

Ph.D. REGULATIONS

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Ph.D. PROGRAMME
RULES AND REGULATIONS

D.1 INTRODUCTION

National Institute of Technology Puducherry (NITPy) offers research programmes leading to the award of Ph.D. degree. The Ph.D programme is broad based and involves a minimum course credit requirement and a research Thesis. The institute also encourages research in interdisciplinary areas through a system of joint supervision and provides excellent opportunities for such programs. The institute undertakes sponsored research and development projects from industries and other organizations of the public as well as private sectors. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy shall be abbreviated as Ph.D. The degree of Ph.D. is granted for research work in the areas recognized by the academic departments of the institute subject to the conditions and regulations contained hereinafter.

The research work shall be an original work characterized either by the discovery of facts, or by a fresh approach towards the interpretation and application of facts, or development of equipment making a distinct advancement in instrument technology. It shall evince the candidate's capacity for critical examination and sound judgment and shall represent original contribution to the existing knowledge.

The degree of Ph.D. of the National Institute of Technology Puducherry shall be conferred on a candidate who fulfills all the requirements specified in the regulations. The degree of Ph.D. will be awarded in the topic of his/her work along with the discipline in which the scholar has registered his Ph.D. degree. Ph.D. degree programme is offered in various departments as follows:

- i) Computer Science Engineering
- ii) Electronics and Communication Engineering
- iii) Electrical and Electronics Engineering
- iv) Mechanical Engineering
- v) Civil Engineering
- vi) Science & Humanities

D.2 CATEGORIES

2.1 Full Time

- a) Regular Full Time scholars with institute fellowship/JRF.
- b) Sponsored scholars being employee of a public sector undertaking, government department, Defense organization, Research and development organization, a private industry/institution (or) educational institutions.
- c) Sponsored from industries under bilateral agreement with the institute.
- d) Self-financed (Indian / Foreign)
 - o **Indian:** This category refers to the persons with experience and good academic record to join the doctoral program in their personal capacity.
 - o **Foreign:** These students are admitted through embassy of the foreign government after the approval from the ministry of external affairs and No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Ministry of Human Resource Development (or) Department of Education, Government of India (or) admitted under MoU with NIT Puducherry.

Note:

- i. The number of institute fellowships will be limited and shall be available on merit.
- ii. In case of full-time sponsored category, the candidate should be sponsored by their salary and allowances and are relieved for a period of not less than three years for pursuing Ph.D. Programme.
- iii. In case the sponsorship is withdrawn, the candidate can continue his/her Ph.D. Programme provided he/she has passed the comprehensive examination. Under self financed category, he/she may apply for the fellowship from other funding agency.

2.2 Part Time

- a) Regular employees of the academic institute may apply against Ph.D. advertisement through proper channel.
- b) Project Assistant at Government/Private/Public sector R&D organization/labs who cannot award Ph.D. degree and have MoU with NIT Puducherry, may register at NIT Puducherry under the supervision of a supervisor at NIT Puducherry. It is optional that a major part of the work may be completed in their institution. The Choice of a Supervisor at their institution is optional and shall be a matter of mutual understanding between the supervisor at NIT Puducherry and the principal investigator of the project under which the student is project assistant.
- c) Institute Project Staff: Working on sponsored projects undertaken by the institute can be admitted to Ph.D. programme of NIT Puducherry through institute Ph.D., advertisement External Candidates. Employed in other public/private sector organizations or research laboratories having R&D facilities may also register at NIT Puducherry and will normally carry out part or all of one's research work only under supervision of a Supervisor employed in the same organization and a Supervisor at NIT Puducherry.

D.3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Ph.D. in Engineering

Candidates with First class Bachelor's and First class Master's degree in Engineering/Technology or a First class Master's degree by Research (M.S. By Research) in Engineering/Technology disciplines with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks (or) CGPA of 6.5/10 in UG and in PG for admission under OC/OBC category and 55% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.0 for SC/ST candidates.

3.2 Ph.D. degree in Science & Humanities (Mathematics/Physics/Chemistry/English)

Candidates with First class Bachelor' and First class Master's degree in Sciences/Humanities in the relevant discipline with minimum 60% aggregate marks (CGPA 6.5/10) in UG and in PG for OC/OBC category and 55% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.0 for SC/ST candidates. A valid GATE/UGC/CSIR/NET score is mandatory for full-time candidates.

