Guidelines for Admission of the Candidates for Ph.D Programme under Regulations 2016, Governing the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D), in Bangalore University for the academic year 2019-20.

I. The admission of candidates those exempted from entrance test and those appear in the entrance test shall be conducted in the ratio of 50-50 among the available vacancies in each Department. However, if the seats earmarked for the non-entrance and entrance categories remain vacant, the same may be filled from the other category and vice-versa in each Department. The Candidates shall apply as per the conditions/procedure stated in the notification for Ph.D. admissions.

II. Mode of Entrance Test:

1. The entrance test for admission to Ph. D Programmes will be conducted centrally on the pattern of NET examination (MCQ Papers).
2. There shall be one paper in the entrance test carrying 100 marks and shall be of 120 minutes duration.
3. There shall be 50 multiple choice questions (each carrying two marks).
4. Syllabus for the Entrance Test shall be on Research Methodology and / or cognate/core subjects of the P. G. courses.
5. Paper shall be based on the respective discipline, in which the candidate intends to pursue the Ph.D Programme. The questions shall be based on the current syllabus of the Research Methodology (10%) and / or cognate/core subjects (90%) of the P. G. courses. The medium of language for paper setting shall be English except in Social Sciences with the latter papers will be set in both Kannada and English (in Faculty of Arts and Education/Physical Education except for languages).
6. Each Paper shall be set by two external experts chosen by the Vice-Chancellor out of the panel of 8 experts drawn from the approved respective P.G. List of external examiners. Each expert shall prepare one set of question paper with key answers, consisting of 100 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ), distributed evenly among all the units in each course with Kannada version wherever applicable.
7. The conduct of Entrance Test/ Valuation may be through the Registrar (Evaluation)/Chief Co-ordinator/co-ordinators appointed by the University for the said purpose or any other Officer of exam branch entrusted in collaboration with any reputed organization/agency.
8. Consolidated Merit List of all the candidates shall be prepared on the basis of the marks obtained in the entrance test and marks obtained in the qualifying examination in the ratio of 50:50. However, the candidate has to secure a overall minimum of 55% marks (50% for SC/ST/Cat-I/ OBC candidates to be eligible for provisional registration.

The Merit List of the candidates who have cleared UGC/UGC-CSIR-JRF Test/NET/K-SLET/K-SET/GATE FIP/QIP/ Recognized young researchers by DST, UGC, CSIR, AICTE etc./ obtained M.Phil degree through regular course work project fellow in sponsored major research projects/ Foreign candidates.
10. All such candidate do not figure in the list mentioned above shall have to do the Ph.D Entrance Examination. Names that appear in the Consolidated Merit List shall be notified and considered for the present vacancies only.

The allocation of candidates to the research supervisors shall be done by the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) in the University P.G Department, consisting of all the research supervisors on the following basis:

i. Admissions shall be made by filling only the existing vacancies with a research supervisor, strictly on the basis of the consolidated merit list furnished by the Registrar (Eval) at the time of counselling. No new additions shall be made to this consolidated merit list under any circumstance.

ii. Admissions shall be made by strictly following the roster system;

iii. Admissions shall be made by strictly adhering to the rankings secured by the candidates in the consolidated merit list, irrespective of the specialisation of the research supervisor.

iv. The vacancies shall be allotted equally to the Entrance and non-Entrance categories. However the vacant seats, if any, are mutually transferable.

v. In case two candidates secure the same ranking in the entrance test, then the marks scored by the candidate in the P.G. examination shall be considered.

vi. No research supervisor shall be allowed to guide candidates exceeding the maximum limit as stipulated in Clause 6.7. Under no circumstances can this be exceeded.

11. After the notification of Consolidated Merit List, the university may arrange for the counselling before the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) at the University PG department for the allotment of research supervisor/guide or may ask the departmental research committee of the respective department under the chairpersonship of the P.G Department to allot the candidates to the Research Supervisors based on the merit list, specialization stream of the candidate and the Research Supervisor and the willingness of both the Research Supervisor and the Candidate.

12. No research guide shall act as an examiner for the Entrance Test if their relative (as specified by the University from time to time) is appearing for the Ph.D entrance examination.
13. The merit/eligibility list of the qualified candidates who appeared for the entrance test, shall be displayed on the Notice Board of the respective P.G. Departments, also indicating the day and time of the interview/ counselling. Attending the interview/ counselling is mandatory.

14. The marks of candidates at the Entrance Test are valid for that examination only. The vacancies which arise subsequently in P.G. Departments in BUB and recognized research centers shall be filled only against the notification made by the University for Admission to Ph. D Programme.

III. Selection of Candidates

1. Selection of candidates exempted from appearing at the entrance test.

The order of priority for selection of these candidates to the Ph.D. programme shall be as follows:

a) Candidate sponsored by ICCR.

b) Candidates who have qualified at UGC JRF(within validity period)/ UGC-CSIR JRF examination.

c) Candidates who have qualified at NET for Lectureship examination.

d) Candidates who have qualified in accredited K-SLET/K-SET examination.

e) Candidates who have qualified in GATE (within validity period and with required score).

f) Recognized young researchers by DST, UGC, CSIR, AICTE etc.

g) Candidates who have obtained M.Phil. degree through regular course work and not through distance education mode.

h) Project Fellows/ Project Assistants working in sponsored major research projects.

i) Candidates on FIP/QIP.

j) Foreign candidates fulfilling the requirement of eligibility vide 4.1 to 4.4 of the Regulations Governing the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D), 2016 (wherever applicable).

Note: Inter se merit of the candidates in case of tie, in a particular category shall be decided on the basis of their score at the qualifying Post Graduate examination, without prejudice to the order of priority mentioned above.

