

# ORDINANCE – DOCTORATE OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D) PROGRAMME

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Based on **UGC Regulations of 2016**, this ordinance is applicable to the research programme leading to the award of **Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D)** which may be undertaken in any of the Departments/Institutes of the University, fulfilling the academic, administrative and infrastructure requirements as specified by the UGC.
- 1.2 No **research programme** for the award of **Ph.D.** degree shall, however, be **undertaken** through **distance education mode**.

## 2. ACADEMIC CONTROL

- 2.1 Subject to the general control of the **Academic Council**, research studies for **Ph.D. programme** shall be **organized** by the concerned **Board of Studies** assisted by the Departmental Research Committee (**DRC**)/Research Advisory Committee (**RAC**) in respective discipline.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- 3.1 A candidate for admission to the Ph.D programme **must have obtained** any of the following academic qualifications in the **discipline of research** or a subject **allied thereto** (the alliance to be decided by the Academic Council on the recommendations of the respective **Board of Studies**) at the **Master's degree** level (**M.Tech/M.E., MBA, MCA, M.A, M.Sc., etc.** other than M.Phil) from a recognized University:
  - 3.1.1 **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/CGPA in a 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.
  - 3.1.2 Candidates who have cleared the **M.Phil.** course work with at least 55% **marks in aggregate** or its equivalent **grade 'B'** in the **UGC 7-point scale** (or an equivalent grade/CGPA in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and successfully completing 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**.
  - 3.1.3 A **relaxation of 5% of marks**, from **55% to 50%** or an **equivalent relaxation** of grade/CGPA under **3.1.1** and **3.1.2** above may be allowed for those belonging to **SC/ST/OBC(non-creamy layer)/differently-abled** and other categories of candidates **without** including the **grace marks**.
  - 3.1.4 A person whose **M.Phil. dissertation** has been **evaluated** and the **viva voce** is pending may be **admitted** to the **Ph.D.** programme of the **same Institution** provisionally

**subject to declaration of the result** of his Viva Voce examination declaring him as successful in the M.Phil Programme.

- 3.1.5** Candidates possessing a Degree considered equivalent to M.Phil. Degree of an Indian Institution, 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, shall be **eligible** for **admission** to **Ph.D.** programme.
- 3.1.6** The candidates, who have passed the qualifying examinations from any foreign **University**, will have to submit **equivalence certificates** from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi.

#### **4. DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME:**

- 4.1** **Ph.D.** programme shall be for a **minimum** duration of **three years**, including **course work** and a **maximum** of **six years**. However candidate is to do research work for a minimum duration of two years after the approval of synopsis by the Research Advisory Committee.
- 4.2** The **women candidates** and **Persons with Disability** (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a **relaxation of two years** for **Ph.D.** in the **maximum** duration. In addition, the **women candidates** may be provided **Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave** **once** in the entire duration of Ph.D. for up to **240 days**.

#### **5. PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION:**

- 5.1** The University shall admit Ph.D. students through an **Entrance Test** conducted at the level of the University. The candidates who have already **qualified M.Phil** comprising **course work** after **seeking admission through Entrance Test** or have qualified **UGC-CSIR NET** (including **JRF**)/**SLET/GATE** or those who have been awarded **Teacher Fellowship** by the **UGC** or any other **Regulating Councils** for carrying on research leading to the **Ph.D. Programme** shall be **exempted** from **appearing** in the **Entrance Test**.
- 5.2** Every year the Departments/Institutes of the University shall decide through their academic bodies (**Departmental Research Committee**) a **predetermined** and manageable **number of Ph.D. scholars to be admitted** depending on the number of **available Research Supervisors**; required infrastructure; research promotion **facilities**; research **labs, library** and availability of such other **academic and physical facilities** keeping in mind the **norms** regarding the **scholar-teacher ratio** as referred to in **clause 7.5** hereunder.
- 5.3** The **University** shall **notify** well in advance in the institutional **website** and through **advertisement** in at least **two national newspapers**, of which at least one shall be in the **regional language**, the number of seats for admission, **subject/discipline-wise** distribution of available seats, **criteria** for **admission**, procedure for admission,

examination centre(s) where **entrance test(s)** shall be conducted and all other **relevant details** for information of the candidates seeking admissions.

**5.4** The admissions shall be made **on the basis** of the **criteria notified** by the University keeping in view the **guidelines/norms** in this regard issued by the **UGC** and other **statutory bodies** concerned and taking into account the **reservation policy** of the Govt. from time to time as applicable in the case of the Self Financing institutions.

