



## **GONDWANA UNIVERSITY, GADCHIROLI**

### **DIRECTION NO. 9 OF 2021**

**“ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES, ALLOTMENT OF SUPERVISORS/GUIDES AND RESEARCH TOPICS, SUBMISSION OF THESIS AND ITS EVALUATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, 2016 (2<sup>nd</sup> AMMENDMENT) Direction 2021”**

(Issued under Section 12(8) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016.)

Whereas, the Maharashtra Public Universities Act 2016 has come into force with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017(herein after referred to as the Act);

AND

Whereas, the above said Act is applicable to the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli;

AND

Whereas, it is the duty of Board of Deans as provided under section 37 (2) (b) (IV) to undertake the task in Research matters;

AND

Whereas, the University Grants Commission, in suppression of the UGC (Minimum Standards & Procedures for Awards of Ph.D. Degrees of the universities) Regulation, 2009, has issued University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards & Procedures for awards of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016 vide its Notification dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 published in the Gazette of India No.278, Part III – Section 4, dated 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016, necessitating issuance of new Direction regarding Minimum Standards & Procedures for award of the Ph.D. Degree;

AND

Whereas, Academic Council in its meeting held on 10.11.2020, vide item no. 51 has resolved to adapt the effective measures prescribed by the UGC, New Delhi as part of minimum standards required for the completion of course work;

AND

Whereas, Board of Research in its meeting held on 18.02.2021, vide subject no. 5, 7, 8 and timely subject no. 1, has resolved to adapt the effective measures as part of elevated standards for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy;

AND

Whereas, the matter is required to be executed with immediate effect;

AND

Whereas, making an Ordinance for regulating the given matter is a time consuming process;

Now, therefore, I, Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi, Vice-Chancellor, Gondwana University, Gadchiroli, in exercise of the powers vested in me under the provision of Section 12(8) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016, do hereby issue the following Directions:-

1. This Direction shall be called **“ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES, ALLOTMENT OF SUPERVISORS/GUIDES AND RESEARCH TOPICS, SUBMISSION OF THESIS AND ITS EVALUATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, 2016 (2nd AMMENDMENT) DIRECTION 2021”** (Hereinafter referred to as “the Direction”).
2. This Direction shall come into force with effect from the date of its issuance.
3. Scope:-
  - a) This Direction shall govern the process of Enrolment, PET examination and award of Ph.D. degree in all the faculties in the University:
  - b) This Direction shall apply to the university / (institutions/conducted colleges/constituent colleges), every

affiliated college of the university and an institution recognized by the university for the purposes of research.

#### **4. Definitions:-**

In this Direction, unless the context requires otherwise:-

- a) "Act" means the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016.
- b) "Board of Studies" means a Board for a particular subject or a group of subjects constituted as per provisions of the related Section:
- c) "College" means a college as defined under the related Section of the Act,
- d) "Faculty" means a faculty constituted as per the provisions of the related Section of the Act,
- e) "Head, Place of Research" means the Head of the Department of the University/Principal of the College/ Director of the Institute;
- f) "Place of Research" means all the post-graduate teaching departments of the University and includes any other place which is duly recognized as the place of research by the University;
- g) "Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET)" means the entrance test conducted by the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli in accordance with the (applicable) rules framed by the University in this regard;
- h) "Post Graduate Department" means a department in a college or institution of higher learning, research, or specialized studies, recognized to be so by the university and imparting post-graduate instruction or guidance for research and includes the post-graduate teaching department of the University;
- i) "Supervisor" means a Ph.D. supervisor who is recognised as Ph.D. supervisor and "External Supervisor" means a Ph.D. supervisor who is recognised as a Ph.D. supervisor in the university but is not a full time regular teacher of the University/Institution/College, and
- j) "University" means the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli.



**5. Details with regard to composition and conduct of the Course-Work:**


- a) Course work shall be of one semester duration (6 months).
  - b) The registrations approved so far shall remain provisional till the completion of course work as defined in this Direction.
  - c) The research supervisor shall be allocated and confirmed after the successful completion of the course work.
  - d) The aspiring research scholars shall then be allowed to appear before RAC and subsequently RRC, during the following semester of the course work.
  - e) Course work shall be arranged faculty-wise by the University or at places (i.e. recognised research centers) where University decides and that the decision be taken from time to time. Under the situation, our recognised research centers are not empowered to conduct the Course Work unless University empowers them by a legitimate process.
  - f) The format of course work examination shall be as per the essence of the given faculty. The Research Methodology course shall be compulsory for all the faculties.
  - g) The course work evaluation and examination shall also feature course on “Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)” as prescribed by the UGC, New Delhi in December’2019.
  - h) The course work structure shall be framed by a specially constituted committee incorporating all the Deans of the faculties and shall be executed only thereafter.
  - i) A grievance reprisal committee for the course work shall be constituted, consisting of Dean of the concerned faculty as its Chairman, Director (K.R.C.) and an external expert member nominated by the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor.
- 6.** The permissible registration of research scholars under the given research supervisor shall be as per following guidelines;
- a) Supervisor/s from outside the university region is not allowed for registering Ph. D. scholars under their supervision.

- b) Supervisor/s from within the university region cannot register at too many places.
- c) Within university recognized research centers, every individual supervisor capping be maintained based on his/her designation as prescribed in the relevant UGC regulation.
- d) There shall be no capping as default for any Research Center (RC). However, if the given CHLR does not have essential research facilities, in the case committee headed by the Dean of the concerned faculty shall decide upon permissible intake/subject with supervisor based generic cap as per UGC regulation remaining applicable.
- e) Every supervisor after securing recognition by the University, is allowed to register upto 50% capacity of his generic cap as provided by the UGC. Then next year, 50% of the remaining capacity can be registered.
- f) During these two years, if at all vacancy occurs and thus continues to exist, in the case; the given vacancy may be filled by the candidates from outside the university region but with prior approval by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

7. Aspiring research scholars has to register "**purpose**" of his Ph.D. in the first place/instance. After six months within which having successfully completed the course work, the given scholar is admitted to the given research center and supervisor allotted to him/her during following six months through the RAC. Now the research scholar shall prepare synopsis of proposed research to be conducted which is then registered with the university through RRC. After completion of this one year period, the research scholar shall have the opportunity to come back to his research center (RC) and change his synopsis in consultation with the allotted supervisor.

8. For any technical issues pertaining to Plagiarism check of the thesis, the same may be clarified from the "URKUND".

9. The provisions of this Direction shall remain applicable to all the research scholars registered during the year 2020 and onwards.
10. The relevant provisions as specified in Ordinance No 55 of 2017, 87 of 2017 and 105 of 2017 and Direction No 8 of 2021 stands repealed due to issuance of this Direction. However for rest of the matters pertaining to Ph.D. registration and award, various other provisions as applicable and specified in Ordinance No 55 of 2017, 87 of 2017 and 105 of 2017 and Direction No 8 of 2021 shall remain in force.
11. For any other matter pertaining to course work and Ph.D. award which is beyond the purview of this Direction and Ordinance Nos. 55 of 2017, 87 of 2017 and 105 of 2017 and the Direction No 8 of 2021, shall be referred to the Vice-chancellor and that the decision in the regard by the Vice-chancellor shall be final and binding to all the concerned.

  
(Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi)  
Vice-Chancellor

Place: Gadchiroli  
Date: 15/06/2021