

## 8. Evaluation and Assessment Methods

- 8.1. A research scholar will have to appear before the Research Degree Committee once in every six months to make a presentation of the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance. Scholar will be evaluated with specified grading method on basis of the parameters mentioned in the evaluation form. Every six months, scholars will be evaluated on different parameters as per progress.
- 8.2. After first year, scholar will have to submit a progress report between two RDC presentations. Scholar will submit the progress report in hardcopy to the department.
- 8.3. In case the progress of the research scholar is unsatisfactory, the Research Degree Committee shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the research scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the Research Degree Committee may recommend to the Department/ University with specific reasons for cancellation of the registration of the research scholar.
- 8.4. Upon successful completion of the course work which shall form an integral part of the Ph.D. Programme, and upon completion of research work to the satisfaction of the Supervisor/s, the Ph. D. scholar shall draft copy of the thesis, However, he/she have to spend the minimum period of 36 months(3 years).
- 8.5. A Ph.D. scholar will be registered for five years. This may be extended by one year on the recommendation of the Supervisor and duly forwarded by the Dean of the Department concerned. The President in any special circumstances is authorized to grant an extension up to 1 more year for submitting the Ph.D. thesis. In case student fails to submit the final thesis within this period, he/she will have to get re-registered. For reregistration, immediately on expiry of first/extended registration as the case may be, the fees applicable for fresh students shall be paid by the student, but he/ she shall be exempted from taking the course work. Whereas for re-registration after a gap of one or more years after the first/extended first registration, the fees and rules applicable to a fresh applicant shall be followed, including course work, submission of synopsis, thesis, etc.
- 8.6. In case a student fails to submit the thesis or re-register within the stipulated time, the admission automatically stands cancelled. The concerned Dean of the Department shall intimate the University Office the list of all such students.

- 8.7. The Ph. D. scholar need to publish from his/her thesis minimum of two research paper in peer reviewed refereed journal with ISSN of national/ international repute and make one paper presentations in conferences/seminars before the submission of the dissertation/thesis for adjudication and produce evidence for the same in the form of acceptance letter and registration receipt of the publication, presentation certificates and/or reprints before the submission of the final drafted thesis for the award of Ph.D. degree.
- 8.8. Though it is not mandatory but advisable to write the Research Paper for publication with Supervisor/ Co-supervisor.
- 8.9. Prior to Submission of the Thesis, the scholar shall make a Pre-Ph.D. Presentation to Research Degree Committee that may be open to all faculty members and research students, for getting feedback and comments which may be suitably incorporated into the draft thesis under the advice of the Supervisor/s.
- 8.10. The Academic Council (or its equivalent body) of the Department shall evolve a mechanism using well developed software and gadgets to detect plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty. While submitting for evaluation, the dissertation/thesis shall have an undertaking from the research scholar and a certificate from the Research Supervisor attesting to the originality of the work, vouching that there is no plagiarism and that the work has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma of the same Institution where the work was carried out, or to any other Institution.
- 8.11. The Ph. D. student needs to submit five copies of drafted thesis to the University along with four soft copies of thesis through proper channel.
- 8.12. The Ph.D. thesis submitted by a research scholar shall be evaluated by his/her Research Supervisor and at least two external examiners, who are not in employment of the Institution/College. It shall be upto the University to decide to have one examiner from outside the country though it is not mandatory to have one examiner from outside the country.
- 8.13. The supervisor may submit a panel of six examiners to the Dean of School of Doctoral Research and Innovation for the evaluation of the thesis who will appoint two experts out of the panel of examiners submitted by the Supervisor.
- 8.14. The panel of examiners submitted by the supervisor for evaluation of the thesis shall be of Professor or Associate Professor or Equivalent from any recognized university/institute. However, priority may be given to the Professor while submitting the panel of examiner.

- 8.15. A panel of examiner submitted by the supervisor for evaluation of the thesis shall be strictly from external university, one within the state of Gujarat and one out of the state of Gujarat, preference will also be given to examine from a foreign country.
- 8.16. The appointed examiner should not be of the first blood relation of the candidate.
- 8.17. The examiners shall examine the thesis and submit their reports independently within 2 months of the receipt of the same by them.
- 8.18. On receipt of satisfactory evaluation reports, the Ph.D. student shall undergo a formal presentation and viva - voce examination by at least one of the external examiners appointed for the evaluation of thesis and the Supervisor, which shall be open to the teachers and research scholars as observers. Open discussions may be encouraged after completion of the formal viva – voce by the examiner.
- 8.19. If the performance of the candidate at viva –voce examination is not satisfactory, he/she may be permitted to re-appear for the viva – voce examination within a period as specified by Dean of the department, Supervisor concerned and Examiner on payment of prescribed fees of Rs. 20,000/-. If an examiner offers specific comments which need change or modification in the text, it should be done before the second viva – voce is held. Also efforts should be made to get the Re-viva-Voce within a period of six months from the date of present Viva-Voce.
- 8.20. (b) If evaluation reports of both the external examiners are unsatisfactory and does not recommend Viva-Voce, the dissertation/ thesis shall be rejected and the research scholar shall be declared ineligible for the award of Ph.D. Degree. If one of the evaluation reports of the external examiner in case of Ph.D. thesis is unsatisfactory and does not recommend viva-voce, the Institution shall send the dissertation/ thesis to another external examiner out of the approved panel of examiners and the viva-voce examination shall be held only if the report of the latest examiner is satisfactory. If the report of the latest examiner is also unsatisfactory, the dissertation/ thesis shall be rejected and the research scholar shall be declared ineligible for the award of the degree.