**5.5** In pursuance of the **Admission Notice** got published by the University, the candidates shall apply for enrollment as Research Scholars for Ph.D. Programme in the University on the **prescribed proforma** which can be obtained from the Maharishi Markandeshwar University, Sadopur - Ambala. The applications so received shall be **submitted to the Department/Institute** concerned where the same will be **scrutinized** and then placed before the **Departmental Research Committee (DRC)**.

The Departmental Research Committee (**DRC**) **headed** by the **Director/Principal/Head of the Department/Institute** shall **consist** of the following:

- (1) All the **Professors** of the Department/Institute.
- (2) One **Associate Professor/Reader** of the Department/Institute possessing the research degree of Ph.D. to be associated on seniority by rotation on year to year basis.
- (3) One **Assistant Professor/Lecturer** of the Department/Institute possessing the research degree of Ph.D. to be associated on seniority by rotation on year to year basis.

**5.6** The **University** shall **admit candidates** by a two stages process through:

**5.6.1** An **Entrance Test** shall be qualifying with **qualifying marks as 50%**. The syllabi of the Entrance Test shall consist of **50% of research methodology** and **50%** shall be **subject specific**.

**5.6.2** The **Entrance Test** shall be **followed** by **interview/viva-voce** to be organized by the Department/Institute concerned when the candidates are required to discuss their **research interest/area** through a presentation before a duly constituted **Departmental Research Committee (DRC)**.

**5.6.3** The interview/viva voce shall also consider the aspects viz. whether the candidate possesses the **competence** for the **proposed research**; if the proposed research work **can be suitably undertaken** at the **institution/department**; and if the proposed **area of research** can **contribute to new/additional knowledge**.

**5.6.4** The **merit** of the candidates **exempted from appearing in the Entrance Test** shall be **determined** on the basis of their **academic merit** followed by **interview/viva voce** alongwith other candidates.

**5.6.5** The candidates who have been sanctioned **Teacher Fellowship** by the **UGC** or anyother Regulating Body shall be admitted on the basis of interview/viva-voce subject to **availability of seat** in the Department / Institute.

- 5.7 The list of all the **registered students** of Ph.D. shall be **maintained/ uploaded** on its **website** on **year-wise** basis. The list shall include the names of the **registered candidates**, **topics** of their research, names of their **supervisors/co-supervisors**, date of **enrolment/registration**, etc.
- 5.8 The **recommendations** with regard to the **suitability** of the **research scholars** made by the Departmental Research Committee (**DRC**) approved by the **Vice-Chancellor** shall be **final**.
- 5.9 The **selected candidates** will have to **deposit the admission dues** as prescribed by the **University** from time to time and will be **enrolled** as a **research scholar with effect from the date** he/she deposit the fee.
6. **COURSE WORK**
- 6.1 The **credit assigned** to the **Ph.D. course work** shall be a **minimum of 08 credits** and a **maximum of 16 credits**.
- 6.2 The **course work** shall be treated as **prerequisite** for **Ph.D. preparation**. A **minimum of four credits** shall be assigned to **one or more courses on Research Methodology** which could cover areas such as **quantitative methods, computer applications, research ethics** and **review of published research** in the relevant **field, training, field work**, etc. **Other courses** shall be of **advanced level courses** preparing the students for Ph.D. degree.
- 6.3 All courses prescribed for **Ph.D. course work** shall be **in conformity** with the **credit hour instructional requirement** and shall **specify content, instructional** and **assessment methods**. They shall be duly **approved by the authorized academic bodies** i.e. **Academic Council** on the recommendations of the respective **Board of Studies**.
- 6.4 The **Department/Institute** where the scholar pursues his/her research shall **prescribe** the **course(s)** to him/her based on the **recommendations** of the **Research Advisory Committee**, as stipulated under **Clause 9.1** below, of the research scholar.
- 6.5 All candidates **admitted** to the **Ph.D. programmes** shall be required to **complete the course work** prescribed by the Department/Institute during the **initial one or two semesters**.
- 6.6 Candidates **already holding M. Phil. degree and admitted to the Ph.D. programme**, or those who have **already completed the course work in M.Phil.** and have been permitted to proceed to the **Ph.D. in integrated course, may be exempted from the Ph.D. course work**. All other candidates admitted to the **Ph.D. programme** shall be required to **complete the Ph.D. course work** prescribed by the University.
- 6.7 **Grades in the course work**, including **research methodology** courses shall be **finalized** after a **combined assessment by the Research Advisory Committee and the Department** and the **final grades shall be communicated to the Institution/College** preferably within **ten days** of the examination of the last paper.
- 6.8 **Ph.D. scholar** has to **obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade** in the **UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade/CGPA in a point scale)** in the **course work** in order to become **eligible** to continue in the programme and submit the **thesis**.

