

**BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY
COIMBATORE – 641 046**

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (D.Sc.) / DOCTOR OF LETTERS (D.Litt.)

Regulations with effective from the academic year 2020-2021

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1. A candidate who has qualified for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) or any other Degree recognized as equivalent thereto of any University recognised by UGC may present himself / herself for the Degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) / Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.), the highest degrees of this University in the Faculties of Arts, Sciences, Social Sciences, Education, Commerce and Management provided the following are fulfilled:

1.2. Minimum requirements of registering D.Sc. degree:

1.2.1. He/she should have 50 research publications in the Science Citation Index (SCI)/Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) Journals (Web of Science evidence to be produced for SCI/SCI-E indexed journals) / Scopus Indexed Journals (evidence to be produced for Scopus Indexed journals) in which he/she should have been a Single Author or First Author or Corresponding Author in all the publications. The cumulative impact factor of the journals in which 50 research articles have been published shall not be less than 100.

1.2.2. The h-index of the applicant as per Web of Science / Scopus shall not be less than 25.

1.3. Minimum requirements of registering D.Litt. degree:

1.3.1. He/she should have 40 research publications in the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI)/ Arts & Humanities Citation Index (AHCI) Journals (Web of Science evidence to be produced for SSCI or AHCI Indexed Journals) / Scopus Indexed Journals / UGC CARE List of Journals (evidence to be produced for Scopus Indexed Journals / UGC CARE List of journals) and at least 10 books (excluding text books) in standard publications in which he/she should have been a Single Author or First Author or Corresponding Author in all the publications. The cumulative impact factor of the journals in which 40 research articles have been published shall not be less than 25.

1.3.2. The h-index of the applicant as per Web of Science/ Scopus shall not be less than 10.

1.4. The candidate shall be in a position of Associate Professor or Professor or equivalent in this University / affiliated colleges / any other universities / research centre / institute while applying for admission to D.Sc. / D.Litt. in a discipline and shall be actively involved in teaching and research, or research for at least 15 years after acquiring Ph.D. degree in that discipline with quality publications of high standard in a manner that he/she is continuously working in the same discipline for which he/she intends to register, as given above in clause 1.2 to 1.3.

- 1.5. A candidate already holding D.Sc. / D.Litt. degree in a particular discipline is not permitted to register for D.Sc. / D.Litt. in the same discipline. However, if the candidate has the eligible qualifications to register for D.Sc. / D.Litt. in a different discipline, then it may be considered. Eligible qualifications include possession of Ph.D. degree in that discipline for which he/she intends to register and fulfilment of the minimum requirements as mentioned above.

2. REGISTRATION

- 2.1 The candidate shall state in his / her application for Registration, the area of specialisation upon which the D.Sc. / D.Litt. thesis will be based. Such an area shall be the one, which relates to the subject of the Ph.D. degree. The candidate shall also provide, along with the application, relevant material evidence for active post-doctoral research in the form of published research articles / books / reports.

- 2.2 **Scrutiny of D.Sc./D.Litt. Applications:** Applications of the candidates shall be scrutinised by a committee consisting of the following members:

- Dean, Faculty of Research
- Dean of the corresponding faculty (Arts/ Science/ Social Science/ Education/ Commerce)
- Head of the Department
- Two External Subject Experts to be nominated by the Honourable Vice-Chancellor

In case, any of the members of the scrutiny committee apply for D.Sc. /D.Litt. then the Vice-Chancellor shall nominate a member in that place as substitution.

- 2.3 After confirmation of his / her registration for D.Sc. / D.Litt. the candidate shall submit four copies of his / her thesis, which shall ordinarily be the published work or published papers or books, making a distinct contribution to knowledge.
- 2.4 The thesis must be focused on one theme. The other contributions and papers submitted shall be related or connected to the main theme. Additional papers 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 application.
- 2.5 If the contents of the thesis are formed, in part, on the basis of the thesis of a previous research Degree, the candidate shall clearly set forth in preface.

3. SUBMISSION OF THESIS

3.1 It is resolved that the candidate shall submit his / her thesis after a period of *one year* from the date of registration. *Extension of time* for submission of thesis will be granted for a *further period of one more year i.e. two extensions each of six months*.

