

Central University of Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi.

Rules governing Ph.D. Programme

1. For the eligibility of registration, the candidate shall have to fulfil the following conditions.
 - (a) The candidate should have passed the Acharya Examination of this University; or
 - (b) He should have passed the post graduate level test in Tibetan Language of any recognized University in India, or
 - (c) Candidates who have passed their post graduation in Tibetan Studies or Buddhist Studies may apply for registration for the PhD degree. Teachers having the above qualifications may also apply for registration. But they will have to conducted their research while serving their academic assignments.

2. The candidates will be required to apply stating their qualifications and the topic of research by 30th September or 31st March. If the candidates had done any previous research that too will have to be mentioned, and approach the respective departments of this University. Applications received till 30th September, will be decided upon in December, and those received till 31st March will be decided in the following June.

3. All applications shall be scrutinized by the Research Committee constituted by the clause no. 21. The constitution will be as follows:

(a) Vice Chancellor	-	Chairperson
(b) Two external experts nominated by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of the department concerned.	-	Members
(c) Head of the Department	-	Member
(d) Head of the Faculty	-	Member

The committee meetings shall be convened by the Head of the Department, and all relevant papers are to be put up at the office of the Registrar.

4. All applications shall be placed before the Research Committee. The candidate will be called for interview only if the committee is satisfied to the effect that the topic of the research is worth undertaking, and that the candidate possesses the requisite qualifications and resources. And if the committee is satisfied with the interview of the candidate as competent to undertake the search, only then the application will be accepted and he will be registered as a research student. The registration fee is Rs.50/- payable by each student. The committee will appoint the guide for the academic guidance from among the members of the faculty.
 - (a) The guide will be either
 - (i) a teacher of the respective subject, or

- (ii) a teacher having at least 10 years experience in teaching or guiding research, or
 - (b) A teacher who has taught graduate students for 5 years. The committee may also consider appointing an external co-guide if need be in specific cases.
 - (c) If the candidate is an M.Phil or possess diploma for rigorous training in Sanskrit, his registration tenure will extend minimally for 2 years, and maximally for 5 years. Otherwise the tenure of registration shall be for 2 years, extendable upto 5 years. On the recommendation of the research committee the Vice Chancellor may be pleased to extend the tenure upto 1 year. After that no extension shall be possible. If the candidate fails to prepare the thesis within the stipulated time, his or her registration will stand annulled. In such a case, if the candidate enjoys scholarships, the research committee may decide the ways and means to realize the amount of money.
 - (d) Research scholarship shall be payable for the minimum period only. In special cases, the decision may have to be taken by the research committee, finance committee and the academic council in unison.
 - (e) Every candidate shall be required to report his progress in research every six months to his/her guide, and shall have to be in residence for 6 months and proceed according to the guide's directions. Foreign nationals too may enrol for Ph.D. degree without residential requirement. If they possess the requisite qualification, they will have to be in the campus for 6 months in connection with their research.
 - (f) The guides shall maintain progress of their candidates. The register will record the date of registration and his/her progress, presence in a month-wise fashion. This register may be reviewed by the respective research committee or Head of the Faculty. The requirement will apply in the case of the teachers and employees of the University. If any research be deemed unsatisfactory, the research committee may recommend cancellation of the registration.
5. Candidates, who would like to do research, on any subject related to the studies and teaching in consonance with the objectives of the University, and on which, so far no research has been done in any other University may apply, for the Ph.D. degree, in this University.
 6. Within one year after getting registered, the candidate may, with the permission of the research committee, start working upon his research project.
 7. The language of the thesis must be the Tibetan language; however, under exceptional circumstances, looking to the importance of the research project, on the basis of a clear recommendation, along with

causes, submitted by the research committee, the academic council may allow a candidate to write his/her thesis in a non-Tibetan language.

8. On the recommendation of the research committee, the Vice Chancellor of this University will appoint three examiners. One of them would be the guide of the concerned research project. The guide of the candidate concerned will recommend, through the head of the concerned department, names of five external examiners.
9. After the completion of the research thesis, the candidate will submit five printed or typed, but unpublished copies, along with the following certificates from the guide.
Certified that this research thesis, titled, is being submitted for the PhD degree by Mr/Mswhich is written as the outcome of the research carried out under the guidance of the undersigned. This work has not been, fully or partially, submitted to any other University for the award of any degree.
In this research thesis, new and original issues related to the chosen subject have been dealt with in a sizeable proportion, and the facts and conclusions have been approached from both traditional and modern perspectives.
10. The candidate will have to indicate as to how far he has included his novel findings as well as observations in his thesis, as also how far, in his view, his research has accelerated the progress of knowledge in the concerned subject.
11. The examiners will examine the thesis and submit their comments in the proper proforma. Before submitting their comments, the examiners may consult each other. They may also offer suggestions for improvement in the thesis.
12. After considering the thesis, the examiners may suggest if the said thesis is to be accepted or rejected, or within two years from the date 'X' of the decision of the academic council, the candidate be allowed to submit a revised version of his/her thesis. However, while recommending the thesis, it would be obligatory for the examiners to direct the candidate as to the part which has to be revised. If research committee feels that the directions with regard to such revision are unclear or insufficient, the committee may recommend a fourth examiner.
13. When two examiners are in favour and one, is against, or in a situation indicated in section 11, the recommendation of an examiner to revise the thesis being unclear and insufficient, it is, deemed as, a recommendation for rejection, a fourth examiner may be appointed by the Vice Chancellor, on the basis of the recommendation of the research committee. This fourth examiner would be from the list of examiners submitted earlier. The decision of this fourth examiner would be final.

14. If all the examiners recommend that the thesis is acceptable, the Vice Chancellor will, arrange for a viva-voce examination. The viva-voce examination will have two examiners - one will be the concerned guide, and one from among other examiners, who have recommended the thesis. If, on account of illness or death, the examiner's post becomes vacant, the Vice Chancellor will have the right to appoint another examiner in the vacant place.
15. If viva-voce examiners also recommend the conferring of research degree, all recommendations will be presented before the research committee, and this committee, after being satisfied by these recommendations, will further recommend the conferring on the candidate the Ph.D. degree. The decision of the academic council will be final.
16. In case the viva-voce examiners do not agree with the recommendations of the examiners of the thesis, the candidate will be asked to appear for the viva-voce once again within one year. If the candidate fails to satisfy the examiners on the second time also, his thesis would be rejected for the award of the degree.
17. While publishing his thesis, it will be obligatory for the candidate to mention on the cover page that the said thesis has been accepted by the CUTS for the award of PhD degree.
18. The candidate will pay Rs.350/- as the examination fees.
19. Every examiner will be paid Rs.900/- for reading the thesis and Rs.400/- for the viva-voce examination. The external viva-voce examiner will be entitled for travelling and daily allowance as per rules.
