



# JAGANNATH UNIVERSITY

## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.)

### 1. NATURE OF DEGREE:

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) shall be awarded by the University in recognition of the successful completion of the Ph.D. program as prescribed by the Academic Council. The terms and conditions regarding admission, evaluation and other matters related to the Ph.D. degree shall be prescribed by the Rules & Regulations enacted by the Academic Council and Syndicate.

### 2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION:

A Candidate for admission to Ph.D. program shall satisfy the following conditions:

- (i) Candidates must possess Master's Degree or an equivalent degree of this University or of a recognized University in the relevant subject or in a related subject, and
- (ii) **Graduate (Honours) and Post-Graduate level candidates having minimum 50% marks in any one and in another level minimum 55% for Science and 50% for Arts & Social Science in numerical system (traditional) and in grading system candidates having at least CGPA 3.25 (out of 4 scale point) in both levels, and**
- (iii) **Candidate having minimum 03 (three) years teaching/research experience in any public University/Govt. Research Institute or 05 (five) years teaching experience in Graduate (Honours) and Post Graduate level in any Private University/College/Institute or Research experience in any recognized research organization, and**
- (iv) **Candidate having minimum 02 (two) publications in the field of their research interest in recognized academic journals shall be eligible for admission.**

OR

**Candidates having M.Phil./equivalent degree of this University or a recognized University shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. program.**

OR

**Teachers of this University who have not required marks/grade point (mentioned earlier) shall be eligible to apply for admission to the Ph.D. Program, provided that they have minimum 02 (two) years teaching and research experience in any Public University/Govt. College/Govt. Research Institute or 05 (five) years teaching experience in Bachelor with Graduate (Honours) and Post Graduate level in any private University/College/Institute or research experience in any recognized research organization and have also minimum 02 (two) publications in the field of their research interest in recognized academic journals.**

- (v) Candidates having 3rd class/division in any exam/degree shall not be eligible for admission for Ph.D. Program.

### **3. ADMISSION:**

(a) Applicants for admission to the Ph.D. Program shall apply in the prescribed form to the Registrar through the Department concerned and the relevant Faculty. The Academic Committee of the Department shall recommend the admission and approve the proposed field of study, the title of the thesis and the name of the supervisor(s).

(b) The candidate must submit his/her research proposal recommended by the Supervisor(s) to the Chairman of the Department. On approval of the relevant Academic Committee and the Faculty, it shall be placed before the Board of Advanced Studies and the Academic Council for final approval.

(c) Application for admission to the Ph.D. program will be invited once in a year. Teachers/ Officers of this university who are eligible for admission to the Ph.D. program may, however, submit their applications at any time of the year for consideration.

(d) Any change of the Supervisor(s) or the Title of dissertation shall have to be recommended by the Academic Committee of the concerned Department and Executive Committee of the Faculty and approved by the Board of Advanced Studies and the Academic Council.

(e) Foreigners may submit their applications (along with research proposal, consent of the Supervisor(s) and other necessary documents) to the Registrar at any time of the year for consideration. The Registrar will send it to the relevant Department. On approval of the relevant Academic Committee and Executive Committee of the Faculty, it shall be placed before the Board of Advanced Studies and the Academic Council for final approval.

### **4. REGISTRATION/ID:**

A candidate selected for admission to the Program of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy must be registered for Ph.D. Program of this university on payment of approved fees. He will get a unique identification number (ID).

(a) Fees: Fees will be fixed as may be deemed fit by the authority from time to time. The previous fees will be in force so long the new rate of fees will be fixed up by the authority.

(b) The registration of a candidate for Ph.D. degree shall be valid for 05 (five) academic years. The registration shall automatically be cancelled if the candidate fails to submit his/her thesis within 05 (five) years from the date of his/her registration. The Academic Council may extend this period for one more academic year on the recommendation of the supervisor(s) and the Academic Committee of the concerned Department and the Faculty. In any special situations, the Academic Council may allow another maximum 6 (six) months only for submission of the thesis. A Candidate, however, shall not be permitted to submit his/her thesis before three years from the date of his/her registration.

(c) A Ph.D. candidate serving in any organization including the University shall be required to take permission from the concerned authority at the time of joining the Ph.D. program.

(d) An M.Phil. student of this University who has successfully completed the first year courses of studies for M.Phil program shall be eligible for transfer to the Ph.D. Program in accordance with the clause 8(a-e) of M.Phil rules & regulation of this University. A candidate who will be transferred from M.Phil to Ph.D. program shall be registered as a Ph.D. student on payment of prescribed fees and dues.

