

THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE
(Deemed to be University)

Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (D.Sc.) / DOCTOR OF LITERATURE (D.Litt.)
REGULATIONS, 2018 with Amendment

1. Eligibility

A candidate who has qualified for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree of this University or from any other Universities may present himself/herself for the Degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) / Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) offered by this Institute under the following Schools

- School of Tamil and Indian Languages
- School of English and Foreign Languages
- School of Health Sciences and Rural Development
- School of Social Sciences
- School of Management Studies
- School of Sciences
- School of Computer Science and Technologies
- School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences

1.1 Minimum requirement of registering D.Sc. degree

The candidate should have published 60 research papers in the SCI Journals with good impact factors and is required to submit evidences as appropriate.

1.2 Minimum requirement of registering D.Litt. degree

The candidate should have published 40 research papers in the refereed journals (Evidence to be produced for refereed journals in the form of Scopus Identity/Google Scholar/any other Researcher identity) and 10 books published through Nationally/Internationally reputed publishers with ISSN/ISBN number and exclusive of edited volumes. The books should not be borne out of the doctoral work of the candidate and candidate's scholars.

- 1.3 The publications or thesis submitted by the candidate for consideration for the award of D.Litt./D.Sc. are substantially the

result of post-doctoral research work done and shall not form part of any research work which has been already considered for the award of D.Sc./D.Litt. of this Institute or any other University.

- 1.4 A candidate already holding D.Sc./D.Litt. degree in a particular discipline is eligible to register for D.Sc./D.Litt. in another discipline after a gap of five years provided that the candidate provides evidence of standard publications in the second discipline in which he/she intends to submit the work for award of D.Sc./D.Litt. degree.
- 1.5 The candidate must have been actively working in the University/Institution recognized by UGC/AICTE for conducting Ph.D. programme. The candidate should at least be in the cadre of Associate Professor at the time of submission of research work for D.Sc./D.Litt. The candidate is expected to have minimum of Two decades of post graduate teaching/research experience at the time of submission of thesis.
- 1.6 The applicant has successfully supervised the Ph.D. theses of 10 candidates and of which at least three of them have been awarded degree during the preceding 10 years.
- 1.7 The applicant shall have successfully completed at least three sponsored research projects including action research projects as PI/Co-PI funded by National/International/Government or private bodies.

2 Registration

The candidate shall state in his/her application for registration for D.Sc./D.Litt. degree, the special subject or area of knowledge upon which the D.Sc./D.Litt. thesis will be based. Such subject shall be one, which relates to the branch of knowledge chosen for the Ph.D. degree. The candidate shall also provide, along with the application, material evidence for active involvement in postdoctoral research, in the form of publication as appropriate. A committee namely "Board of Research Studies (BoRS)" comprising of (1) Dean of the respective School, (2) Two external experts (with D.Sc./D.Litt. degree - preferably in the relevant discipline) nominated by the Vice-Chancellor will be constituted for the purpose of meeting twice, once at the time of registration and next at the time of adjudication of the thesis. After due scrutiny and authentication by the BoRS in its first meeting after his/her registration for D.Sc./D.Litt. will be confirmed.

The Director (Research & Development), will be the Chairman of the BoRs, in case, the Dean concerned of a School is the candidate for the D.Sc./D.Litt.

3 Additional Publications

The candidate along with the thesis of D.Sc./D.Litt. programme shall forward printed copies of at least two original contributions published in the domain area either independently or conjointly and upon which he/she relies in support of his/her merit. The additional publications after joining are mandatory for consideration of award of D.Sc./D.Litt.

4 Submission of Thesis

The candidate shall submit five copies of the thesis after a period of one year from the date of registration but not later than three years. The thesis shall ordinarily be published work or published papers or books, making a distinct contribution to scientific knowledge. The thesis must be focused on a single theme. The other contributions and publications submitted shall be related or connected to the main theme. Additional publications can be submitted in support of the main thesis, only if the candidate indicates to that effect, in the preface of the main work upon which the candidate bases his/her claim.

5 Extension of Research Duration

Extension of time for submission of D.Sc./D.Litt. thesis after the expiry of duration prescribed will be granted on request for a further period of one year. Such extension will be granted in the first instance for six months followed by second and third extension with three months duration each. The said extension(s) will be granted under exceptional circumstances with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor and on payment of prescribed fee.

6 Evaluation

6.1 The BoRS meeting will be held to suggest a panel of twelve experts with their designations, qualification and academic credentials for adjudicating the thesis. Out of twelve experts suggested by the committee, six shall be from outside India and six from India but outside Tamil Nadu, at the same time not belonging to the state to which the candidate belongs. The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint three examiners from the suggested panel of experts, two from outside India and one from India. The examiner from India will be the Convener.

- 6.2 If any member of the Board of Examiners is unwilling or express his/her inability to evaluate the thesis, the Vice-Chancellor shall nominate others from among the panel of experts approved.
- 6.3 The award of the degree shall be recommended when the decision of the Board of Examiners is unanimous on the merit of the work for the award of the degree.
- 6.4 On receipt of the reports of the examiners, the consolidated report shall be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration.
- 6.5 The thesis will be accepted for the award of D.Sc. / D.Litt. if all the three examiners accept it. If one of the examiners rejects the thesis, it will be sent to the fourth examiner of the same category and the decision of the fourth examiner will be final. **In case, two examiners rejects thesis the matter shall be referred to BoRS for further direction.**
- 6.6 If a revision of the thesis is sought, the candidate shall revise and resubmit it within a period of six months from the date of the receipt of the communication from CoE.
- 6.7 The thesis will be sent for revaluation only to those examiner(s) who suggested revision.
- 6.8 If revision is suggested for the second time, then the thesis, along with the reports of the examiner, will be placed before the BoRS. If the BoRS, after going through the reports and the thesis, endorses a second revision, the thesis will be revised again by the candidate and will be referred to the same examiner for re-evaluation.
- 6.9 If the revised thesis is rejected, it will be rejected once for all.

7 Declaration

The thesis shall be accompanied by the declaration in the prescribed format as in Annexure -1 duly signed by the candidate.

8 Preface and Notes

The candidate shall indicate generally, in a preface to his / her thesis and specially in notes, the sources from which his / her information was taken and the extent to which he / she has availed himself / herself of the work of others; he / she also shall state in what respect his / her investigations tend to the advancement of knowledge in the field concerned.

9 Payment of Fees

The payment of fees for D.Sc./D.Litt. programme shall be as mentioned below.

Purpose	Amount (in Rs.)
Online Application registration	2000
Registration for D.Sc./D.Litt. programme after the due process of selection	25000
Each spell of Extension (if required)	5000
Submission of the Thesis of D.Sc./D.Litt. programme	50000

Note: Payment of fees will be done through online mode only.

DECLARATION

I, Dr. hereby declare that the D.Sc. / D.Litt. entitled "....." submitted to the Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University) is a record of original and independent research work done by me and the thesis has not previously formed the basis for the award of any degree such as Master's degree or Ph.D. degree, Diploma, Associateship, Fellowship or other similar title to any candidate by any University/Institution.

Signature of the Candidate