Note:

- i. The award of scholarship/fellowship/assistantship shall be governed by circular notification issued by NITPy from time to time.
- ii. Candidates applying for part-time and external modes of registration do not require GATE score or NET Score or UGC/CSIR fellowship.
- iii. Aggregate marks/CGPA, the standard in awarding the degree that the university follows will be taken for consideration. No conversion certificate is required.

D.4 SELECTION PROCEDURE

Candidates recommended by the Departmental Selection Committee from the received applications will be screened by an entrance test and/or interview by the Departmental Selection Committee with the Chairman, Senate (or) a Senate nominee as observer. Both Full Time and Part Time candidates will have a common written test.

D.5 ADMISSION PROCEDURE

- a) Candidates whose selection is approved by the Director will be admitted to the Ph.D. programme by paying the prescribed fees. The candidate should also pay fees every semester as prescribed by the institute failing which registration will be cancelled.
- b) Ordinarily, a candidate is not eligible for re-registration for Ph.D. after cancellation of his/her earlier registration for any reason. However, depending on the merits and considering any special circumstance of the individual case, a candidate may be considered for re-registration after Director's approval.

D.6 RESEARCH SUPERVISOR(S)

- a) Allotment of research scholars to supervisors will be made by Department Selection Committee taking into consideration the areas of research of the department and the preferences of the research scholars and Supervisors.
- b) **Eligibility for Ph.D. supervision:** A faculty member of the Institute should satisfy the following:
 - i. Ph.D. degree
 - ii. A minimum of 2 papers in refereed SCI/SCIE journals for Science & Engineering departments/ minimum of 2 papers in SCI/SCIE/Scopus Indexed for Humanities Department.
 - iii. Guided 4 B.Tech., projects (or) 2 M.Tech., projects (only for Engineering departments)
 - iv. If a faculty has a high value sponsored research project as a Principal Investigator, he/she is exempted from one research paper from SCI/SCIE publication.
- c) There shall not be more than two supervisors from the institute for a research scholar.
- d) Additional supervisor from outside the institute may be allowed (Professor from IIT / NIT / Central Universities/ Govt. Engineering Colleges and any other persons with Ph.D. degree working in reputed R&D institute of Central Government and Public sector organizations with established research credentials in the form of publications in research journals or patents) with the approval of the Chairman, Senate on case to case basis only.
- e) A faculty member appointed as a Ph.D. supervisor is normally expected to be available to a research student/candidate in the institute till the Thesis is submitted. If the candidate has worked with the supervisor(s) for a period of one year, the supervisor cannot be replaced unless he/she is not willing to supervise.
- f) However, under unavoidable circumstances, such as long leave, resignation, retirement, or death; a supervisor may not be available to the student/scholar, and then the Chairman of the Doctoral Committee (DC) may appoint a new supervisor/additional supervisor, in consultation with Dean (Academic) (or) the Chairman, Senate.
- g) At any given time, the total number of research scholars registered with a faculty member shall not exceed five (includes Full Time, Part Time, and joint supervision). This number excludes the Ph.D. scholars, who had already submitted the synopsis of the Ph.D. Thesis.

D.7 DOCTORAL COMMITTEE

- a) The HoD will intimate to the Dean (Academic) the area of research, name(s) of the Supervisor(s) and a panel of names suggested by the supervisor for the DC for each research scholar, within one week from the date of joining of the research scholar.
- b) The following is the composition of the Doctoral Committee (DC):

One senior faculty member from the institute to be nominated by the Research Supervisor	Chairman
Research Supervisor (s)	Member
One faculty member from same or an allied department nominated by the Chairman, Senate or his nominee from the panel of names suggested by the Supervisor	Member
One external member from Industry / Research establishment / academia to be nominated by the Chairman Senate or his nominee from the panel of names suggested by the Supervisor	Member

c) **Functions:**

- i. To formulate the course work of the candidate.
- ii. To scrutinize syllabi of courses of self-study (if any) prepared by the Research Supervisor(s), must be approved by concerned departmental BoS and ratified in the Senate.
- iii. To finalize and forward the grades of the Candidate in each of the courses to the Dean (Academic).
- iv. To review the progress of the candidate and send the progress report to the Dean (Academic).
- v. To assess and approve the research proposal of the candidate.
- vi. To assess and approve the adequacy of the work in the Pre-synopsis seminar and communicate the same through Dean (Academic).
- vii. Panel of Thesis examiners consisting of 6 (3 National and 3 International), must be sent to the Dean (Academic) after the Synopsis presentation.
- viii. To act as members of the Viva-Voce Board along with the external examiner and Dean (Academic), and submit the Viva-Voce report.

