

GUIDELINES FOR PART-TIME Ph.D. AT CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF PUNJAB

As per the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 notified dated 7th November 2022, Clause no.13, Ph.D. through part-time mode is permitted, provided all the conditions stipulated in these Regulations are fulfilled.

1. Requirement of NOC: An employed candidate from the Government/private sector applying for part-time Ph.D. programme at CUP, shall submit a 'No Objection Certificate' from the appropriate authority in the organization where she/he is employed, clearly stating that:

- (i) The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis;
- (ii) The official duties of the candidate permit her/him to devote sufficient time for research.
- (iii) If required, she/he will be relieved from the duty to complete the coursework.

2. Fellowship/Assistantship: No fellowship or assistantship of any kind shall be awarded to the candidates pursuing Ph.D. degree in the part-time mode.

3. Eligibility Criteria: The eligibility criteria for admission to the part-time Ph.D. programme shall be as per the clause no. 3 of UGC Regulations, 2022.

4. Programme Duration: The duration of the part-time Ph.D. programme shall be as per the clause no. 4 of UGC Regulations, 2022.

5. Admission Procedure: The admission procedure of the part-time Ph.D. programme shall be as per the clause no. 5 of UGC Regulations, 2022 and as per university rules.

6. Allocation of Supervisor: The allocation of research supervisor/co-supervisor of the part-time Ph.D. programme shall be as per the clause no. 6 of UGC Regulations, 2022 and as per university rules.

- 7. Coursework:** The coursework in the part-time Ph.D. programme shall be as per the clause no. 9 of UGC Regulations, 2022 and as per university rules.
- 8. Research Advisory Committee:** The constitution and functioning of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of a candidate in the part-time Ph.D. programme shall be as per the clause no. 10 of UGC Regulations, 2022 and as per university rules.
- 9. Evaluation and Assessment Methods:** The evaluation and assessment methods, minimum standards/credits for award of the degree etc. in the part-time Ph.D. programme shall be as per the clause no. 10 of UGC Regulations, 2022 and as per university rules.
- 10. Removal of Difficulties:** Notwithstanding what is contained in the rules/regulations, the Vice-Chancellor may, in exceptional circumstances and on the recommendations of the Research Advisory Committee on the merits of each individual case, and for reasons to be recorded, allow relaxation of any of the provisions except those prescribing CGPA requirements and award of degree as per UGC Regulations, 2022. The Vice-Chancellor may also take such measures as may be necessary for removal of doubts/difficulties and to resolve any other extraordinary issues. The decision of the Vice Chancellor shall be final and binding.
- 11.** All other cases, not covered above, shall be as per UGC Regulations, 2022. This guideline is subject to change from time to time based on the regulations of UGC, recommendations and approval of Statutory Bodies of the university.