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NOTIFICATION

Sub: Regulations for starting D.Litt. (Doctor of Literature) and D.Sc. (Doctor of Science) programs under Adichunchanagiri University - reg

Ref: Approval of Board of Management in its 24th meeting held on 24.03.2025.

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 7 & 8 of the ACU Act, 2012 Hon'ble Vice Chancellor is pleased to notify the Regulations for starting D.Litt. (Doctor of Literature) and D.Sc. (Doctor of Science) programs under Adichunchanagiri University.

The notification shall come into force from the academic year 2025-26 and onwards.

By order of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

REGISTRAR

Dr.C.K.Subbaraya

Registrar

Adichunchanagiri University

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1. OSD to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, ACU, BG Nagara.
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3. Dean, Academics & Accreditations, ACU, BG Nagara.
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6. Principals of all constituent colleges of ACU.
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ADICHUNCHANAGIRI UNIVERSITY



REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (D.Sc.) AND DOCTOR OF LETTERS (D.Litt.)

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1. PREAMBLE

Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) and Doctor of Science (D.Sc.), the highest degrees of the Adichunchanagiri University, are awarded to a candidate who, as per regulations, has submitted a thesis on the basis of his/her original and independent research in any particular discipline, that makes a significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge in a particular topic or area, which is approved by the Board of Examiners as required. Importantly, the thesis should not merely compile the candidate's previous research but should reflect significant originality and scholarly depth. The regulations framed are subject to modification from time to time by the competent authorities of the University.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Eligibility for enrolment in D.Sc. Program

- 2.1.1 Any researcher, who has been awarded Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in the disciplines of Science, Engineering & Technology, Pharmacy, Nursing and other related areas by this university or degree recognized equivalent thereto from any other university Or Post graduate degree with a minimum of 55% marks provided the candidate has obtained his/her Master degree in the afore mentioned discipline at least ten years prior to the submission of application may present his / her candidacy for the degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.).
- 2.1.2 He /She must have published at least 50 research publications in SCI journals or candidate should be the lead inventor for at least 5 granted patents.
- 2.1.3 The researcher should have published 2 independent research articles with single author in high impact factor journal and his / her research work / efforts should have national and international recognition and have made a distinct contribution to the society and the advancement of knowledge.

2.2 Eligibility for enrolment in D.Litt. Program

- 2.2.1 .A candidate who is awarded Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) holders in the disciplines of Humanities, Social Sciences, Business, Design, Creative Arts, commerce, management and other related areas by this University or degree recognized equivalent thereto from any other



University or Post graduate degree with a minimum of 55% marks provided the candidate has obtained his/her Master degree in the afore mentioned discipline at least ten years prior to the submission of application may present his/her candidacy for the Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.)

- 2.2.2 The researcher should have published a minimum of 25 research articles in SSCI-listed journals. However, this requirement may be relaxed if the researcher has published at least three (3) books, has received recommendations or referrals from nationally or internationally recognized experts in the relevant field, and if their research and contributions have significantly advanced knowledge and made notable impacts on society.

The publications or thesis submitted by him/her for consideration for the award of D.Sc. / D.Litt. are substantially from the result of the research work done after his/her Ph.D. degree.

3 APPLICATION FORM AND REGISTRATION

- 3.1 The Registration fee is Rs. 50,000/- in favour of “Adichunchanagiri University”
- 3.2 The application form for registration for D.Sc. / D.Litt. (Annexure I) shall be downloaded from the University website “www.acu.ac.in” and the duly filled-in
- 3.3 Application shall be submitted to The Dean-Research, both in hard and soft copies (along with necessary registration fee) at any time.
- 3.4 No objection certificate from the employer is required.
- 3.5 The application form shall have reprints / copies of publications (as per item 2.1 & 2.2) with the required certificates.
- 3.6 A Research Committee (RC) constituted by the Vice-Chancellor consisting of the following members shall scrutinize the applications of the candidates and recommend admission any time during the academic year:
- a. Respective Faculty Dean
 - b. A Subject Expert (Chairman, Board of Studies (BoS) in the concerned subject or a Senior Professor in the relevant subject)



- c. One External Expert.
- d. Dean (Research) is the Convenor of the committee

The RC shall scrutinize the applications of the candidates and shall recommend the eligible candidates for admission, to the Registrar (Evaluation) of the University.

