

# UNIVERSITY OF PATANJALI

## **Special Regulation for Part-Time Ph.D. Programme International Centre for Climate Change, Disaster Medicine, and Disaster Management**

### **1. Introduction**

In accordance with the University of Patanjali's overarching Ph.D. regulation (2022), this special regulation defines the framework for the **Part-Time Ph.D. programme** under the *International Centre for Climate Change, Disaster Medicine, and Disaster Management* (hereinafter referred to as the "Centre"). The regulation aims to promote high-impact interdisciplinary research relevant to climate resilience, health emergencies, disaster mitigation, and policy innovation. The Research Cell/Dean Office will take responsibility for the documentation, filing, management, and dissemination of notices and related activities, similar to the processes followed for the regular Ph.D. programme.

### **2. Eligibility for Part-Time Ph.D.**

Candidates seeking admission to the part-time Ph.D. program must satisfy the following conditions:

- Must be working professionals (including government employees, NGOs, health workers, or private sector personnel) with a minimum of **two years of continuous work experience**
- Must possess a **Master's degree or equivalent** with at least **55% marks** (or equivalent grade) in a relevant discipline (e.g., Environmental Sciences, Medicine, Public Health, Social Work, Geography, Engineering, Commerce and Management, Policy Studies or any other relevant subjects).
- Must provide a **No Objection Certificate (NOC)** from their employer clearly stating the permission to pursue part-time research and attend contact programs as required.

### **3. Admission Procedure**

- Admission shall be through the **University's Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET)** or as per the direction of competent Authority of university followed by an interview conducted by the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the Centre.
- Exemption from PET may be granted to candidates with **UGC-NET/JRF, GATE, INSPIRE Fellowship**, or **equivalent national or international-level fellowships**, as per University norms.
- Candidates must submit a **research proposal** at the time of interview focusing on thematic areas such as:
  - Climate-resilient healthcare
  - Disaster risk reduction and disaster management

- Disaster Medicine and public health
- Community-based resilience frameworks
- Technology and policy interfaces in disaster preparedness
- Any other relevant subjects

#### 4. Duration

- The minimum duration shall be **4 years** and the maximum shall be **6 years**, in line with UGC norms.
- Women candidates and persons with disabilities (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a **relaxation of up to 2 years** in the maximum duration.

#### 5. Course Work

- A mandatory **Ph.D. course work** of minimum **16 credits** must be completed within the first year of registration.
- One paper must be specially offered titled “**Climate Change and Disaster Research Methodologies**” to build interdisciplinary research capabilities.
- Additional modules will include:
  - Research Methodology and Publication Ethics
  - Policy Analysis and Climate Governance
  - Computer Application

#### 6. Supervision

- The research supervisor must be a **regular faculty member** of the University or affiliated Research Centre with proven research experience in the relevant field approved by the Competent Authority and the eligibility conditions may be as per the **University’s 2022 Ph.D. Regulation** or approved by Vice Chancellor.
- Co-supervision may be allowed from **external experts or practitioners** from reputed national/international organizations working in climate or disaster domains (subject to approval by the DRC).

#### 7. Residential Requirements

- A minimum of **30 days of physical presence per year** on campus is mandatory. This can be completed in one or more visits and shall be used for coursework, progress presentations, and consultations.
- Candidates must also attend **annual research workshops** and **interim progress reviews** held at the Centre.

## 8. Progress Monitoring

- Progress of part-time scholars shall be reviewed **bi-annually** by the DRC.
- Submission of **six-monthly progress reports** endorsed by the supervisor is mandatory.
- Failure to report progress for more than two consecutive periods will result in cancellation of registration.

## 9. Pre-Submission Requirements

- The candidate must have:
  - Published **at least two research paper** in a Scopus/Web of Science indexed journal relevant to the research area.
  - Presented their work at **two conferences** (at least one international or national).
  - Completed all coursework and cleared plagiarism checks (below 10%).

## 10. Evaluation and Award

- The final thesis must be submitted as per the format prescribed by the University.
- It will be evaluated by **two external examiners** (one international preferred) and will follow the viva-voce process as per existing Ph.D. regulations.

## 11. Ethics and Compliance

- All research must adhere to the University's **Research Ethics Guidelines**, and obtain necessary approvals from the **Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC)** or **Environmental Clearance Board** as applicable.

## 12 Miscellaneous

- This regulation will be reviewed every **three years** or as required based on UGC directives.
- In all matters not explicitly covered, the **University's 2022 Ph.D. Regulation** shall apply mutatis mutandis.

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