

COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

(Abstract)

Ph.D. Regulations,2023- Amendments to Clauses- 3.6, 9.1, 11 and 12.6 -Sanctioned by the Academic Council-Orders issued.

ACADEMIC B SECTION

No.CUSAT/AC(B).SO/328/2025

Dated,KOCHI-22,25.01.2025

- Read:-1. Ph.D. Regulations,2023, vide Notification No. Ac.B2/Ph.D. Regulations/2022 dated 05.07.2023.
2. UGC Public Notice No. F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee) /2024(NET)/140648 dated 27.03.2024.
3. Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 30.04.2024.(Item No. IV)
4. Minutes of the meeting of the Deans' Committee held on 01.01.2025. (Item No.2)
5. Short Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 21.01.2025. (Item No.57)

ORDER

The Ph.D. Regulations,2023, was implemented in the University with effect from 01.07.2023, vide Notification read as (1) above. The UGC vide Public Notice read as (2) above, has directed to consider the National Eligibility Test(NET) as an entrance test for admission to Ph.D. Programme. The same was placed before the meeting of the Academic Council held on 30.04.2024 and recommended to make necessary modifications in the various subsections of all the relevant clauses of the Ph.D. Regulations, 2023 of the University, in the light of the afore mentioned UGC Public Notice and resolved to place the matter before the Deans' Committee.

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 21.01.2025, vide minutes item read as (5) above, considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council, the minutes of the meeting of the Deans' Committee held on 01.01.2025 and resolved to amend the Ph.D. Regulations,2023, incorporating the modifications/ suggestions made by the Academic Council as tabulated below:

1.Amendment to Clause 3.6 of Ph.D. Regulations,2023

Existing Clause of Ph.D. Regulations, 2023	Amendment
A Research Supervisor	As an inclusion policy of reservation in the Ph.D. selection process, a research supervisor should ensure that every 4 th vacancy under his/her research supervision, to be filled with a candidate belonging to SC, ST, OEC, OBC in the order of preference. If no student under the reserved category is available, the 4 th vacancy can be filled from the open category. However, if a research supervisor is not able to supervise a student belonging to SC/ST up to 7 th vacancy, then the 8 th student to be

should have at any point of time at least one Research Scholar from reservation category. Preference shall be given to SC/ST candidates.	<p>enrolled under his/her supervision, shall be from a Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe category. If eligible candidates belonging to SC/ST are not available for admission, he/she shall keep the 8th seat vacant and continue to fill the 9th, 10th etc. seats. In the event a supervisor is not able to admit an OEC/OBC category up to his or her 7th vacancy, then the 9th vacancy shall be from OEC/OBC category, in that order, otherwise the seat shall keep vacant and can continue to fill the candidates from 10th vacancy onwards.</p> <p>Every Department/School/Centre/Recognized Research Institutions shall maintain a 10 Point Roster for each Research Supervisor for admitting Research Scholars in the Academic Unit of Research concerned.</p>
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2. Amendments to Clause 9.1 of Ph.D. Regulations, 2023

Admission to the Ph.D. Programme shall be made using the following methods:

Existing Clause of Ph.D. Regulations, 2023	Amendment
9.1 a) An Academic Department may admit candidates who have been awarded fellowships for pursuing Ph.D. Programme by UGC/CSIR/AICTE etc. or any similar agencies of the Government of India or Government of Kerala in the relevant subject area based on an interview. They can join research at any time provided they satisfy other academic conditions	9.1.1 An Academic Department may admit candidates who have been awarded valid fellowships for pursuing Ph.D. Programme by UGC/CSIR/AICTE /DBT/ ICAR etc. or any similar agencies of the Government of India or Government of Kerala/International agencies with the concurrence of Government of India, in the relevant subject area based on an interview. Candidates can join research at any time, provided they satisfy other academic conditions, subject to the availability of vacancy.
9.1 b) Candidates who are working in funded research projects in the Department/ Academic Unit of Research with assured fellowship for at least two years and have qualified NET/GATE or other similar examinations conducted by national agencies.	9.1.2 Candidates who are working in funded research projects in the Department/ Academic Unit of Research with assured fellowship for at least two years and have qualified NET/GATE or other similar examinations conducted by national agencies.
	9.1.3 An Academic Department may admit candidates who have qualified NET conducted on behalf of UGC in relevant/concerned subject areas decided by the Research Committee of the Academic Unit of Research concerned. Only those candidates who have qualified under Category-2 i.e. Appointment as Assistant Professor and Admission to Ph.D. OR Category-3 i.e. Admission to Ph.D. only, of UGC-NET, will be eligible to be called for interview. The marks obtained in the NET by the

