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MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KERALA

Abstract

Ph.D. Programme - 2025 Admission - Issuance of the Notification for Registration - Procedures for the conduct of Doctoral Committees and Course Work - Approved - Orders issued.

ACADEMIC A 10 SECTION

No. 11986/AC A 10/2025/MGU Priyadarsini Hills,Dated: 30.12.2025

Read:-(1) Regulations for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, 2025
(2) Notification No. 61884/AC A10-4/2023/AC A10 dated 28.06.2025
(3) U.O No. 6738/AC A10/2025/ MGU dated 23.07.2025
(4) U.O No. 8789/AC A10/2025/MGU dated 18.09.2025

ORDER

Applications were invited from the UGC-NET Examination qualified candidates for the Ph.D admission for the year 2025, vide Notification read (2) above, and online registration was conducted accordingly. The syndicate of the University, vide order read (3) above, has decided to conduct an entrance test in the subjects for which the UGC is not conducting the NET examination, and to consider and include them along with the UGC-NET and MG University Entrance Examination 2024 qualified candidates for the Ph.D Admission 2025.

Proposals for the issuance of a second Notification for the Registration for the Ph.D Admission 2025, with the procedures for the conduct of Doctoral Committees and date of commencement of course work were approved as per order read (4) above.

The meeting of the Regulation implementation Committee held on 24.10.2025 recommended the following proposals;

- Amendments to the Ph.D. Regulations of the University (Regulations for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, 2025)
- Finalise the schedule for publishing the next Notification for Ph.D. Registration in December 2025.

Proposed Regulation Amendments

Clause 10 Course Work

Clause 10.1 All registered scholars shall attend the Course Work commencing on 1st April each year (if not a holiday), at the designated research centre unless otherwise specified by the University. The first phase of three months (April - June) of the course work shall be conducted in an offline mode at the research centre concerned. The second phase of three months (July- September) shall be conducted via blended mode. The effective date of registration shall be the scholar's formal date of joining at the Research Centre.

Clause 11- Ph.D Through Part -time mode

Clause 11.1. Part - Time Ph.D. enrollment is permissible for all employed candidates, Including those residing / working outside of Kerala, subject to the fulfillment of all conditions stipulated in the Ph.D. Regulations.

11.2. For pursuing Part-time Ph.D. programme, the candidate shall submit a "No Objection Certificate" (NOC) from the employer or appropriate authority where the candidate is employed, The certificate shall clearly state that:
i The candidate is permitted to pursue the Ph.D. programme on a part-time basis.
ii The official duties of the candidate allow sufficient time to be devoted to research work.
iii If any change in employment status, including relief from duty, shall be duly intimated to the University.

Clause 15 Academic, research, administrative and infrastructure requirements to be fulfilled by colleges with 4-year Undergraduate Programmes for getting recognition for offering Ph.D. Programmes.-

Post graduate Colleges offering 4-year Undergraduate Programmes and/or Post-graduate Programmes may offer Ph.D. Programmes, provided they satisfy the availability of eligible Research Supervisors, required infrastructure, and supporting administartive and research facilities.

Additional clauses

Clause 8.3. Doctoral Interview

Heads of the university teaching Departments/ Schools shall be entrusted with the responsibilities of conducting the Doctoral Committee meeting for all disciplines falling under the purview of their respective Departments. Doctoral Interviews of the disciplines, that do not have corresponding teaching departments within the university shall be conducted directly by the University.

Clause 12. University Research Advisory Council (URAC), Research & Development Cell (RDC) and Research Advisory Committee

There shall be a University Research Advisory Council in the University to advise the Vice- Chancellor on all matters concerning research. URAC is chaired by the VC, and acts as the apex body of the RDC.

Clause 12.1. Research and Development Cell (RDC)

The Director of the RDC shall be nominated by the VC from among the Professors of the University Teaching Departments for a term of three years. The Director shall coordinate the research activities of the University Departments /Schools /Inter-University Centers/ Inter-School Centres/ Approved Research Centres and the sections of the University Office dealing with research related matters, including thesis evaluation.

Composition of the RDC

The Director of the RDC shall same as the Chairperson of the following sub-committees to facilitate governance and implementation of the decisions taken by the URAC.

1. Finance & Infrastructure
2. Research Program, Policy Development
3. Collaborations and Community
4. Product Development, Monitoring, and Commercialisation
5. IPR, Legal and Ethical Matters

*(Existing clause 12.1 and 12.2 have been merged)

The proposals were submitted to the Hon.Vice Chancellor for approval. The Vice-Chancellor, on 30.12.2025 by exercising the powers under Section 3.10 (17) of the Mahatma Gandhi University Act 1985, has approved the proposals, subject to the ratification of the Academic Council.

Orders are issued accordingly.

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