

University of Rwanda (UR)

Doctor of Philosophy Degree by Research

GENERAL PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

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0. INTRODUCTION

The key document governing PhD Students and supervisors of PhD by Research Programs is the “**Framework and Regulations for the Award of Higher Degrees by Research**” as part of the University of Rwanda Academic Regulations. The University of Rwanda Centre for Postgraduate Studies (UR CPGS) is in charge of all administrative and coordination matters related to Postgraduate Studies, while the teaching/learning and supervision remain the responsibility of Schools/Research Centres offering the programs.

1. PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

1.1. DURATION

- i. The duration of the program and the time for submission of the thesis are counted from the date of registration.
- ii. The duration of the PhD by Research Program is 36 months minimum and 48 months maximum for full time registered students.
- iii. The duration of the PhD by Research Program is 48 minimum months and 60 months maximum for part time registered students.

1.2. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Registration for the degree of PhD by Research may be permitted to an applicant who holds a Masters degree provided that the Masters degree is in a discipline which is relevant to the proposed research and that the Masters degree included training in research and the execution of a research project. An applicant whose work forms part of a larger group project may register for a research degree. In such cases each individually registered project shall in itself be distinguishable for the purposes of assessment and be appropriate for the award being sought. The application shall indicate clearly each individual contribution and its relationship to the group project. Where a research degree project is part of a piece of funded research, the College Academic Council shall establish to its satisfaction that the terms on which the research is funded do not detract from the fulfilment of the academic objectives and requirements of the candidate's research degree.

1.3. ENROLLMENT

Candidates applying for enrolment to UR as research degree students shall make an application to the Director of the University of Rwanda Centre for Postgraduate Studies (UR CPGS). The Postgraduate Studies Officer will be responsible to acknowledge receipt and process the received applications. The Director of UR CPGS will channel the received applications to the appropriate School/Research Centre for consideration by the established Selection Committee.

Candidates wishing to be admitted under alternative requirements shall be interviewed by a panel constituted by the School Dean/ Director of Research Centre. The Selection Committee shall be chaired by the Coordinator of Postgraduate Studies in the School or Research Centre. The Selection Committee shall recommend to the Dean/Director of the Research Centre, list of candidates recommended for admission. The School Dean/Director of Research Centre shall forward the recommended list to the College Academic Council for approval. The list approved by the College Academic Council shall be forwarded by the Dean/Director of the Research Centre to the Director of UR CPGS for him to issue admission letters to the successful candidates as well as inform the unsuccessful ones.

1.4. CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

It is the responsibility of the Director of UR CPGS to send out a call for applications at the beginning of each intake with clear guidelines, process of applications.

Applicants for a PhD by Research program shall submit the following supporting documents with their applications:

- A cover letter addressed to the Director of UR CPGS indicating for which program of study the application is being made and description of the motivation to join the program
- Updated curriculum vitae (CV)
- Notarized Masters and Bachelors degrees and transcripts
- Recommendation letters from at least two academic referees who are knowledgeable about the applicant.
- Support letter from employer (if any).
- Copies of valid identification card and/or passport.
- Sponsorship letter from an organization (if any).
- Applicants whose Masters degree was studied in a language other than English shall provide proof of English proficiency from a relevant and accredited body or institution. Research Concept Note relevant to the PhD degree sought.
- Masters Thesis abstract

1.5. PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

The following 2 two modules are compulsory for all PhD Students:

- i. Research Methodology.*
- ii. English Academic Writing and Communication*

Candidates doing PhD by Research are expected to have acquired the following attributes as per Level 7 of National Qualification Framework for Higher Education of Rwanda:

Knowledge and understanding	Practice: applied knowledge and understanding	Generic cognitive skills	Communication, ICT And numeracy skills	Autonomy, responsibility and working with others
<p>Demonstrate: Critical understanding of the subject/discipline, Including theories, concepts and practices at the forefront</p> <p>Critical knowledge And understanding of the research methods in the discipline/subject, including advanced ones</p> <p>Knowledge and understanding generated through personal research or equivalent work which makes a significant contribution to the subject/discipline</p>	<p>Use a significant range of the principal skills, techniques, practices and materials associated with a subject/ discipline</p> <p>Design and execute a research, investigative or development project to deal with new problems and procedures</p> <p>Practice in the context of new problems and circumstances</p> <p>Apply a range of standard and specialist research techniques and techniques of enquiry</p>	<p>The ability to make informed judgements on complex issues in the absence of complete data</p> <p>The ability to apply a constant and integrated approach to the evaluation and synthesis of new and complex ideas, information and issues</p> <p>Identify, conceptualise and offer original insights into new, complex and abstract ideas, information and issues.</p> <p>The ability to modify and develop ideas, policies and practices in the light of evaluative feedback</p>	<p>Communicate ideas and conclusions clearly and effectively to specialist and non specialist audiences</p> <p>Communicate at the standard of peer reviewed published academic work or at the standard for presenting policy proposals to employers and/or public bodies</p> <p>Use a range of appropriate software</p> <p>Evaluate graphical and numerical data.</p>	<p>Exercise personal responsibility in dealing with complex and novel situations in professional or equivalent environments</p> <p>Work autonomously in professional or equivalent environments</p> <p>Take responsibility for the leadership of a team and the management of resources in a professional or equivalent environment</p> <p>Work in ways which are reflective, critical and based on research/evidence</p> <p>Deal with complex professional issues</p>



These Graduate Attributes shall be acquired through the following activities:

S.No.	Category	Activities	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
		Activities	Semester -1	Semester -2	Semester -3	Semester -4	Semester -5	Semester -6	Semester -7	Semester -8
1	Preliminary Activities	Induction week	First week							
		Initial Proposal presentation & Allocation of Core Graduate modules by Doctoral Committee	Third week							
2	Research Progress Related Activities	Compulsory modules		1 core	1 core					
		Literature review & Data Collection for PhD Thesis								
		Comprehensive Exam by Doctoral Committee on Extensive Research Proposal & Research Progress at the 4 th Semester beginning (REQUIRE a PASS for Doctoral Candidature)				Comprehensive Exam				
		Continue with PhD Research work								
		Semester Wise Progress Report Submission	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		Presentation of Synopsis at Doctoral Committee (during the last three months of 7 th semester).							PhD Synopsis presentation	
		Submission of Thesis and Final Viva Voce defense								Final Thesis Defense
3	Other Mandatory Activities	Seminar Presentation at Center/School Level (2)			1 seminar		1 seminar			
		Workshop attendance (2)					1	1		
		Conference Paper Publications (1)				MAX time limit				
		Journal Publications (2)							MAX time limit	
		Industrial Attachment (3 to 4 months) (1)								
		UR Research and Innovation week attendance (4)		1 week		1 week		1 week		1 week
		Graduation								1 DAY

2. SUPERVISION

All PhD candidates are required to work under the guidance of the Supervisory Team (ST) comprising not more than three staff

2.1. Supervisory Team (ST) Profile

- The ST shall have one Main Supervisor and two Co-supervisors, one of which shall be a Resident staff of the University. The Main Supervisor is the Chair of the ST.
- Main Supervisors and Co-Supervisors can be staff from UR or from any of the Partner Institutions, with expertise in the relevant area of research.
- Where external supervisors are appointed, it is the responsibility of the School Postgraduate Studies Coordinator/Head of PG Studies of a Research Centre to

ensure that the external supervisors are familiar with the University and programme regulations and expectations for thesis supervision. An information package for supervision at UR shall be sent to these supervisors by the School PGS Coordinator or Head of PGS for the Research Centre. .

- iv. Normally, an external supervisor can be allowed as the Main Supervisor for a maximum of two students and can be Co-Supervisors for any other two students.
- v. The Main Supervisors are required to have appropriate qualifications in the relevant field or discipline, have undertaken supervision training, have demonstrated expertise in the field of specialization in which the student research is located and shall be active researchers.
- vi. The Main Supervisor is expected to have publications in the relevant areas of research within the past three years to his/her role as Main Supervisor.

