

Sai Nath University

Ranchi, Jharkhand



Research Policy (2012)

Framed as per the UGC Guidelines in "University Grants Commission"
(Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree Regulation - 2009)


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A. Eligibility criteria of Research Scholars and Supervisors

For Research Scholar

A candidate for admission to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in full time must have obtained the M.Phil./Master's degree. The admission through an Entrance Test followed by an interview to be organized by the Sai Nath University.

Those students who qualify UGC/CSIR(JRF)/SLET/GATE/Teacher fellowship or have passed M.Phil Programme may be exempted from Entrance Test. It shall be followed by an interview to be organized by the University. At time of interview, doctoral candidates are expected to discuss their research interest/area. Provided that no candidate shall ordinarily be permitted to register for Ph.D. degree in a subject different from the one in which he/she has passed his/her qualifying examination. However, in order to facilitate inter-disciplinary research a candidate may apply in different subjects and his/her registration may be considered after approval from Vice- Chancellor.

The candidates have to pursue his/ her research work under guidance of a supervisor approved by the University and has to submit his/her research proposal (synopsis) and also complete the Course Work Programme.

The candidate and his/her supervisor will keep a regular observation about the research work and send the reports to the University from time to time.

Failing to submit the thesis in the prescribed period of time, the candidate has to seek permission from the University for the Extension of period with yearly fee. Extension may be granted to candidate on the terms and condition of the University and the University has sole discretion in this regard. On expiry of the period, the registration of the candidate shall automatically stand cancelled. In this regard, like duration, the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulation, 2009 will be followed.

Every researcher has to get one paper published in reputed Journals and attend seminars organized by the University or any reputed organizations /institutes.

If any part of the thesis or the thesis submitted as a whole is found copied from any of the


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previously done research work in any of the University then the enrollment of the candidate will be treated as cancelled automatically.

For Research Supervisor:

The allocation of the Supervisor for selected students shall be decided by Department in a formal manner depending on number of students and as per available specialization/experts. However, in case of requirement faculty & experts from other Institution may also be appointed as Supervisor/Co-supervisor depending on their eligibility and experiences. An empaneled and approved supervisor of the University can have 8 Ph.D. scholars and 5 M.Phil. scholars under his/ her supervision at a given point of time for the research work.

A research supervisor, who has no previous experience of research supervision , will not be allowed to register with him/her more than 4 research students initially from the date of enrolling a scholar under his/her supervision.

He /she shall be fully responsible independently for conducting the research work of the candidates under his/her supervision.

Any request by a Ph.D. student relating to the approval of title of thesis, change of topic, extension of time limit for submission of thesis and submission of thesis, etc. is to be forwarded and recommended by the supervisor.

The supervisor has to certify the originality and authenticity of the Ph.D. work of his/her candidate in the form of a certificate which forms a part of the Ph.D. thesis whenever it is submitted. Names and addresses of five eminent persons to act on panel of examiners are to be suggested by supervisor. These persons should be able to evaluate the thesis.

In Any exceptional circumstances a change of supervisor shall be permitted and the period of his/her previous research work of candidate shall be counted for the purpose of the award of the Ph.D. degree.

The arbitration clause of University would be the final procedure to settle any sort of dispute (if any) that arise among the students, supervisor, co- supervisor and the University before approaching to any court of law.

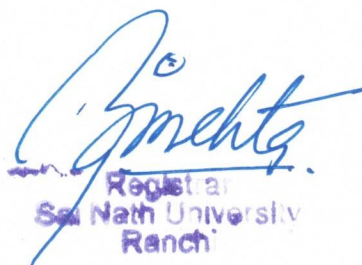

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B. Procedure for Admission

The procedure for admission shall be laid down from time to time by the Academic Council of the University. The procedure shall include Entrance Test and Interview.

Entrance Test and Admission

- The University admits a limited number of candidates directly to M.Phil / Ph.D. Programme either on the basis of Interview or Written Examination and Interview both as may be decided by University from time to time.
- The Entrance Test may be held online or using any medium and pattern as decided by the University.
- In the interview the competence of the candidate for the proposed research and the ability to pursue and complete the research agenda in time shall be assessed.
- Candidates with M.Phil degree/ NET/JRF in the subject concerned may be exempted from appearing in the Entrance Test and/or Interview as decided by the University from time to time.
- The candidates shall submit a duly filled application form with the prescribed fee and such candidates shall be provisionally registered in the Ph.D. program.
- For the students; seeking transfer of Ph.D. registration from other University with the Sai Nath University may recognize period of study/ research and examination conducted by other University for transfer / Migration of Ph.D. scholar as equivalent to curriculum of Sai Nath University and allow them for continue their remaining research work. The transfer shall be subjected to certain conditions and verifications and only after full satisfaction, the University shall issue final degree. The request of the student and NOC/ recommendation of supervisor / guide are necessary for effecting transfer subjected to approval by the University.