D.8 REGISTRATION

- a) Every student will be required to register each semester till the submission of the Thesis. The registration in a semester shall be subjected to the completion of the specified number of credits / courses and the satisfactory progress of his / her research work certified by the supervisor and as recommended by the DC.
- b) The first DC will meet normally within two weeks of being constituted, where the Research Scholar will make a presentation on the proposed area of research. The DC will fix / approve the date of registration for the Ph.D., programme, considering the proposed research topic and prescribing/approving the courses of study in this meeting.

D.9 PROGRAM STRUCTURE

9.1 COURSE WORK

- a) The research scholars with Post Graduate Degree in Engineering should successfully complete four courses of 3 credits each (or a total of 12 credits minimum), those with Masters Degree in Science/Humanities/Management/life science shall complete five courses (or a total of 15 credits minimum) prescribed by DC within one year (preferably in the first semester for regular scholars) from the date of admission into the Programme. Mandatory courses out of four/five are (1) Research Methodology and (2) Advanced Mathematics for Eng./Science/Management. For Humanities, Research Methodology is mandatory. The remaining two/three/four courses may be selected based on the research area / suggestions by the DC and can be directed study.
- b) A candidate with advance standing may be granted exemption up to 6 credits or two courses of 3 credits each from the minimum course credit requirements as indicated above, by the DC, provided he/she has taken a relevant Post Graduate degree from NITs/IITs/IISc and the year of post-graduation being not earlier than 5 years from the year of admission.
- c) A candidate with M.Phil. degree from a recognized University may be granted exemption up to 3 credits each from the minimum course credit requirements as indicated above, by the DC, provided he/she has taken the M.Phil. degree from a reputed and approved organization within 5 years from the year of admission.
- d) In addition, a candidate shall be required to audit a course on "Communication Skills". However, a student, on recommendations of his / her Supervisor, can be exempted by the DC from the requirement of auditing the communication skills course if it is convinced that the student already has adequate knowledge/exposure of communication skills.
- e) In the case of directed study subjects, the details of contact classes shall be maintained in the attendance book by the course teacher as allotted by the Head of the Department.
- f) The evaluation pattern for the course work will be similar to that of post graduate subjects. Two Cycle tests with 40% weightage and assignment with 10% weightage is evaluated for internal assessment in the department and 50% weightage is given for the end semester examination conducted. The directed study course will be evaluated by the Course Teacher. However, for awarding grades, the absolute grading scale shall be followed. The absolute grading is given by

Marks	Grade	Points
>90	S	10
81-90	A	9
71-80	B	8
61-70	C	7
51-60	D	6
41-50	E	5
< 40	F	0

- g) Courses completed after the date of registration will only count towards the mandatory requirements of award of Ph.D. degree.
- h) Research Scholars shall obtain an average minimum CGPA of 7.5 in the courses taken by them subject to a minimum of "C" grade in each of the prescribed courses.
- i) Candidates, who fail to satisfy the grade requirement, may attempt other prescribed courses or rewrite (once) the examination in the subject(s) where they had scored less than C. If they still fail, their registration will be cancelled.

9.2 PROGRESS REPORT

- a) Research scholars shall sign the attendance register on all working days.
- b) A research scholar shall submit a written report of work done by him / her in the prescribed format to the Supervisor who shall forward it to the DC within two weeks before the end of each 12 months period from the date of registration up to first 2 years and before the end of each 6 months period beyond 2 years.
- c) A research scholar shall be present before the DC once in a year for the first 3 years and once a semester thereafter for progress evaluation.