## 7. ALLOCATION OF SUPERVISOR

- 7.1 Any regular **Professor** of the **University/Institute** with **at least five research publications in refereed journals** and any regular **Associate/Assistant Professor** of the university/institute with a **Ph.D.** degree and **at least two research publications in refereed journals** may be **recognized as Research Supervisor**.

**Provided** that in **areas/disciplines** where there is **no** or only a **limited number** of **refereed journals**, the **University may relax the above condition for recognition of a person as Research Supervisor** with **reasons** to be recorded in writing duly recommended by the **Research Advisory Committee**.

- 7.2 **Only a full time regular teacher** of the **University/Institute** can act as a **supervisor**. The **external supervisors are not allowed**. However, **Co-Supervisor can be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas from other department of the same institute or from other related institution** with the approval of the **Research Advisory Committee**.

- 7.3 The allocation of **Research Supervisor** for a selected research scholar shall be **decided** by the **Department/Institute** concerned depending on the **number** of scholars per **Research Supervisor**, the available **specializations** among the **Supervisors** and **research interests** of the **scholars** as **indicated by them at the time of interview/viva voce**.

- 7.4 In the case of **topics** which are of **inter-disciplinary nature** where it is felt that the **expertise** in the Department/Institute has to be supplemented from outside, the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) **may appoint a Research Supervisor** from the Department/Institute itself, who shall be known as the **Research Supervisor**, and a **Co-Supervisor from outside the Department/ Faculty/ College / Institution** on such terms as may be **agreed upon** with **reasons** to be recorded in writing.

- 7.5 A Research Supervisor/Co-Supervisor who is a Professor, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than Eight (8) Ph.D. scholars. An Associate Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to maximum of six (6) Ph.D. scholars and an Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of four (4) Ph.D. scholars.

**Provided** that the **seat allocated** to a Research Scholar shall be treated as vacant from the date of submission of Ph.D. Theses by the Research **Scholar**.

- 7.6 In case of **relocation** of a **Ph.D. woman scholar due to marriage** or **otherwise**, the research data shall be allowed to be **transferred to the University** to which the scholar intends to relocate provided all the other conditions in these regulations are followed in letter and spirit and the **research work does not pertain to the project secured by the parent institution/supervisor** from any funding agency. The scholar will, however, give **due credit to the parent guide** and the **institution** for the part of **research** already done

If the **Supervisor** of a candidate **leaves the University** before the **completion of the research work** and/or is **otherwise unable to see the work through**, due to some valid reason(s), the **Vice-Chancellor** may **allow the change** of the **Supervisor**, on the recommendation of the **Research Advisory Committee**.

## 8. SYNOPSIS AND TOPIC:

8.1 After deposit of the dues, the candidate will submit the **synopsis** of his/her proposed research programme for presentation of a seminar before the Research Advisory Committee and allocation of Supervisor from within the Department/Institute and, if need be, a Co-Supervisor from other Departments/Institutes. The synopsis approved by the **Research Advisory Committee** will be placed before the Board of Studies of the Department/Institute for its consideration and approval. However, the process of submission of the synopsis in the case of those who were required to undergo course work will start after the satisfactory completion of the course work. The candidates will be required to finalize their synopses and topics in the Institute/College **within one month** of the declaration of **result of Course Work**.

Provided that the candidates who are **exempted** from undergoing the **course work** will be required to get their **topics and synopses** finalized from the **Research Advisory Committee (RAC) within one month** from the date of deposit of the admission dues.

8.2 After approval of the topic and synopsis of the Research Scholar with name of the Supervisor/Co-Supervisor by the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of the Institute/Department concerned, the Chairman of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC), will host/upload the **Synopsis** on the topic approved on the **INFLIBNET** website of 'Shodhgangotri (**shodhgangotri.inflibnet.ac.in**)' within fifteen days of the approval by the Research Advisory Committee (RAC), with a soft copy of the same in the form of **PDF File** to the **University Co-ordinator for INFLIBNET Collaboration**.