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C. Ph.D. Course Work

- A candidate admitted for Ph.D. degree shall have to undertake a Ph.D. Course Work.
- The syllabus of Ph.D. Course Work will be decided and approved by the University.
- On completion of Ph.D. Course Work, the University will conduct an examination.

D. Research Work

- (1) The candidate will submit a research proposal to the University through his/her supervisor in the prescribed format after the provisional registration.
- (2) On receiving positive report from Subject Expert; candidate will pursue his/her research work under the guidance of the supervisor.
- (3) The topic of research shall ordinarily not be modified after registration. The supervisor may, however, recommend a change in the topic if it is subsequently found that a modification is necessary in the interest of research.

E. Evaluation of Thesis and Award of degree

- (1) Ph.D. scholar shall publish one research paper in a Journal before the submission of the thesis and produce evidence for the same in the form of acceptance letter or the reprint to be attached to the thesis submitted to the University.
- (2) The language of the thesis shall be either in Hindi or English except that for theses submitted in the area of languages such as Sanskrit, Urdu and Punjabi etc.
- (3) The thesis must be a piece of research work characterized by the discovery of facts or by fresh approach towards the interpretation of facts or theories on an applied work of great significance. In either case it shall evince the capacity of the candidate for critical examination and independent judgment.


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- (4) The evaluation of the thesis shall take place in the following manner.
- (i) It will be examined by the two external examiners appointed by the University. The examiners shall be requested to submit a report, normally within a period of one month of the receipt of the thesis.
 - (ii) If both the examiners unanimously recommend acceptance of the thesis, the University shall conduct the Viva-Voce examination in addition a personal Viva-Voce/ discussion may be conducted before the external expert in presence of guide as the case may be. If Viva-Voce report is found positive, notification may be issued to the candidate. After notification, Provisional Degree may be issued on the request of the student.
 - (iii) The original degree could be issued only after duly verification of all the documents, eligibility criteria and fulfillment of other formalities for the Ph.D. course.
 - (iv) In case Examiners recommend a modification in the thesis, it will be communicated to the candidate by the University and the candidate will be required to modify thesis as suggested by examiners and resubmit the thesis not before a period of three months. The process of evaluation outlined above will then be followed.
 - (v) In case one of the external examiners recommends the rejection of the thesis, the thesis shall be sent to a third external examiner and the opinion of the third external examiner shall be final.
 - (vi) In case one external examiner recommends a modification while another rejects the thesis, the candidate shall be informed accordingly and asked to resubmit the thesis after a period of six months. The revised and/or modified thesis shall be sent to the same two examiners. If, even then, any one of the external examiners recommends further modification/rejection, the thesis will be rejected and the registration shall automatically stand cancelled.
 - (vii) If both the external examiners recommend the rejection of the thesis, it will be rejected and the registration shall automatically stand cancelled.


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(viii) The period of six months/one year spent in resubmission of the thesis after modification shall be counted from the date on which the candidate is informed about the same.

(ix) If Viva-Voce report is unsatisfactory the Viva-Voce examination shall be normally reheld after period of three months from the date of first Viva- Voce examination on payment of the requisite fee. If the candidate fails to get a satisfactory report in the second Viva-Voce examination the thesis shall be rejected and his/her registration shall automatically stand cancelled.

(x) The venue of Ph.D. Viva – Voce/ personal Viva - Voce / discussion may be fixed as per the mutual convenience of examiner and supervisor within University or outside the University as may be deemed fit by University.

F. Depository of Thesis

One copy of the thesis and one CD kept in the Research Section shall be handed over to the Library by the candidate and receipt of the thesis from library be produced along with Viva-Voce report after completion of Viva-Voce Examination.

Following the successful completion and award of the thesis, the soft copy of the thesis in CD form shall be forwarded by the University to the UGC in the INFLIBNET and shall be accessible to all Universities/Institutions.


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