	<p>candidates will be valid for a period of one year from the date of declaration of the results of UGC-NET.</p>
	<p>9.1.4 An Academic Department may admit candidates who have qualified the GATE Examination conducted by the IITs/IISc/other agencies. The GATE Score will be valid for a period of three years from the date of declaration of the result of GATE.</p>
<p>9.1 c) An Academic Department may admit students through an Entrance Test conducted. The syllabus of the Entrance Test will be decided by the respective Department Research Committee. The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of subject/ subjects specific to the Academic Unit of Research concerned. The entrance test namely Departmental Admission Test (DAT) will be conducted only once in an academic year before the end of August.</p>	<p>9.1.5 An Academic Department may admit candidates through an Entrance Test conducted. The syllabus of the Entrance Test will be decided by the concerned Department Research Committee. The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of subject/subjects specific to the Academic Unit of Research concerned. The Entrance Test, namely Departmental Admission Test (DAT) will be conducted only once in a year before the end of August.</p>
<p>9.1 d) The Departmental Admission Test (DAT) shall have two parts – Written test and Interview. In the case of candidates undertaking interdisciplinary/ multidisciplinary research, the written test can be on a subject offered by the academic unit where the candidate is seeking registration.</p>	<p>In the case of candidates undertaking interdisciplinary/ multidisciplinary research, the written test can be on a subject offered by the academic unit where the candidate is seeking registration.</p>
<p>9.1 e) Students who have secured 50% marks in the DAT are eligible to be called for the interview</p>	<p>Students who have secured 50% marks in the DAT are eligible to be called for the interview.</p>
<p>9.1 f) A relaxation of 5% marks will be allowed in the DAT for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/Differently-Abled category/ Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC/Government of Kerala from time to time.</p>	<p>A relaxation of 5% marks will be allowed in the DAT for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/ OBC(Non-Creamy Layer) /Differently-Abled category/ Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC/Government of Kerala from time to time.</p>
<p>9.1 g) Those candidates who have secured a total marks of 60% or above only will be ranked. A relaxation of 5% marks will be allowed for ranking the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) /Differently-Abled category/ Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC/Government of Kerala from time to time.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DELETED</p>