8.3 The **research topic** of a candidate can be allowed to be **modified** within one year from the date of approval of the topic and the synopsis by the **Research Advisory Committee (RAC)**. However, the **date of registration shall remain the same**. In case the research topic of the Ph.D. Programme of any candidate is modified at any subsequent stage, the **synopsis** on the **modified topic** will also have to be got **uploaded** on the website of the **INFLIBNET** by the Chairman, Research Advisory Committee (RAC) **within fifteen days** of the approval of the same by the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and will finally be approved by the Academic Council on the recommendations of the Board of Studies concerned.

Further the candidate will be required to work for atleast two years on changed topic from the date of approval of the same by the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) subject to maximum duration of six years.

## 9. RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

9.1 There shall be a **Research Advisory Committee, for each of the Ph.D. Programmes** comprising the following with **Director/Principal/HOD** of the Department/Institute as **Chairman** of the **Research Advisory Committee**:

- (1) All the **Professors** of the Department/Institute.
- (2) One **Associate Professor/Reader** of the Department / Institute possessing the research degree of Ph.D. to be associated on seniority by rotation on year to year basis.
- (3) One **Assistant Professor/Lecturer** of the Department / Institute possessing the research degree of Ph.D. to be associated on seniority by rotation on year to year basis

The **Research Supervisor(s)** of the concerned scholar shall also act as **Member of the Research Advisory Committee and will be coordinating** the matters concerning the **Research Scholars working under his/her supervision**. This **Committee** shall have the **following responsibilities**:

- 9.1.1 To **review the research proposals and finalize the topics of research** alongwith the name(s) of the **Supervisor/Co-Supervisor** for final approval by the **Academic Council** on the recommendations of the respective **Board of Studies**.
- 9.1.2 To **guide the research scholars** to develop their **study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s)** that they may have to do.
- 9.1.3 To **periodically review and assist in the progress** of the **research work** of the **research scholars**.
- 9.2 Each of the **research scholars** shall appear before the **Research Advisory Committee** once in six months to make a **presentation of the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance**. The **six monthly progress reports duly approved by Research Advisory Committee (RAC)** shall be submitted to the **University** and copy of the same should be retained by the **Research scholar**.
- 9.3 In case the **progress of the research scholar is unsatisfactory**, the **Research Advisory Committee** shall **record the reasons** for the same and suggest **corrective measures**. If the **research scholar fails to implement these corrective measures**, the **Research Advisory Committee** may **recommend** to the **University** for **cancellation** of the **registration** of the research scholar **with specific reasons**.

## 10. Admission & Evaluation Fee

- 10.1 **Admission Fees, Annual Fee, Evaluation Fee, etc.** to be paid by the candidates shall be as **prescribed** by the **University from time to time**. In case any candidate **does not pay his/her dues in time**, his/her registration/enrolment **shall be cancelled** without any **further notice**.

## 11. JOINING OF OTHER COURSE

- 11.1 No candidate shall join **any other course of study** or appear in **any other examination** while pursuing research. The **Vice-Chancellor** may, however, **allow a candidate to appear in an examination** or to **attend a course** in this University which is **relevant to his/her research** and is of **minor nature**, including **improvement** of any **previous result**.

## 12. SUBMISSION OF THESIS

- 12.1 Upon **satisfactory completion of the course work**, and obtaining the **marks/grade** as prescribed in **clause 6.8** above, as the case may be, the **Ph.D.** scholar shall be **required to undertake research** work and produce a draft thesis **within four years but not before three years from the date of registration to the Ph.D. Programme** in the University unless the period is **extended** by the Vice Chancellor on the **recommendations** of his/her **Supervisor** and the **Research Advisory Committee** on yearly basis up to a **maximum of 6 years** subject to the provisions under **clause 4.2** of this Ordinance.