2.2. Roles & Responsibilities of the ST

- i. The ST Chair (Main supervisor) along with the ST shall within two weeks of Student registration have the responsibility of orienting the students and helping the students to revise their initial proposal topic during application into a viable revised research proposal, focusing on solving the development priorities of Rwanda and Africa Region and beyond.
- ii. The ST, in consultation with the candidate, shall determine the student's '*Student Learning Plan*', agree to changes as required, to meet the targets based on the PhD Timeline given in Table 1.
- iii. The Main Supervisor shall develop a '*Supervision Plan*' in discussion with the PhD candidate and ST within six weeks of his appointment and sends a copy to the School Postgraduate Studies Coordinator/Head of PhD Studies of a Research Centre. This plan shall provide for regular consultations between the Main Supervisor, ST and the candidate, as well as a written report thereof.
- iv. Both the *Student Learning Plan* and *Supervision Plan* are filed in the student Folder for any reference during the training period.
- v. The ST shall meet with the students on a regular basis (e.g. every 2 weeks) to discuss the doctoral programme and review progress. Any member of the ST can e-meet the students through 'appear.in' or 'Skype' or any other form of video chats.
- vi. The ST team shall also establish other regular consultation approaches through Telegram or any other group chats.
- vii. The Main Supervisor/ST shall guide the student in the preparation of the 'Full Research proposal' and comprehensive oral examination.
- viii. Main Supervisor/ST shall lead the students to the successful completion of a doctoral level Research Thesis by Publications or Monograph or Body of Work.
- ix. The Co-supervisors shall assist the Main Supervisor in guiding the PhD candidates.
- x. The Main Supervisor and the Co-supervisors shall agree on how the Co-supervisors will be involved in the regular consultations between the Main Supervisor and the PhD candidates.
- xi. The Co-supervisor who is a resident staff of the University shall be responsible for monitoring the progress of the candidate and shall act as the Mentor to the student and local coordinator of the ST and the candidate.

- xii. Mentors are expected to provide opportunities for reflection and open communication regarding supervision issues and shall observe part of the supervision process in order to give feedback to the Main Supervisor.
- xiii. A supervisory mentor can report on difficulties that arise for either the student or supervisor/s at any time during and supervisory process to the Director of a Research Centre or the Dean.
- xiv. The supervisory mentor can initiate discussion of any other issues that may arise during supervision, which may require expert guidance.

It is the of the Students registered for PhD by Research to:

- Receive regular supervision by a supervisory team with the requisite knowledge and expertise in their chosen field of study;
- Receive from the Supervisors regular and timely comments on any work submitted during the course of the doctoral programme;
- Have access to resources commensurate with the research project being undertaken.

Supervisors shall ensure that the Students:

- Meet with them on a regular basis;
- Have access to their knowledge, expertise and advice as appropriate;
- Provide them with copies of papers/drafts/reports for comment during the course of the doctoral programme;
- They will be supported by the Research Centre or the College as approved by UR SMC

2.3. *Doctoral Committee (DC)*

The following members shall constitute the Doctoral Committee as proposed by the School/Research Centre and nominated by Director UR CPGS.

The DC shall comprise of the following members:

1. Main Supervisor,
2. Internal/External Expert from Academic Institutions,
3. External expert from Academic/Industry/ Research Institutions
4. School Postgraduate Coordinator /Head of PG Studies at the Research Centre (Convenor)
5. Director of Research Centre/ Dean.
6. The UR CPGS shall be represented in the DC

The Doctoral committee shall meet three times during a student's PhD Study period until the student submits the synopsis of his/her thesis.

2.4. *PhD by Research Milestones*

(i) Initial PhD Proposal presentation

The Students shall present their revised PhD proposal to the DC during the third week of their registration into the Programme. The checklist in Proposal Submission Form ACEForm-PSF shall be completed for the submission of the Proposal. The Students also complete the Key Skills Questionnaire (Form RDSAQ) to Self-assess research competencies (knowledge, skills, and values/attitudes). The DC shall identify the Core modules related to the Research, to be taken by the Students, consider the Students' self-assessment and give suggestions to improve on the Proposal.

(ii) Comprehensive Examination for Doctoral Candidature

In order to be confirmed for the Doctoral Candidature, the Students shall appear for a comprehensive oral examination conducted by the DC and present their *Extensive Research Proposal* and research progress. The comprehensive examination tests the fitness of the candidate to proceed further with his/her PhD work. If the performance of the candidate in the comprehensive examination is satisfactory, his/her registration shall be confirmed with Doctoral Candidature. If the performance is unsatisfactory, he/she shall be given one more opportunity to appear for the examination within six months of the first examination. In case, the research student fails to successfully complete the comprehensive examination within the prescribed time limit, the University shall withdraw his/her registration.