4. SUBMISSION OF THESIS

- 4.1 Thesis submission fee is Rs. 2,00,000/- in favour of “Adichunchanagiri University”
- 4.2 The candidate shall submit his/her thesis after a period of 6 months from the date of registration, but not later than 2 years. One extension of 6 months shall be given with the payment of Rs. 25,000/-, provided the request comes at least one month prior to the date of expiry. Beyond this period, the registration automatically stands cancelled.
- 4.3 The candidate shall (a) establish that the broad theme of the D.Sc. / D.Litt. thesis is a continuation of his/her Ph.D. thesis, (b) however, the contents of the Ph.D. thesis shall not form a part of the D.Sc. / D.Litt. thesis, (c) the chapters in the D.Sc. / D.Litt. thesis shall be interconnected and not a collection of isolated research papers, (d) the D.Sc. / D.Litt. thesis should be a narrative of all the research publications tied through a theme and cumulative presentation of decade(s) of research work that is guided by a common theme or research orientation, with a vision to substantially contribute to the academic literature with fervor to advance the knowledge in the subject / research field.
- 4.4 The D.Sc. / D.Litt. thesis shall be on the basis of the publications which shall be arranged sequentially and discussed by providing adequate linkages between the chapters. While the common theme shall form the title, introduction shall provide overview of the theme and rationale of the work. The findings and the impact shall form the conclusion.
- 4.5 The following format may be normally adopted for the D.Sc. / D.Litt. Thesis:
 - (a) Cover page (as per the format given in Annexure II)
 - (b) Declaration by the Candidate (as per the format given in Annexure III)
 - (c) Contents
 - (d) The main theme of the thesis shall be presented in 80 to 100 pages (in A4 size; Line space 2; Times New Roman Font 12/Standard Font, both sides printed) extracting the work carried out and the findings made in the enclosed publications as per item 2.1 & 2.2



along with logical explanations as how far the work is original and contributing to the advancement of knowledge.

- (e) Thesis shall have copies of all the reprints from which the thesis has been derived.
- (f) Citations of the publications from which the thesis has been derived.
- (g) h-index (Copy of proof should be enclosed)
- (h) A personal profile of the candidate with photograph, not exceeding five pages.
- (i) Copy of the service certificate
- (j) The candidate shall submit FIVE copies of the thesis to the office of the Dean-Research
- (k) The candidate shall submit a CD/pen drive having the soft copy of his/her thesis in PDF format

5. EVALUATION OF THESIS

- 5.1 The panel of experts should be outstanding Scientist/Professor (in service or superannuation) in the relevant area. The panel should consist of four experts from outside India and four from within India. However, in case of Kannada Literature, all panel members from within Karnataka.
- 5.2 The panel of experts for adjudication of D.Sc. / D.Litt. shall be obtained by the Vice-Chancellor from the research committee as specified in 3.6.
- 5.3 The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint three examiners from the panel of experts: two from outside India and one from India, who will also serve as the Convener. However, for the evaluation of D.Litt. in Kannada Literature, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint three examiners from the panel of experts, all from within the state of Karnataka.
- 5.4 The Registrar (Evaluation) shall get in touch with each examiner to secure acceptance of the examinership. For this purpose, if e-mail address of the examiner is available, he/ she shall be contacted through e-mail and the soft copy of the Extended Abstract of the thesis may be sent to him/ her, to get his/ her consent at the earliest. If however, no information is received from an examiner within a reasonable time (4 weeks), his/ her appointment shall be cancelled and a new examiner shall be appointed from the existing panel of examiners
- 5.5 On receipt of the acceptance from an examiner, the Registrar (Evaluation) shall forward the copy of the thesis to him/ her, along with a copy of the regulations relating to the award of



the D. Sc./ D. Litt. degree of this University and take necessary action to get the report of the examiner expeditiously.

- 5.6 The examiners shall be requested to submit their individual reports within two months of the receipt of the thesis
- 5.7 In case, an examiner does not send his/her report within the above period, a reminder shall be sent to his/her. This shall be followed by a subsequent reminder after a fortnight.
- 5.8 In the event of the report not being received from the examiner within 12 weeks, his/her examinership shall be cancelled and a new examiner shall be appointed, from the existing panel of examiners
- 5.9 The report of the examiner shall be in the prescribed format as given in Annexure IV.
- 5.10 The examiner shall give specific and unambiguous reasons for his/ her recommendations. If the thesis is recommended for revision, the examiner may suggest points for improvement of the presented work.

6. AWARD OF THE DEGREE

- 6.1 The candidate shall be awarded the Degree, only if all the three examiners unanimously recommend the thesis for the award. In case, even if one of the examiners does not recommend the award of the degree, the thesis will be sent to one more examiner in the respective panel. The Thesis will be rejected, if two examiners do not recommend for the award of Degree.
- 6.2 The Dean (Research) will be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor as the Convener for consolidating the reports of the three experts, which will be placed before the Research and innovation Council/Academic Council/Board of management. After the approval of the consolidated reports from Board of management, the degree shall be awarded under the concerned discipline/subject in the faculty.
- 6.3 After the Board of Management approves the thesis for the award of the degree, the candidate concerned may be given the examiners' reports for which he/ she shall apply separately.
- 6.4 A candidate shall be permitted to submit a thesis for the D.Litt. / D.Sc. Degree only once.