- 12.2** Prior to the **submission** of the **thesis**, the scholar shall make a **pre submission** in the form of **presentation** before the **Research Advisory Committee** of the Department/Institute concerned which shall also be **open** to all **faculty members** and other **research scholars**. The **feedback** and **comments** obtained from them may be **suitably incorporated** into the **draft thesis** in consultation with the **Research Advisory Committee** under the **guidance** of his/her **supervisor**.
- 12.3** **Ph.D.** scholars **must publish** at least **one research paper in refereed journal** and make **two paper presentations** in **conferences/seminars** before the submission of the **thesis** for adjudication, and produce **evidence** for the same in the form of **presentation certificates/ acceptance and/or reprints** at the time of requesting for **pre-submission** alongwith **evaluation fee**, request for **appointment of Examiners**, **No Dues** from the University and **Completion Certificate** duly countersigned by the **Supervisor**. The Board of Studies will send the approved panel of examiners alongwith the abstract of nearly 1000 words to the examination branch within a week of pre-submission for further necessary action.
- Provided** that the **research scholars** will have to **submit** the **Thesis within three months** from the date of **pre-submission** before the **Research Advisory Committee** or up to the **last date** of the **expiry** of the **Ph.D. registration** period whichever is earlier **failing which** whole process for **pre-submission** will have to be **initiated** afresh **De-novo** with such additional **fee** as may be **fixed** by the University from time to time in case his/her **registration period** has **not yet been over**.
- 12.4** The **Academic Council** of the University shall **evolve** and **notify** a **mechanism** using well developed **software and gadgets to detect plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty**. While submitting for evaluation, the thesis shall have an **undertaking** from the **research scholar** and a **certificate from the Research Supervisor** attesting to the **originality** of the work, **vouching** that there is **no plagiarism**, duly **verified** by the **Research Advisory Committee** and that the work **has not been** submitted for the award of **any other degree/diploma** of the **same University** where the work was carried out, or to **any other** University.
- 12.5** The Academic Council of the University shall also frame guidelines with regard to the formatting and designing of the Ph.D. Thesis uniformly applicable on all Research Scholars for submission of their theses to the University for evaluation.
- 12.6** If a candidate **fails to submit his/her thesis** within a period of **four years** and **does not apply** for **extension** before the **expiry of his/her period**, his/her **registration** will stand **automatically cancelled** without any further notice by the University. The period of **four years** for submission of Ph.D. thesis may be **extended** in exceptional cases, by a maximum of **two years** subject to provision under clause 4.2 on **yearly basis** by the **Vice-Chancellor** on the recommendation of the **Supervisor(s)** and the **Research Advisory Committee (RAC)**.
- 12.7** The Ph.D. **thesis** shall be **presented** in **English** only, unless the topic requires it otherwise.
- 12.8** Every **thesis** shall be a **piece of research** characterized either by **discovery of new facts** or **enunciation of a new theory or theories** or by **fresh interpretation** of **known facts**. In any case, it shall **evinced** the **capacity of the candidate** for **critical**



**examination and judgment.** The **linguistic presentation** of the thesis should be of a **high standard** i.e. **concise**, laid out **logically** and in **proper sequence**, far from **grammatical** and **typographical errors** and **referenced** properly. **No thesis** shall be **accepted** with any kind of **dedication statement**.

**12.9** The research scholar shall submit **four typed or photostat copies** of his/her thesis **alongwith six Soft Copies of the same in the form of CD in PDF file**. The scholar shall also **submit four copies** of the **summary** of the thesis in about **1000 words**.

### **13. EVALUATION OF THESIS & AWARD OF THE DEGREE, ETC.**

**13.1** The **University** shall **develop appropriate methods** so as to **complete** the entire **process of evaluation** of Ph.D. thesis **within a period of six months** from the date of **submission** of the **thesis**.

**13.2** The Ph.D. thesis submitted by a research scholar shall be **evaluated by his/her Research Supervisor** and at least **two external examiners** of whom **one examiner** may be from **outside the country**, selected by the **Vice Chancellor** out of a **panel of 8-10 experts** approved by the **Board of Studies** in respective discipline.

**13.3** When the **evaluation reports** from **both the external examiners** have been received, the public **viva-voce** of the research scholar to defend the thesis shall be conducted only if the **evaluation reports** of **both the external examiners** on the **thesis** are **satisfactory** and include a **specific recommendation** for **conducting** the **viva-voce** examination. If **one** of the evaluation reports of the **external examiners**, is **unsatisfactory** and **does not** recommend **viva-voce**, the Institution shall send the thesis to **another external examiner** out of the **approved panel of examiners** and the **viva-voce** examination shall be held only if the **report** of the **latest examiner** is **satisfactory**. If the **report** of the **latest examiner** is also **unsatisfactory**, the thesis shall **be rejected** and the **research scholar** shall be declared **ineligible** for the award of the degree.

**13.4** The **evaluator** will state **categorically** whether in his/her opinion:

(i) **Thesis** should be **accepted** for the award of **Ph.D.** Degree and is **recommended** for **viva voce** examination;

OR

(ii) It should be rejected. The evaluator shall state reasons for approval or rejection of the thesis.

