

Ph.D. (Doctor of Philosophy) REGULATIONS, 2018

[In pursuance of University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D Degrees) Regulations, 2016]

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Sandip University Nashik has a strong commitment to high quality research for quality education and enhances the professional competence of the students rich in knowledge and innovative in approach. The Sandip University Nashik offers Ph.D Programs and is required to have a regulation which governs the description of programme, admission procedure, appointment of supervisors, imparting courses of instructions, implementation methodology, conduct of the examinations, evaluation of scholar's performance leading to award of Ph.D. Degree and other rules for smooth and transparent flow of activities. This Regulation shall be called, 'Ph.D. Regulation 2018.

DEFINITIONS AND NOMENCLATURE

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires;

- a) **"Programme"** means Doctoral Programme leading to award of Ph.D. in Engineering / Technology / Science / Social Sciences & Humanities / Management Studies etc. both Full Time and Part Time modes.
- b) **"Course"** means a theory or practical subject that may be prescribed by the Doctoral Committee for the candidate to undergo as a part of the programme requirement.
- c) **"University"** means Sandip University, Mahiravini, Triambak Road, Nashik, MS, India 422 013.
- d) **"School"** means school within Sandip University, Nashik, existing or may be constituted by the Board of Management of university from time to time under the provision of Sandip University Act.
- e) **"Department"** means the department under the any school of Sandip University, Nashik
- f) **"University Research Committee (URC)"** means the committee duly constituted by the Vice Chancellor to oversee the research activities of the university.
- g) **"Departmental Research Committee (DRC)"** means the committee duly constituted by the URC to oversee the research activities of the department.
- h) **"Research Advisory Committee (RAC)"** means the committee duly constituted by the DRC and approved by the URC for each research scholar pursuing Ph.D. to monitor the progress of his/her research work.
- i) **"Supervisor"** means any faculty member of the University, who satisfies the requirement specified and recognised by the University as supervisor to supervise the research work of research scholars.

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- j) **“Co-Supervisor”** means any faculty member of the University, any other University, any institute, any Industry, any Consultancy & Testing Organization, any research organization, any research laboratory, who satisfies the requirement specified and recognised by the University as Co-supervisor to supervise the research work of research scholars.
- k) **“Centre of Collaborative Research”** means a laboratory/Research Centre of any other University, any institute, any Industry, any Consultancy & Testing Organization, any research organization, any research laboratory, which satisfies the requirement specified and recognised by the University to conduct the research work of research scholars, partially or fully.
- l) **“Scholar”** means any candidate admitted by the University as per rules, either under Full Time mode or Part Time mode for pursuing Doctoral Programme for the award of Ph.D. degree.

Part – A :

This part of the regulation includes the details of the different committees URC, DRC and RAC; Centre for Research Collaboration; eligibility of Research Supervisor & Co-supervisor; Change in Supervisor, Transfer of scholar from university to other university and vice versa etc.

A.1 :University Research Committee (URC)

It will be responsible for coordinating with the various activities for Ph.D. entrance examination and PhD admission. The following shall be the members of URC:

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| a. Vice Chancellor | – Chairperson |
| b. Registrar | – Member |
| c. Director – IQAC | – Member |
| d. Deans of All Schools | – Members |
| e. Controller of Examination | – Member |
| f. Dean Research | – Member Secretary |

A.2 :Departmental Research Committee (DRC) –

It will be constituted for each faculty and will be responsible for the various research activities of programme within that department (faculty). The members of the DRC will be approved by the office of Dean Research. The following shall be the members of DRC :

- a) Head of the Department/BoS of the Faculty – Chairperson
- b) External Expert from Industry – Member

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- c) External Expert from Academics – Member
- d) A Professor/Associate Professor of School/Department - Member
- e) One representative of University Research Committee (URC) - Secretary

In the case if Expert from Industry is not available, a senior faculty from academics with experience in research and consultancy may be taken.

A.3 :Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

There will be a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for each Ph.D. scholar. The Research Supervisor shall be the Chairperson of the Committee. The Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- a) To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research;
- b) To supervise the research scholar to develop the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that he/she may have to do.
- c) To periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the research scholar.

The RAC shall have the following members (maximum five) :

- a) Research Supervisor –Chairperson
- b) Co-Supervisor– Member (If any)
- c) External Expert from Industry – Member
- d) External Expert from Academics – Member
- e) A Professor/Associate Professor of School/Department - Member

(In the case if Expert from Industry is not available, a senior faculty from academics with experience in research and consultancy may be taken)

A.4 :Centre for Research Collaboration (CRC)

University may collaborates with other research-oriented organizations/institutes with an aim to create knowledge center to enrich the research culture and to buildup the mutual cooperation by sharing knowledge, expertise and resources of each other.

1. The collaboration may be done with research centers of industries, consultancy companies, testing laboratories, laboratories of institutes engaged in research, centre of excellence, data centers or any other establishment supportive for research, and will be called hereafter CRC (Collaborative Research Centre).
The CRC must have minimum three years standing and

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