9.3 COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

- a) On the successful completion of the prescribed course work, about one year from the date of registration, the candidate shall undergo a qualifying comprehensive examination to test his / her background knowledge in the broad area of specialization.
- b) The comprehensive examination will cover the topics in the discipline and all the allied areas. The Comprehensive Viva-Voce Board shall be common for all candidates of a given department for a given batch. The composition of the Comprehensive Viva-Voce Board shall be as follows:
 1. All members in the DC.
 2. One External member – Professor from IIT/IISc/IIM/NIT or Scientists/Scientific Officers holding Ph.D. degree and drawing the scale of Professor and above, working in National and Regional Research Laboratories, DRDO, Atomic and Space Research Organizations
 3. Two senior members of the faculty from same or allied department/s.The External member for Comprehensive Viva-Voce Board shall be nominated by the Chairman, Senate from a panel suggested by the Head of the Department in consultation with the Supervisors.
- c) The comprehensive examination shall have a written examination (of at least one hour duration) followed by an oral examination. The Comprehensive Examination for all eligible candidates registered during a particular session will be held at a particular period. The HoD concerned is expected to give an indicative syllabus for the written test about one month prior to the comprehensive examination.
- d) Based on the result of the comprehensive examination, the Comprehensive Viva-Voce board shall report to the Dean (Academic) about the fitness of the candidate to proceed further with his Ph.D. work, within two weeks of the date of the examination held.
- e) If, based on the results of the comprehensive examination, a candidate is not approved by the comprehensive Viva-Voce board, a grace period of up to a maximum of six months shall be given for re-examination. If found fit, the candidate shall be permitted to proceed with doctoral work. Otherwise, the candidate's provisional registration will be cancelled.

9.4 SYNOPSIS OF THESIS

- a) Two seminar presentations, one seminar at the end of the second year and another one prior to submission of synopsis should be given by the research scholar. Two publications should be in SCI/SCIE/SCOPUS Journals with impact factor. Out of two publications, atleast one should be from SCI/SCIE with impact factor.
- b) On satisfactory completion of the prescribed courses, the comprehensive examination, and the required publications in his/her research area, the research scholar shall submit four copies of the synopsis of his / her research work to the DC. Synopsis presentation and subsequent DC meeting to approve the panel of the examiners will be held in the presence of the Dean (Academic).
- c) The research scholar should present the synopsis before the DC. The DC will, if it approves the work reported in the synopsis will permit the research scholar to submit the Thesis and recommend a panel of at least six Thesis examiners (three from India and three from Abroad) with atleast five years of Research Experience after Ph.D., to the Dean (Academic).

9.5 SUBMISSION OF THESIS

- a) The research scholar shall, within three months of approval of the synopsis, submit four copies of Thesis embodying the results of investigation, and also three copies of the Abstract of the Thesis of about 400 words. On the recommendation of the Supervisor and the Chairman, Doctoral Committee, an additional three months may be granted.
- b) If the research scholar is unable to submit the Thesis within the prescribed time, then the candidate should resubmit the synopsis.
- c) The Thesis submitted for the Ph.D. degree shall contain an account of the research work carried out by the scholar leading to the discovery of new facts or techniques or new correlation of facts already known (analytical and/or experimental and/or hardware oriented in nature), the work being of such quality that it makes a definite contribution to the advancement of knowledge.

D.10 PANEL OF EXAMINERS

- a) The Thesis shall be referred to two examiners (one from overseas) chosen by the Chairman, Senate from among the panel of examiners submitted by the Supervisor and recommended by the DC at its synopsis meeting.
- b) Each panel (one for Indian examiner and another for overseas examiner) should have at least three experts in the area of research. The following guide lines to be followed while deciding the panel of examiners.
 1. Indian: At least one examiner from any IITs./IISc./IIMs/NITs. Others may be from Institutions viz., CFTIs, Scientists from research institutes of national importance.
 2. Foreign Examiner: Should be from reputed research institutes/universities outside India. In the panel of examiners given by the Supervisor, at least one should be from universities in USA/UK.
- c) Co-authors of the paper for the particular candidate should not be nominated as an examiner.
- d) Relatives of the Scholar (or) DC members should not be nominated as an Examiner.