In case of any **doubt** or **conflict** between the **reports** by the **External Examiners**, the matter will be referred to the **Research Degree Committee** comprising the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean of the Faculty concerned and the HOD/Dean Research which will examine the reports for making **recommendations** to the **Vice-Chancellor** if the **thesis** be **referred** to the **third examiner** or **viva** to be got **conducted**.

**13.5** The **viva-voce** examination, based **among** other things, on the **critiques given in the evaluation reports**, shall be **conducted by the Research Supervisor** and at least **one** of the **two external examiners** preferably the one from within the country, and shall be **open** to be **attended** by the **members** of the **Research Advisory Committee**, all **faculty** members of the Department/Institute, **other** interested experts/researchers and research scholars.

- 13.6** If the **examiner** appointed by the University is **unable** or **unwilling** to conduct the **viva-voce** examination, **another name** will be picked up by the Vice-Chancellor from the **panel already approved** by the **Board of Studies** to conduct the Viva.
- 13.7** The scholar will have to **present himself/herself** for the **viva-voce** examination when **fixed** by the University **failing which** he/she will be **declared ineligible** for the award of **Degree**. However, in case the scholar is **unable** to attend the **viva-voce** on the **fixed date** for any unavoidable reason, the Controller of Examinations on a **request by the** scholar in writing with an **additional fee** as may be prescribed by the University can allow **one time postponement** of the date up to a maximum period of **three months** from the date previously fixed by the University, **failing which** the candidate will be declared ineligible for the award of Degree.
- 13.8** When received, the **reports** of all the **examiners** for the **evaluation** of the thesis and **viva voce** shall be placed before the **Research Degree Committee**. It shall be the function of the Committee to **consider** the **reports** and to **recommend** to the Vice-Chancellor whether:-

(a) The degree be awarded:-

OR

The thesis be rejected.

After the **approval** of the **recommendations** of the **Research Degree Committee**, the Controller of Examinations will **notify** the **result** accordingly.

- 13.9** After **finalization** of the **award** of **Ph.D.** Degree, **one copy** of the thesis **with soft copy** will be sent to the **University Library** and the **other** to the **Departmental/Institutional Library**. The third copy will be kept as **record** in the office for **five years** after which it will also be sent to the University Library. The **Supervisor** in his capacity as **Internal Examiner** will **retain his copy** for his reference.

#### **14. DEPOSITORY WITH INFLIBNET**

- 14.1** Following the **successful completion** of the **evaluation process** and before the **announcement** of the award of **Ph.D. degree**, the **Controller of Examinations** shall submit an **electronic copy** of the thesis in the form of **PDF file** to the **Co-ordinator - INFLIBNET Collaboration** of the **University**, who will host/upload the same on the INFLIBNET website of [Shodhganga@inflibnet.ac.in](mailto:Shodhganga@inflibnet.ac.in), so as to make it **accessible** to other **Institutions/Universities**.
- 14.2** Prior to the actual award of the Degree, the University shall issue a **provisional certificate** to the effect that the **Degree** has been **awarded** in accordance with the provisions of **UGC regulations, 2016**.

#### **15. AWARD OF PH.D. DEGREE PRIOR TO UGC REGULATIONS of 2016:**

- 15.1** Award of degrees to candidates registered for the **Ph.D. programme** on or **after July 11, 2009** till the date of **Notification** of these Regulations shall be **governed** by the provisions of the **UGC (Minimum Standards and procedure for Awards of Ph.D Degree) Regulation, 2009**.

**16. RECOGNITION OF PH.D. DEGREE OF FOREIGN UNIVERSITY:**

**16.1** If the **Ph.D. degree** is awarded by a **Foreign University**, the University shall refer the issue to a **Standing Committee** constituted for the purpose of **determining** the **equivalence** of the degree awarded by the **foreign University**.

**17. PUBLICATION OF THESIS:**

**No thesis** shall be **published** without **prior permission** of the University. The research scholar may apply to the **Principal/Director/ Head** of the **Department/Institute** for **permission to publish** his/her **thesis** within **five years** from the date of **notification** for the award of degree. The **Director/Principal/HOD** shall satisfy himself/herself that the thesis is in **publishable** form. He/she will be **guided** by the **reports** of the **examiners**. A **certificate** will be **obtained** from the **Supervisor** to the effect that necessary **improvements** suggested by him/her and the **examiners** have been **properly carried out**.