr, Prashant S. Bokare in exercise of my powers under section 12[8] of the Act do hereby issue the following Direction: -

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, DIRECTION, 2022”**
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 enrollment, 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 prescribed by the University Grants Commission as adopted by the Academic Council of the

University, from time to time, [ presently as contained in Appendix-I of this Direction] shall be eligible to Enroll 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.

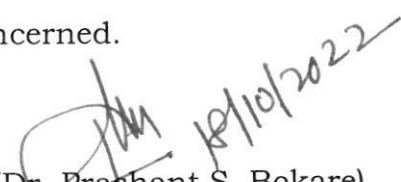
**7. Recognition of Ph. D. supervisor:**

Subject to the compliance with the requirements of this Direction, an applicant desirous of supervising research study/studies, shall fulfil the eligibility criteria prescribed by the UGC and as approved by the Academic Council of the University , from time to time [ presently as contained in Appendix-I of this Direction] shall be eligible to be enrolled as the recognised Ph. D. Supervisor of the University.

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.

Gadchiroli  
Date 18/10/2022

  
(Dr. Prashant S. Bokare)  
Vice-Chancellor