D.11 EVALUATION OF THESIS

- a) The examiner is expected to send the Thesis evaluation form and report on the Thesis within two months from the date of receipt of the Thesis.
- b) In case of undue delay in receiving the evaluation report, the Chairman, Senate shall appoint another examiner from the panel, for evaluating the Thesis.
- c) If an examiner suggests resubmission of the Thesis, after revision, the research scholar will be allowed to resubmit the Thesis within the time stipulated by the DC failing which the revised Thesis will not be accepted and his/her registration will be cancelled.
- d) If one of the two Thesis examiners declares the Thesis as not commended, the Thesis shall be referred to a third examiner from the panel for evaluation. After the evaluation, he/she must report the necessary corrections required to be done by the candidate and to resubmit the Thesis to the third examiner. If the third examiner still reports the Thesis as not commended, the registration of the scholar shall stand cancelled.
- e) If reports of two examiners declare the Thesis as 'commended', DC meeting is not required to discuss the reports of the examiners. The DC will consider the reports and recommend for conduct of Oral examination/Viva-Voce which will be conducted normally not earlier than two weeks from the date of the constitution of the Oral Examination Board. The DC will suggest a panel of three subject experts for nomination of one member for Oral Examination Board.
- f) In all other cases, not covered by the above Regulations, the matter will be referred to the DC for consideration.

D.12 VIVA-VOCE EXAMINATION

- a) The following is the composition of the Thesis Oral Examination Board:
 1. Chairman of Doctoral Committee Chairman
 2. Supervisor (s) Member
 3. Thesis examiner (within India) nominated by the Chairman, Senate.
 4. An external examiner – An expert nominated by the Chairman, Senate from a panel suggested by the DC.
- b) The Thesis Viva-Voce Examination Board will examine the scholar on his/her Thesis work and evaluate his / her performance as satisfactory (or) otherwise.
- c) If the report of the Viva-Voce Examination Board declares the performance of the research scholar as not satisfactory, he/she may be asked to reappear for Viva-Voce examination at a later date (not earlier than a month and not later than six months from the date of the first oral examination). On the second occasion, the Viva-Voce Examination Board will also include the members of the DC.
- d) If the Thesis Viva-Voce Examination Board on the second occasion also evaluates the performance of the research scholar as not satisfactory, the matter will be referred to the Senate for a decision.
- e) The Viva-Voce Examination Board may also recommend revision to be made in the final version of the Thesis after taking into consideration suggestions of the examiners who evaluated the Thesis and the discussion at the oral examination. The Chairman of the Viva-Voce Examination Board shall forward the Thesis to the Dean (Academic) along with the report of the Viva-Voce Examination Board.

D.13 AWARD OF Ph.D. DEGREE

If the performance of the research scholar in the Viva-Voce Examination is satisfactory, he/she will be awarded Ph.D. degree on the recommendation of the Senate and with the approval of the Board of Governors of the Institute.

D.14 MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM DURATION OF Ph.D. PROGRAMME

- a) A Full Time candidate can submit the synopsis and Thesis only after a minimum period of study of 21 and 24 months respectively from the date of registration.
- b) A Part Time candidate can submit the synopsis and Thesis only after a minimum period of study of 33 and 36 months respectively from the date of registration.
- c) The maximum period to complete the programme is 5 years for Full Time candidates and 7 years for Part Time. However, Scholarship will be given up to 4 years for Full Time candidates.
- d) The minimum residential requirement for Ph.D., scholar under external registration and research scholars working on a Part Time basis not employed in the institute is one semester.
- e) All Part Time scholars have to spend minimum 30 contact days per semester till Thesis submission in the institute with the Supervisor after the completion of course work. Such scholars have to obtain permission to this effect from their parent organization.

D.15 TEMPORARY BREAK FROM Ph.D. PROGRAMME

Ph.D. scholars may be permitted to take a temporary break from the programme for maximum of one year for valid reasons, with the recommendation of the DC and the approval of the Dean (Academic).

D.16 LEAVE RULES

- a) An Institute Research Scholar is required to carry out his/her research work regularly under the guidance of the Supervisor(s), without any interruption during the period he/she enjoys the scholarship.
- b) A full time scholar may be entitled to i) casual leave of 08 days (ii) restricted holiday of 02 days and (iii) medical leave of 10 days, in a calendar year. Any leave not availed of shall not accumulate.
- c) Married Research scholars admitted to the research program of the institute shall, in addition to casual leave and medical leave, be entitled to maternity/paternity leave as per rules of the Government of India, if the request for the leave is supported by a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner.
- d) Any absence over and above the admissible leave as prescribed above shall be without scholarship which shall be, deducted on pro-rata basis for the days of such absence.
- e) A research scholar may be granted leave by the Dean (Academic), on the recommendation of the Supervisor and the Head of the Department without scholarship for a total period not exceeding three months, during the entire tenure of Scholarship.
- f) Attending Conferences/Workshops/etc., will be treated as "On Duty" Leave. Scholars may take maximum of 10 days in a semester for such purpose.
- g) Duty leave of maximum 60 days in a Calendar year may be granted by HoD on recommendation of Supervisor for data collection, testing/measurements (if facility is not available within the Institute).

