

UNIVERSITY OF PATANJALI

Special Regulation for Part-Time Ph.D. Programme

1. Introduction

In exercise of the powers conferred under the University Act and in pursuance of the **UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022**, the University hereby frames the following regulations to govern the **Part-Time Ph.D. Programme** applicable across all Schools, Faculties, and Centres of the University.

These regulations shall be read in conjunction with the University's Ph.D. Regulations, 2022, and shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in all matters not specifically covered herein.

2. Eligibility for Part-Time Ph.D.

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

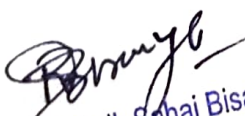
- Must be working professionals (including government employees, NGOs, health workers, or private sector personnel) with a minimum of **three years of continuous work experience**
- Must provide a **No Objection Certificate (NOC)** from their employer clearly stating the permission to pursue part-time research and attend contact programs as required.
- Must possess a **Master's degree or equivalent** with at least **55% marks** (or equivalent grade) in a relevant discipline. A relaxation of 5% marks (from 55% to 50%) shall be applicable to candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-abled categories, in accordance with UGC norms.


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.

4. Duration

- The minimum duration shall be **4 years** and the maximum shall be **6 years**, in line with UGC norms.


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- Women candidates and persons with disabilities (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a **relaxation of up to 2 years** in the maximum duration.
- Re-registration beyond the maximum period shall not be permitted, except as per UGC guidelines.

5. Course Work

- A mandatory **Ph.D. course work** of total 2 papers (minimum **16 credits**) must be completed within the first year of registration.
- Candidates must secure **minimum 55% marks** or equivalent grade in coursework to proceed further.
- Candidates already holding M.Phil degree and admitted to the Ph.D programme may be exempted from the Ph.D course work.

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 the 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), from any part of world.


7. Residential Requirements

- A minimum of **30 days of physical presence per year** in UOP campus is mandatory. This can be completed in one or more visits and shall be used for coursework, progress presentations, and consultations with supervisor. If one supervisor is outside UOP, the days spent with him/her can also be counted
- Candidates must also attend **annual research workshops** and **interim progress reviews** held at the UOP.
- Time spent with an approved external co-supervisor (if applicable) may be considered towards the residency requirement, with prior approval.

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.


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9. Pre-Submission Requirements

- The candidate must have:
 - Published **at least two research papers** in Peer reviewed/UGC care/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** (among them one will be outside of state boundaries) and will follow the viva-voce process as per existing Ph.D. regulations in UOP.

11. Fees and Funding

- A separate **fee structure** shall be notified for part-time scholars and we propose following structure.

a) Application fee	-	1000/-
b) Regn	-	50,000/- (one time) Non Refundable
c) Semester fee	-	24,000/- (each semester)
d) Pre-submission	-	25,000/-
e) Final evaluation	-	25,000/-

12. 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.

13. 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.

Issued with the approval of the Academic Council of the University.


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