3.2. *Format for the D.Sc./D. Litt. Thesis* shall be as follows:

1. Cover page
2. Declaration by the Candidate (as per the prescribed format)
3. Preface (optional)
4. Contents
5. The main theme of the thesis shall be presented in 50 to 100 pages (in A4 size; double line spacing; Times New Roman Font with size 12) extracting the research work carried out and the findings made in the enclosed publications along with reasoning and logical explanations on originality of the research work and contributions towards new knowledge or advancement of knowledge.
6. Thesis shall have copies of all the reprints from which the thesis has been derived.
7. Citations of the publications from which the thesis has been derived.
8. h-index as per Web of Science / Scopus (Copy of proof should be enclosed)
9. A personal profile of the candidate with photograph, not exceeding five pages.

3.3. Similarity Checks, Levels of Plagiarism and Conflict of Interest

Similarity checks and levels of plagiarism shall be followed as per UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations 2018 for the research works which exclude the works of the candidate as D.Sc./D.Litt. thesis is largely based on the earlier research (after Ph.D.) contribution of the candidate.

The candidate shall submit a certificate declaring that there is no conflict of interest in any of the contents of the thesis and shall mention the level of plagiarism in a format as prescribed by the University.

3.4. Declaration

The thesis shall be accompanied by a declaration in the prescribed format duly signed by the candidate that it has been composed by himself / herself independently, and a certificate vouching that there is no plagiarism 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.

DECLARATION
(to be submitted by the candidate)

I, , hereby declare that the thesis, entitled “.” submitted to the Bharathiar University, in fulfilment of the requirements for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Science / Doctor of Letters in is a record of original and independent post-doctoral research work done by me during in the Department of and it has not formed the basis for the award of any Degree / Diploma / Associateship / Fellowship or other similar title to any candidate of any University.

I, further, declare that there is no plagiarism in the contents and the thesis does not attract any conflict of interest.

Signature of the Candidate

3.5. Notes

The candidate shall indicate, generally in notes, the sources from which the information has been taken and the extent to which the candidate has availed the work of others with due acknowledgment; the candidate shall also state in what respect his / her investigations tend to the advancement of knowledge or otherwise of the subject dealt with.

3.6. Additional Papers

The candidate may, along with the thesis, forward printed copies of any original contribution or contributions to the knowledge of his / her subject or of any cognate subject, which may have been published by the candidate independently or conjointly and upon which he relies in support of his / her candidature.

4. EVALUATION

4.1 Adjudication of the D.Sc./D.Litt. thesis

4.1.1 For adjudication of the D.Sc. / D.Litt. thesis, the panel of examiners shall be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with Chairperson, BOS (UD). The panel shall consist of five examiners preferably from advanced countries and five examiners from India preferably two from Tamil Nadu and three from other states. The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint three examiners from the panel of examiners, two from abroad and one from India.

4.1.2 The thesis shall be sent to the examiners for adjudication on receipt of the consent from the examiners.

- 4.1.3 The evaluation of the D.Sc. / D.Litt. thesis has to be completed by the examiner within a stipulated period of three months from the date of receiving the thesis.
- 4.1.4. If the University does not receive the evaluation report from any examiner within the stipulated period of ninety days from the date of receipt of thesis, another examiner shall be nominated in his/her place by the Vice-Chancellor.
- 4.1.5. Examiners from India and Abroad shall adjudicate the thesis and submit a detailed report on the merits and demerits of the thesis and finally indicate whether the thesis is Recommended or 'Not Recommended'.

4.2 Viva-Voce Examination

- 4.2.1 The Chairperson BOS (UD) shall be the convenor to conduct the viva-voce examination and the Indian examiner who adjudicated the thesis shall be the viva-voce examiner. In case, the Chairperson BOS (UD) himself / herself is a candidate for the D.Sc. / D.Litt. programme, the Vice-Chancellor's nominee shall be appointed as the Convenor
- 4.2.2 On receipt of the reports of the examiners, the Convenor shall submit a consolidated report, based on the individual reports of the examiners.
- 4.2.3 In case, one or two examiner(s) suggest(s) modifications / revisions, the candidate may be permitted to resubmit the thesis after necessary revisions within a period of six months.
- 4.2.4 After the receipt of favourable reports from the adjudicators, the convenor shall initiate and complete the public viva voce examination within a period of three months.

4.3 Award

- 4.3.1 After the due process of evaluation including the viva-voce examination, only when the decision of the Board of Examiners is unanimous in recommending the award of the D.Sc. / D.Litt. degree to the candidate with the approval of the Syndicate of the university then the degree shall be awarded to the candidate and the award shall be conferred in the Convocation.

5. Additional Clarification / Guideline

- 5.1 If any part of this regulation is silent and any additional clarification / guideline is required, the candidate must refer to the general regulations of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) applicable from the academic year 2020-21 onwards.
