

## Research Guidelines

A candidate after qualifying the prescribed examination can join the Ph.D programme in the departments which are offering such programmes at CUTN.

The selection of candidate for Ph.D admission should be based on department's requirement, and candidate's performance in personal interview & also the candidate's interest.

At the time of admission, the candidate should give an undertaking stating that he/she has not used the same mode of national test and joined elsewhere before joining CUTN or will join some other institute for higher studies.

A selected candidate if not getting fellowship through extra mural project or through any other agency such as CSIR, DST, UGC, etc., is eligible for institute fellowship. The quantum of fellowship will be notified by the university.

A doctoral committee as per CUTN norms must be constituted for each admitted candidate.

All matters pertaining to candidate's research progress, discipline will be reviewed by the doctoral committee at regular intervals and the doctoral committee will place its recommendation through the dean of the concerned school.

Based on recommendation from the doctoral committee of the candidate, the fellowship will be extended annually until four/five years from the date of registration.

The required candidate has to complete the minimum necessary course work as per latest UGC guidelines. The CGPA (cumulative grade point average) should not be less than 6.0 in the ten-point scale. If a candidate fails in a course work, one more chance will be given to choose an alternative equivalent course in the ensuing semester and the candidate has to clear the course.

The details of course where the candidate has secured 'F' grade (i.e. failed course) will be reflected in the transcript. If the candidate again fails or if the CGPA is lower than 6.0, his/her candidature automatically terminates.

There will be a comprehensive examination after completion of the necessary course work where in the candidate has to present the proposed work, defend the methodology and rationale before the doctoral committee.

The candidate has to pay the notified fees within the stipulated time and the academic section may communicate to the head of department for further action.

The candidate's fellowship ceases after four/five years, however the Ph.D registration can be extended for another year, with a recommendation of doctoral committee for every six months. However, the candidate has to continue to pay the requisite fee notified by the university.

Candidate who had opted for fellowship from project can opt for university fellowship after the completion of project tenure. However, the candidate will be restricted to total of four/five years as per university norms, which will be calculated from the date of start of project.

All registered Ph.D candidates has to support the department in maintenance of instrument, handling classes in assisting his/her research supervisor, maintenance of laboratory/office where he/she works for the research work. No additional fellowship will be given.

All disciplinary action taken on the student within the university has to be brought to the notice of doctoral committee.

The minimum standards notified by UGC for the award of Ph.D once met, the candidate with the recommendation of doctoral committee shall give pre-submission seminar to get feed back from any other faculty/students of the university.

Doctoral committee will recommend for consolidation of the work and submit the thesis for adjudication after paying the required fees prescribed by the university.

If the candidate need to continue the research work beyond six years from the date of registration, the candidate need to reregister his/her Ph.D programme. However, there is no need to redo the course work and comprehensive work.

The doctoral committee should review the progress for every six months and continuance of Ph.D beyond six years needs recommendation from the departmental research committee in addition to doctoral committee's recommendation.

The thesis has to be submitted to examination section through doctoral committee, head of the department and dean of the school.