Meeting Schedule:

First week of the fourth semester of the PhD student

- i. A PhD student shall take a comprehensive oral examination after the completion of two semesters of his/her research programme, but before the completion of four semesters.
- ii. The comprehensive oral examination is mandatory and is to test his / her background knowledge in the broad area of specialization.
- iii. The comprehensive oral examination shall cover the topics of the research focus and all the allied areas. Candidates will be assessed based on their ability to:
 - Identify the core issue/s or problem/s within the case.
 - Seek appropriate and sufficient information to understand the issue/problem.
 - Observe interactions that may complicate the management of the issue/problem.
 - Present a quality, focused review outlining the case, which is articulated clearly.
 - Identify significant solutions/outcomes giving benefits and complications.
 - Understand diverse points of view other than own.
 - Offer alternative suggestions and the basis for alternatives.
 - Present views ethically and with cultural and social sensitivity.
 - Show professionalism and maturity when personal views are challenged.
- iv. The comprehensive oral examination shall be conducted by a panel of examiners, which shall include members of the Doctoral Committee.
- v. The Main Supervisor shall intimate the PhD student sufficiently in advance, the scope of the examination and other relevant details.
- vi. The presentation shall be between 40-60 minutes.
- vii. The students shall receive comments, feedback to improve on their Research from the DC.
- viii. The report and recommendations from the DC shall be sent to the Director UR CPGS signed by the DC members. The recommendations of DC can be either:
 - A. Confirm Doctoral Candidature or;
 - B. Conditional Doctoral Candidature –reappear for comprehensive exam within an agreed period of time or;
 - C. Termination of Candidature.
- ix. Students are notified of the outcome by the School Postgraduate Studies Coordinator/ Head of PG Studies at the Research Centre. Normally, a student shall not appear to the comprehensive exam more than twice.

(iii) PhD Synopsis presentation

Upon satisfactory completion of the research and publication of at least three research papers (not less than two of which shall be in SCI refereed journals, others can be in Scopus indexed conference proceedings, the research student is permitted to submit the synopsis of the PhD work to the School Postgraduate Studies Coordinator/Head PG Studies of a Research Centre with the approval of the School/Director of a Research Centre for presentation to the Doctoral Committee. The Synopsis shall be submitted not later than a month before the DC meeting is scheduled.

Meeting Schedule: *During last three months of 7th semester of the PhD scholar*

- i. Prior to submission of the synopsis, the Research Student shall get feedback and comments from the ST, which may appropriately be incorporated into the synopsis and thesis under the advice of the Main Supervisor.
- ii. The DC assesses whether the research work reported in the synopsis of the student has met all the requirements as per the PhD regulations for writing a thesis, and is ready to start the preparation of the thesis. After the approval of the Synopsis, by the DC the students can then proceed with the writing of the thesis.

3. RESEARCH SUPPORT

UR has introduced the system of Researcher Accounts whereby recipients of Research grants will be required to open such an account. It avoids putting funds into University accounts, for which Researchers have no control of, and from which withdrawal involves a lot of bureaucratic procedures. Additionally, in its Research Strategy, UR has approved an incentive scheme to motivate staff to do more research. All academic/research staff will be required to open a Research Account into which the incentives money can be paid.

4. MONITORING THE PROGRESSION

4.1. *Registration of the Candidate*

Once the candidate satisfies the admission criteria he/she is allowed to register through the Registrar of the College in which the study is based. The topic, ST and DC should be approved by CAC on recommendation by Dean of School or Director of a Research Centre.

4.2. *Initial Proposal Presentation*

Once the candidate registers, s/he appears before the Doctoral Committee during the third week for the Initial Research Proposal Presentation. The student fills in the Self-Assessment Questionnaire (Form RDSAQ). The Doctoral Committee allocates the *Core Disciplinary* postgraduate level modules related to the Research, Self-assessment and give suggestions to improve on the Proposal. The relevance of the *minor Generic Skills* modules may vary based on the student's experimental learning, disciplinary and professional development needs and therefore, students are allowed to do the selection in discussion with their supervisors.

4.3. *Core Compulsory modules*

These modules will be recorded in the *Student Learning Plan* and Students are required to complete the module, including all elements of assessment and examination based on the timeline. The modules will be assessed on a PASS/FAIL basis and are not credit bearing.

4.4. *Ethical Approval*

Students may begin their ethics applications (Form RETHC) at any time, but they shall not collect data until their ethics application has been approved. It is incumbent on the student and supervisors to ensure that any requirements for ethical approval are met prior to the commencement of the data gathering, if applicable.

4.5. *Comprehensive oral examination*

The confirmation of Doctoral Candidature normally occurs not later than four semesters after commencement in to the doctoral programme. In order to appear for the comprehensive oral examination, the students should have passed the *core disciplinary graduate* modules. The Main Supervisor guides the student in the preparation of the *Extensive Research Proposal* and the comprehensive oral examination. Once the student passes this examination the student is admitted to candidacy and allowed to progress with his/her research work.