2. The list of qualified candidates who are exempted from taking the entrance test shall be displayed on the Notice Board of the Department.

3. In each Department, details of research areas of various staff members shall be put up on the Notice Board.

4. The Department shall hold interview/counselling of the candidates at the Department or at centralized place as decided by the University. The candidates shall submit their areas of interest in the order of their choice prior to the interview. At the time of interview, both research guides and doctoral candidates will discuss their research interest/area.
5. Eligibility to appear for the counselling shall not be construed as confirmation of registration for Ph.D.

6. After holding counselling with the eligible candidates, the Chairperson of the Department centralized counselling committee shall allot/allocate candidates to research supervisors paying due attention to the reservation policy of the State Government/under the Regulations, the number of students per guide, their specialization and the research interest of the candidate. The number of candidates per guide may be as under:

1. A Professor is allowed to guide a **maximum of eight candidates**. The candidates shall be distributed on the following basis: a) GM - 4; b) SC - 1; c) ST/Cat-I - 1; d) IIA - 1; e) IIB/IIIA/IIIB - 1.

2. An Associate Professor is allowed to guide a **maximum of six candidates**. The candidates shall be distributed on the following basis: a) GM - 3; b) SC/ST/Cat-I - 1; d) IIA - 1; e) IIB/IIIA/IIIB - 1.

3. An Assistant Professor is allowed to guide a **maximum of four candidates**. The candidates shall be distributed on the following basis: a) GM - 2; b) SC/ST/Cat-I - 1; e) IIA/IIB/IIIA/IIIB - 1.

4. Teachers in recognized Research Centres: Initially 2 and depending upon performance of the guide, a maximum 4 (subject to confirmation from the Principal or Head of the recognized centre, that the supervisor will not be transferred/would not leave the Institution during the next 3 years).

Generally, the candidates will be allotted only to the guides who have not less than two(one) year of service as on the date of notification or has evidence of his continuation on some assignment. The exact number of vacancies in each Department/research center will be announced prior to the date of counselling and displayed on the Department notice Board.

**2. Selection of candidates qualifying at the entrance test**

1. The merit list of all the candidates qualifying in the Entrance Test shall be prepared on the basis of their score in the entrance test and qualifying examination in the ratio of 50:50.

2. The allocation of guide shall be strictly on the basis of merit/eligibility list, area of specialization and willingness of both the guide & the candidate.

3. The list of approved candidates and the names of the research guide allotted/allocated to each one of them shall be submitted to the Registrar (Evaluation). While submitting this list, the Chairperson of the Department has to ensure that the tentative research topics are finalized by the research guides and their candidates.
Note: Inter se merit of the candidates in case of tie shall be decided on the basis of their score at the qualifying Post Graduate examination.

IV. 1. Candidates for admission to the Ph.D. programme shall have a Master's degree from a University recognised by the UGC 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 an equivalent grade 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.

4.2. A maximum relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/Cat-I/OBC /differently abled and other categories of candidate as specified by the Government from time-to-time.

4.3 Candidates possessing a Degree considered equivalent to M.Phil. Degree of an Indian Institution (under the regular mode) or 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. The decision of the Registrar (Eval) shall be final regarding equivalence.

4.4. Candidates who have cleared the M.Phil. course work through the regular mode with at least 55% marks in aggregate or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed, shall be eligible to proceed to do research work leading to the Ph.D Degree. A maximum relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/Cat-I/ OBC (non-creamy layer)/ differently abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Government from time-to-time.

2. In case of transfer/retirement/death etc., of the guide in the recognized research centers, the Principal shall provide all facilities to the candidates admitted under such guides and also shall make suitable arrangements for new guide, wherever required, with the approval of the University. He/ She shall give an undertaking to the University to that effect.

Further, in case of recognized research centers in a Government/private P.G. College /institution, the guide shall produce a certificate obtained from the concerned authority/Principal that such guide will not be transferred for a minimum period of 3 years from the date of allotment of candidates to such guides so as to enable the allotted candidates to complete their research and to avoid any inconvenience to the candidates.
3. Hostel facility will be provided only to the full-time candidates admitted to University P.G. Departments only subject to availability. No hostel facility will be given by the University to candidates admitted in recognized research centers of either Government/private college or those who are admitted on part-time basis.

V. General:

a. All the full time/ regular research scholars (regardless of whether they receive scholarships or not) shall sign in the attendance book regularly.

b. When students proceed on leave with due permission from the concerned authorities, the same shall be written in the attendance book and leave requests are maintained by the Chairperson.

c. Any leave of absence by the scholar shall be immediately reported by the concerned supervisor /Guide to the Chairman of the department who is fully responsible to monitor the attendance of the research scholars.

d. Unauthorized absence beyond 3 days shall be reported to the University by the concerned supervisor through Chairperson.

e. When a student meets with an accident or undergoes hospitalization or takes-up job elsewhere etc., it should be brought to the notice of the University authorities within a week by the guide through the Chairperson for appropriate action in the matter.

f. The supervisors are solely responsible to ensure that change of title of the thesis and extension of terms are sought well in time and not after the lapse of the due dates. No excuses are entertained except under exceptional cases like hospitalization/accidents (supported by relevant documents.)

g. If students are hospitalized, the guides may write to the University on behalf of the students and seek leave/ extension of terms etc., as may be required.

h. In cases of delay in seeking extension of terms/ payment of term fee, the University has the right to cancel the registration without any notice to the candidate.

i. The researchers availing facility of Faculty improvement programme of UGC have to be regular in the department and the departments shall send their attendance certificates every month to CDC (College Development Council) and the CDC in turn shall send the same to the colleges concerned duly endorsed.

By Order,

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REGISTRAR (EVALUATION)