

**Offering of PhD programme by the Multidisciplinary Centers of the Institute:
Amendments to PhD Ordinances and Regulations 2022
(As per the decision of the 96th Meeting of the Senate)**

R.8.1, R9.1 and R9.11 of Ordinances & Regulations for Ph.D. programme applicable to 2022 are extended for offering of PhD programme by the Multidisciplinary Centers of the Institute in the 96th meeting of the Senate (Minute no: S.96.2.11). The relevant ordinances & regulations were approved as follows;

The following guidelines shall be followed to :

1. Candidates possessing government fellowships such as UGC-JRF/CSIR etc. shall be considered for PhD admissions in Centres under scheme I.
2. Institute fellowships are not available for the Ph D programmes run by the Centers.
3. Candidates shall also be admitted under all other PhD schemes (II-VI).
4. Eligibility requirements of the candidates are to be framed by the respective Centers.
5. Scholars joining for the PhD programme run by the Multidisciplinary Centres of the Institute shall not be entitled to receive any equivalent certificate upon acquiring their PhD degree.
6. All the rules and regulations for the respective schemes for the Ph D programme by the Departments (ORDINANCES and REGULATIONS for Ph.D. Programme applicable to 2022-23 admissions onwards) shall be followed by the Centres as well. However, an addendum is included in the regulations regarding R8.1 - Allotment of Guides, R.9.1 - the composition of the Doctoral Committee and R.11- Department Ph D coordinator. These are given as follows:
 - a. **R.8.1:** Guide(s) for a research scholar joining a Center will be allotted by the Center Chairperson concerned, based on the preferences of the research scholar and the prospective supervisors attached to the Centre, after obtaining the consent from the supervisor(s) and the research scholar for the same, as per the stipulated institute guidelines from time to time. The Center Chairperson will send the list of admitted students and the details of the allotted Supervisors to the Dean (Academic) during the first week of the Semester.
 - b. **R.9.1:** The following will be the composition of the Doctoral Committee (DC) for the students attached to the Centres:

- i. DC Chairperson: Centre Chairperson/Professor/Associate Professor attached to the respective Centre at the time of student's admission.
- ii. Member(s): Research Guide (Convener) and co-guide, if any
- iii. Member: One faculty member attached to the respective Center
- iv. Member: One faculty member from other Centres/Departments within the Institute.

The above members including DC Chairperson shall be proposed by the guide and approved by the Dean (Academic).

- c. **R.11:** Ph.D. Coordinator for the Centres: One faculty member attached to any one of the Centres will be nominated by the Dean (Academic) as the Ph.D. Coordinator for the Centres. The major responsibilities of the Ph.D. Coordinator are:

- i. Coordinate the registration formalities of research scholars attached to all the Centres and keep the registration records of all research scholars.
- ii. Coordinate the course work of all research scholars and collect the results after the end semester examinations.
- iii. Results shall be verified/published and copies in the prescribed format have to be submitted to the Academic Section, through the concerned Centre Chairperson.

Amendments to PhD Ordinances and Regulations 2022
(As per the decision of the 99th Meeting of the Senate)

As per the decision of the 99th meeting of the Senate, the following clauses of the Ordinances and Regulations of the Ph. D. programme (applicable to 2022-'23 admission onwards) are amended as given below:

R.14 Comprehensive Examination

R.14.2 . Full-time research scholars with Post Graduate Degree shall appear for the comprehensive examination within 24 months after joining the PhD programme of the Institute.

R.14.3 . Full-time research scholars registered for Direct PhD shall appear for the comprehensive examination within 30 months after joining the PhD program of the Institute.

R.14.4 . External / Internal registrants are permitted a duration up to 6 months over and above the duration mentioned in R.14.2. External (Direct PhD) registrants are permitted a duration up to 6 months over and above the duration mentioned in R.14.3.

R.17 Minimum Duration for Thesis Submission

R.17.2 . The minimum period from the date of first registration for Ph.D. programme to the date of submission of Ph.D. thesis for Direct PhD registration will be 42 months (7 semesters) and for External Direct PhD registration will be 48 months (8 semesters).

R.25 Award of Ph.D. Degree

If the candidate is declared as passed in the Oral Examination, the Ph.D. degree will be awarded to that candidate with effect from the date of Oral Examination, on the recommendation of the Senate and with the approval of the Board of Governors of the Institute. Full time Direct Ph. D candidates will also be awarded with an M. Tech/M. Plan degree in the relevant area of specialization.

R.16 Change of Registration from one Scheme to another

R.16.2 . Scholars who join the program through Scheme I (Full-time registration with Institute Fellowship and other Govt. fellowships) and Scheme II (Full-time Self sponsored category) and get a job offer shall be permitted to continue the program by converting to Scheme V (External or part-time registration) , after satisfying the following conditions:

The research scholar: (a) has completed the prescribed course work, (b) has passed the comprehensive examination (both written and oral), (c) has published a research paper based on the research work in a reputed and indexed journal (Web of Science Core Collection: SCI, SCIE, ESCI, SSCI, AHCI or Scopus) and (d) has completed sufficient quantity of research work that is adjudged as satisfactory by the DC based on the presentation given and detailed report submitted

by the scholar. Additionally, the request for the conversion must be recommended by the DC and the research scholar has to produce a no-objection certificate from the Head of the Institution/Organization, which he/she proposes to join.

R.16.5 . Scholars who joined the PhD programme under Scheme IV (Internal) and supported through funded projects shall be eligible to move to Scheme I (Institute Fellowship) at the time of exhausting the fellowship from the funding agency under the following conditions: (i) Such candidates have to appear for the PhD admission selection process as applicable for Scheme I, conducted by the concerned Department and (ii) such candidates shall be recommended by the concerned Department for conversion of registration to Scheme I (Institute fellowship).

R.12 Progress Evaluation and Report

R.12.1 . All research scholars shall appear minimum once in every semester before the Doctoral Committee for progress evaluation. Progress evaluation meetings of the DC will be convened by the guide. Research scholars shall submit a report of work completed to the DC members prior to the meeting and make a presentation on the progress of work in the DC meeting.