D.17 CONTINUANCE OF GUIDESHIP OF RETIRED FACULTY MEMBERS

- a) When a faculty member, who has supervised a Research Scholar, retires from the service of the Institute, he/she will be permitted to continue as Supervisor on his/her written request. He/she will be invited for the DC meetings without any financial commitment to the institute. However, TA/DA as per rules, will be paid to him/her for the journey within India to attend the synopsis meeting and the final oral examination on the Thesis of the candidate.
- b) When a faculty member, who has been supervising the research work retires, the additional Supervisor if any, (or) another faculty member from the institute (who is not likely to retire within 3 years) recognized as Research Supervisor will be appointed as the Supervisor. The approval for such appointments shall be accorded by the Chairman (Senate), based on the recommendation of the DC.
- c) The induction of an additional Supervisor on a later time after the first registration of a research scholar may be considered by the DC, if found essential, and approved by the Chairman (Senate).
- d) In the cases, where a member of the faculty resigns from the institute, he will not be allowed to continue the supervision in the institute. The additional Supervisor (if any) will be acting as the Supervisor. If there is no additional Supervisor, faculty member from the institute (who is not likely to retire within 3 years) recognized as Research Supervisor will be appointed as the Supervisor. The approval for such appointments shall be accorded by the Chairman, Senate based on the recommendation of the DC.

D.18 RELIEF FROM PH.D. PROGRAMME TO TAKE UP JOB

Ph.D. Scholars, who get appointment and have expressed the desire to carry forward the research, can get relief from the programme by keeping registration alive by paying fees on the following conditions:

- a) Scholars, who take up jobs in organizations with (or) without R&D facilities, will be relieved on their request along with a detailed plan of his/her completion of the work and recommendations of DC, only if they have completed: (i) course work prescribed; (ii) comprehensive examination successfully and (iii) sufficient quantity of research work that is adjudged as satisfactory by DC based on the presentation given and detailed report submitted by the scholar. DC shall instruct the scholar to give an open seminar in the department, on the work completed. The registration will be continued on a Part Time basis. Along with the application, scholars shall submit a letter from the competent authority of the organization in which she/he is going to join from the employer, granting permission to continue the research in their organization using the R&D facilities of the organization.
- b) Minimum contact as decided by the guide shall be ensured by the scholars in any semester even after they are relieved. The renewal of their registration for every semester will be considered only if the DC finds his/her progress to be satisfactory and recommends continuance of registration.
- c) No financial assistance will be available to students once they are relieved as above.

D.19 CHANGE OF REGISTRATION – FULL TIME TO PART TIME & VICE VERSA

- a) A student admitted to part-time/external registration programme may be allowed to change his/her registration to full-time studies at the beginning of a semester on the recommendation of DC and with the approval of the Chairman, Senate. However, for determining the duration of the programme, one half of the period spent, as a part-time student, will be counted.
- b) A student admitted to a full-time Ph.D. programme may be permitted to change to a part-time Ph.D. programme on a request from him/her on valid reasons along with a detailed plan of his/her completion of the work, provided:
 - a) (i) He/she has completed the course work, passed the comprehensive examination, completed sufficient quantity of research work that is adjudged as satisfactory by DC based on the presentation given and detailed report submitted by the scholar and completed the residential requirements.
 - (ii) DC recommended her/his application. DC may instruct the scholar to give an open seminar in the department, on the work completed.
- b) Produce a no objection certificate from the Head of the Institution/Organization, where he/she proposes to join along with a letter from the competent authority of the organization in which she/he is going to join/from the employer, granting permission to continue the research.

D.20 POWER TO MODIFY

Notwithstanding all that has been stated above, the Senate has the right to modify any of the above Regulations from time to time.