## **5. SUPERVISION AND GUIDANCE:**

- (a) A Ph.D. Candidate shall be required to perform his/her research work under the guidance of a supervisor(s) who shall be a teacher of this University not below the rank of Associate Professor or an expert of a reputed Research Institution. The supervisor(s) shall possess Ph.D. or equivalent degree in the concerned subject and have publications in the national and international Journals. This condition, however, shall not be applicable if the supervisor is a Professor of the University.
- (b) A Ph.D. candidate shall be required to give at least two seminar open to all during the period of his/her research study to be designed and organized by the relevant Department. One seminar will be offered at the time of data collection/actual research and another shall be offered before 4 (four) months of submitting the thesis.
- (c) The number of the research students of M.Phil and Ph.D. Program for an Associate Professor and Professor shall not exceed 06 (six) and 08 (eight) respectively at a time. After submission of the thesis by one candidate, one seat will be vacant for the supervision.
- (d) No near relation, specified by the examination rule of this University shall be supervised or examined.

## **6. THESIS:**

On completion of the research work the candidate shall submit of his/her thesis and shall comply with the following conditions:

- (a) The thesis submitted for the degree of Ph.D. shall be written in Bangla/English. In the case of Arabic and Islamic Studies if the thesis is written in Arabic, a Bangla or English version must be added.
- (b) The thesis shall be a piece of original research work. It should make a distinct contribution to the advancement of existing knowledge either by the discovery of new facts or fresh interpretation of known facts and theories.
- (c) The thesis shall conform with standard research methodology usually followed in the discipline of research and satisfy the norms of literary presentation and be suitable for publication in recognized journals or in the form of book.
- (d) A candidate may incorporate in his/her thesis contents of any work which he/she may have published on the subject, but he/she shall not submit his/her thesis, any work which has been approved any other University for any degree/prize etc.
- (e) Five copies of the thesis shall have to be submitted to the Controller of Examinations on or before the date of the expiry of the registration. Each thesis must be type written/printed and bound.

## **7. EXAMINATION OF THESIS:**

(a) For each candidate, the Academic Council on recommendation of the concerned Academic Committee and Executive Committee of the Faculty, shall appoint an Examination Committee of three members, one of whom shall be the supervisor(s) of the student, one shall be from outside the country and one from within the country but outside this University. In case of self supervision the academic committee will propose another names of examiners. One of the members of the Examination Committee other than the supervisor shall be the Chairman of the Examination Committee. All three members of Examination Committee shall examine the thesis. The thesis examiners shall send their reports in sealed cover to the Controller of Examinations who will send it to the Chairman of the Examination Committee. The unanimity of the members shall be bindings for awarding the degree of Ph.D.

(b) The Examiners may recommend that the thesis be accepted for the award of the Ph.D. degree or the thesis be rejected or that the thesis be allowed to be resubmitted.

(c) On receipt of the unanimous opinions that the thesis is of standard that justifies an oral examination, the Chairman of the Examination Committee in consultation with Controller of Examinations shall arrange an Oral Examination for the candidate to defend his/her thesis. The Viva Voce Examination may be conducted if two out of three members of the Committee are present. The Chairman of the Examination Committee shall preside over the oral Examination.

(d) If the opinion of the examiners is not in favour of awarding the degree, the Examination Committee on the basis of the reports of examiners shall decide either to reject the dissertation or may recommend the Vice Chancellor to allow the student to resubmit his/her thesis with necessary changes and modifications as suggested by the examiners within 06 (six) months from the date of notification by the Controller of Examinations. In such case further registration will not be necessary. The examination committee shall report their decision to the Controller of Examinations.

(e) In case a candidate is unable to do well in the viva voce examination even though the thesis is adjudge adequate, the Examination Committee may recommend to the Academic Council that the candidate may be permitted to appear at another oral examination after a lapse of 06 (six) months from the first oral examination. No candidate shall be allowed to appear at the oral examination of the same thesis more than twice.

## **8. AWARD OF DEGREE:**

(a) The Vice Chancellor shall place the reports of the examiners for consideration of the Academic Council which shall recommend to the Syndicate for the award of the Ph.D. Degree.

(b) The Controller of Examinations shall notify the results in accordance with the decision of the Syndicate.

## **9. ADDITION, Alteration, Change or Modification in the rules and regulations**

In order to make any addition, alteration, change or modification in the rules and regulations (if required), it must be placed to the 'Departmental Academic Committee', 'Executive Committee' of the concerned Faculty and the Academic Council for approval. If any difficulty arises with respect to any provision of this rules & regulations, the interpretation/decision given by the Vice-Chancellor shall be final.