3. Amendments to Clause 11 of Ph.D. Regulations, 2023

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<p style="text-align: center;">Preparation of Rank list</p> <p>11.1 Separate Rank list/Eligibility list shall be prepared with the following criteria/weightage of marks after the admission process</p> <p>(I) Eligibility list for candidates who qualify for fellowship/ scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET and similar National/State Level Tests with fellowship in the relevant subject area</p> <p>(II) Rank list for DAT Qualified Candidates</p> <p>(III) Rank list for DAT Exempted Candidates.</p> <p>TABLE 01: Weightage of marks for the preparation of Rank List of Candidates to be admitted for Ph.D. Programme in the University.</p> <table><tr><th>No.</th><th>Category & Criteria</th><th>Weightage</th></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">I</td><td>Candidate who qualified for fellowship/ scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR-NET and similar National/ State Level Tests</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>a. Interview</td><td>100%</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="4">II</td><td>DAT Qualified Candidates</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>a. Written Test</td><td>50%</td></tr><tr><td>b. Master's Degree</td><td>20%</td></tr><tr><td>c. UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR-NET/similar exams</td><td>10%</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="3">III</td><td>d. Interview</td><td>20%</td></tr><tr><td>DAT Exempted Candidates</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>a. Master's Degree</td><td>50%</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>b. Interview</td><td>50%</td></tr></table>			No.	Category & Criteria	Weightage	I	Candidate who qualified for fellowship/ scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR-NET and similar National/ State Level Tests		a. Interview	100%	II	DAT Qualified Candidates		a. Written Test	50%	b. Master's Degree	20%	c. UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR-NET/similar exams	10%	III	d. Interview	20%	DAT Exempted Candidates		a. Master's Degree	50%		b. Interview	50%	<p style="text-align: center;">Preparation of Rank List</p> <p>11.1</p> <p>i. Three separate Rank lists shall be prepared as detailed below:</p> <p>Group I - Rank list for candidates who have qualified Fellowship/ Scholarship such as UGC-NET/ UGC-CSIR NET/ DBT/ ICAR etc. and similar National/State Level Tests/ International agencies with the concurrence of Government of India.</p> <p>Group II - Rank List for candidates who have qualified in DAT/UGC NET (under Category-2 and Category-3)/GATE.</p> <p>Group III - Rank List for DAT Exempted candidates.</p> <p>ii. Marks shall be awarded while preparing the Rank Lists as follows:</p> <table><tr><th>Group</th><th>Criteria</th><th>Selection Criteria with Marks</th></tr><tr><td>I</td><td>Candidates who have qualified for Fellowship/ Scholarship in UGC-NET/ UGC-CSIR NET/ DBT/ ICAR etc. and similar National/State Level Tests/ International agencies with the concurrence of Government of India.</td><td>Marks obtained in the Master's Degree - 70% Interview - 30%</td></tr><tr><td>II</td><td>Candidates who have qualified DAT/UGC NET (under Category-2 and Category-3)/ GATE</td><td>Written Test-70* Interview-30</td></tr><tr><td>III</td><td>DAT Exempted Candidates</td><td>Marks obtained in the Master's Degree - 70% Interview - 30%</td></tr></table>			Group	Criteria	Selection Criteria with Marks	I	Candidates who have qualified for Fellowship/ Scholarship in UGC-NET/ UGC-CSIR NET/ DBT/ ICAR etc. and similar National/State Level Tests/ International agencies with the concurrence of Government of India.	Marks obtained in the Master's Degree - 70% Interview - 30%	II	Candidates who have qualified DAT/UGC NET (under Category-2 and Category-3)/ GATE	Written Test-70* Interview-30	III	DAT Exempted Candidates	Marks obtained in the Master's Degree - 70% Interview - 30%
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	<p>Written Test score = (DAT Score ÷ Maximum marks in DAT)* 70</p> <p><u>For NET Qualified candidates</u></p> <p>(NET Score ÷ Maximum marks in NET) * 70</p> <p><u>For GATE qualified candidates</u></p> <p>(GATE Score out of 100 ÷ 100) * 70</p>
11.2 a) The interview for the candidates applying under Category I may be conducted periodically and list of eligible candidates with respect to Category I should be published after every interview process.	<p>11.2.1 The interview for the candidates applying under Group I may be conducted periodically and list of eligible candidates with respect to Group I should be published after every interview process.</p>
11.2 b) The admission process of the candidates under Category II & III will be conducted only once in a year and the final rank list showing admission lists and the waiting list of all eligible candidates shall be displayed on the notice boards of the respective Academic Unit of Research/ Recognized Research Institutions and also will be published on the University Website. The rank list shall be valid till 31st December of the year.	<p>11.2.2 Only those candidates who have secured 50% or above in aggregate (i.e. written plus interview) shall be rank listed in all Groups.</p> <p>11.2.3 Group II will have a common rank list irrespective of the qualifying examination (i.e. DAT/ NET/GATE)</p> <p>Candidates belonging to Group II shall be eligible for University Fellowship based on its availability on the order of merit in the rank list of the concerned Department/ School/Centre.</p> <p>11.2.4 Group I candidates who qualify for fellowship/ scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR-NET and similar National/State Level Tests in the relevant subject area shall be given preference for admission.</p> <p>For admission in remaining seats, a ratio of 5:1 may be maintained between Group II and Group III</p> <p>11.2.5 The admission lists and the waiting list of all eligible candidates shall be displayed on the notice boards of the respective Academic Unit of Research/ Recognized Research Institutions and also will be published on the University Website. The rank list shall be valid till 31st December of the year</p>
11.2 c) Category I candidates who qualify the fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/ UGC-CSIR-NET and similar National/State Level Tests in the relevant subject area shall be given preference for admission.	
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4. Amendment to Clause 12.6 of Ph.D. Regulations,2023

Existing Clause of Ph.D. Regulations, 2023	Amendment
12.6 Candidates who are exempted from DAT under the Clauses 10.1.1 to 10.1.3 (with assured fellowship) may be admitted at any time during the academic year on submission of	12.6 Candidates who are exempted from DAT under the Clauses 9.1.1 to 9.1.2 and 10.1.1 to 10.1.3 (with assured fellowship) may be admitted at any time during the academic year on

applications in the prescribed format with the consent from a recognized Research Supervisor and the recommendations of the Research Committee.	submission of applications in the prescribed format with the consent from a recognized Research Supervisor and the recommendations of the Research Committee.
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The **amendments to Ph.D. Regulations,2023 will be effective from 21.01.2025**, the date of the meeting of the Academic Council.

Orders are, therefore, issued accordingly.

Dr. Arun A U *
Registrar

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