7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in these guidelines, all matters related to the candidates shall be governed by the rules and procedures framed by the University that are in force at that point of time.
- 7.2 Any doubt or dispute about the interpretation of these Ordinances shall be referred to the Vice-Chancellor, whose decision, in his capacity as the Chairman, Research and innovation Council, shall be final. The Vice-Chancellor may modify, amend and/ or delete any of the clauses given in these guidelines or add any clause(s) to these guidelines, to facilitate the pursuit of excellence in research, provided that any such modification, amendment, deletion, and addition shall be reported to the Board of management at its next meeting for approval



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ANNEXURE-I

To be filled by the Candidate

Name of the Bank	
Amount Rs.	
Date of Payment	
e- receipt No	

PASTE PASSPORT SIZE PHOTO

Application Form for Admission of the Degree of D.Sc./D.Litt

1	Name of the Degree for which the Application is made			D.Sc./D.Litt.
2	Name of the Candidate			
3	Age, Place and Date of Birth (Proof to be attached)			
4	Nationality			
5	Present Occupation and Address with Mobile Number & Email ID (If working please provide proof)			Email Id: Mobile: Landline:
6	Academic Qualifications : (with attested Copy)			
	Qualification	Name of the Board & University	Year of Passing	Percentage / Grade
7	Year of Qualifying for the Ph.D. or other equivalent Degree (Attested copy of the Ph.D. Degree should be forwarded with the application)			
8	Date and the year of the Convocation at which the Ph.D. or Equivalent Degree was taken			



Annexure - II

(Model for cover page of thesis of the D.Sc. / D.Litt.)

Title of the Thesis

THESIS SUBMITTED TO ADICHUNCHANAGIRI UNIVERSITY FOR
THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE / DOCTOR OF LETTERS

in

(Name of the Faculty)

By

(Name of the candidate with address)



(Month and Year)

[Note: The items in Italics as such are not to be scripted, but only the appropriate details pertaining to them need to be in the space provided]



Annexure - III

DECLARATION

I, Dr. hereby declare that this thesis entitled
"....."
.....

submitted to Adichunchanagiri University for the award of the degree of Doctor of Science /
Doctor of Letters of this University is a record of original and independent research work done
by me and has not been submitted earlier for the award of any degree or diploma of this or any
other University.

Date:

Signature of the Candidate

Place:

[Note: on your letterhead]



Annexure - IV

PROFORMA FOR ADJUDICATION OF THE D.Sc. / D.Litt. THESIS

1. Name of the candidate :
2. Title of the thesis :
3. Faculty :
4. Name and Address of the Examiner : _____

5. Recommendation of the Examiner :
(Please strike out those which are not applicable)
 - a) Thesis is "Recommended"
 - b) Thesis is "Not recommended"(In either case, **detailed report** needs to be attached)

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the Examiner with Designation
& Seal)



ANNEXURE – 1C

ADICHUNCHANAGIRI UNIVERSITY
Application for D.Sc./ D.Litt.

List of Publications (other than Research papers) in Books /other than Ph.D. Work

S.No	Name of the Author	Title of the Book with Pages	Name of the Publisher and Place of Publication	Year	ISSN/ISBN Number

Declaration. I _____ hereby declare that the information furnished above is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that in the event of my information being found false or in correct shall be liable to cancellation of registration.

Date:

Signature of the Candidate



ANNEXURE –1A

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List of Research Papers in Journals other than Ph.D. Work

S.No	Name of the Author as per Published Article	Year of Publication	Title of the Article	Name of the Journal and Publisher	Journal Details				Whether listed in UGC CARELIST / SCOPUS / WOS/PubMed [Yes/No]**
					Volume / Issue	ISSN/ISB Number	Pages	Impact Factor*	

* Impact Factor to be determined as per Thomson Reuters, JCR, Elsevier Cite Score, SCImago Journal Ranking list.

** If Yes provide proof

Declaration

I _____ hereby declare that the information furnished above is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that in the event of my information being found false or in correct shall be liable to cancellation of registration.

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Signature of the Candidate



9	Area of contributions in the field of Specification with proof (like Publication etc.)	
10	Title of the Thesis of Ph.D. or Equivalent Degree	
11	Whether the thesis has been published by the candidate already (If yes attach the list of publication as Annexure DSC-B)	
12	Whether the candidate has published papers other than the Ph.D. or Equivalent. (If yes, attach the list of publication as per Annexure DSC-C)	
13	Attached NOC from the Employer	Yes / No

Declaration:

I _____ hereby declare that the information furnished above is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that in the event of my information being found false or in correct shall be liable to cancellation of admission from the University.

Date:

Place:

SIGNATURE OF THE CANDIDATE

(To be submitted to The Registrar together with prescribed fee Rs.50,000/-(as Demand Draft) drawn in favour of Registrar, Adichunchanagiri University ./ Through Online Payment).

Encl :

- ☐ Application form with of Fee Rs.50,000/-
- ☐ Copies of Education Qualification Certificates (10th, 12th, UG, PG & Ph.D)
- ☐ Experience Certificate
- ☐ Annexure I
- ☐ Annexure IA
- ☐ Annexure IB
- ☐ Annexure IC
- ☐ Research Notes (5 Copies) & Research Publications (Both in Hard and Soft Copy in pen drive)