The *Extensive Research Proposal* includes the following content:

- A summary of the research proposal;
- Proposed thesis title;
- Clearly stated research problem aligned with the developmental priority(s)
- Rationale and significance of the research;
- Research aim and objectives;
- Literature and/or past research review
- An outline of the research design;
- Ethical approval (if required);
- A planned budget for your research and how this will be funded;
- An indication of where the research will be conducted;
- Progress and activity to date;
- A timetable for completion within the prescribed time limit;
- Publications and Presentations if any to date;
- References.

4.6. *Progress Reports:*

Progress reports are vital to the School/Research Centre and UR CPGS for overall monitoring of both individual progress and programme issues. Form RDPRS could be adopted for reporting.

- i. All research students are required to supply six monthly reports, which reflect the progress of their work. These should also identify any issues that have arisen and how they are going to be resolved. The timeline table, above, indicates when progress reports for doctoral students are to be submitted to the Research Centre Head of PhD Studies/ School Postgraduate Studies Coordinator.
- ii. Once a student has completed their section of the report, the supervisor(s) shall complete their section and provide comments on the progress. If there are issues around progress, the supervisor should be explicit in any misgivings they have regarding a student's progress. Comments must be discussed with the student and a copy made available for them.
- iii. Supervisor(s) are also required to indicate any remedial action to be taken and to implement them to assist the students.
- iv. The signed reports are filed by the Head of PhD Studies of a Research Centre/ School Dean. Copies of the reports shall also be made available to the Director of Centre for Postgraduate Studies.
- v. It is important to note that progress reports should not be the first point at which a supervisor and student identify there is a problem. Issues are expected to be discussed regularly as part of the supervision relationship. If problems do arise, both parties are expected to take active steps to rectify them within the ST and the student the first instance. Failure to do so could be disadvantageous to both students and staff.
- vi. Students should be able to seek advice in confidence from any academic authority on any aspect of their candidature, including problems. Advice can also be sought from the Director UR CPGS.
- vii. If the student progression is not satisfactory, the Main Supervisor shall initiate formal warnings of unsatisfactory progress with a copy to Head PhD Studies/School Postgraduate Coordinator, which will notify the student in writing that their unsatisfactory progress in the programme. The notification shall specify the reasons why the progress is deemed to be unsatisfactory; provide a list of conditions that must be met for improvement. The student shall be given an appropriate timeframe to respond to the notification.
- viii. If the student fails to respond within the specified period, the Main Supervisor shall advise the Head of PhD Studies/School Postgraduate Coordinator. The School Dean upon the recommendation of the School Council shall recommend to the Director of UR CPGS and that the registration of the student be withdrawn.

4.7. *Publications and Authorship*

Doctoral students are required to publish and disseminate research findings. A Doctoral thesis shall comprise of at least three published papers out of which two articles published in a Scopus indexed peer reviewed journals like Thomson Reuters and Elsevier. The time limits for publications are given in the Table 1.

- i. Consensus should be reached between the student and research supervisor(s) concerning authorship of publications and acknowledgement of contributions

- during and after candidature. There should be open and mutual recognition of the student's and supervisors' work arising from the research.
- ii. Supervisors also gain/benefit from postgraduate students' work. Where a supervisor draws on and wishes to build on a student-initiated subject, the supervisor must advise the student (and co-supervisors) and through consultation negotiate a fair and equitable arrangement with the student and co-supervisor.
 - iii. The thesis and the IP out of the research belong to the University;
 - iv. The supervisor in publications relevant to the research undertaken by the doctoral student, must acknowledge the contribution of the student and provide them with the opportunity of joint publications and other research outputs.
 - v. Authorship shall be determined by taking into account the following:
 - Early discussion and agreement on authorship responsibilities and order;
 - Inclusion of all in the ST if fair contribution is done;
 - Exclusion of unacceptable claims to authorship;
 - Adequate acknowledgement of other contributions;

4.8. *PhD Synopsis Submission and Presentation*

The Students shall complete one in a Scopus indexed publication in conference proceedings and two in SCI journals, to submit the synopsis of the PhD work –refer to the checklist. The Synopsis has to be submitted not later than a month before the DC meeting is scheduled. Prior to submission of the synopsis, the Research Student shall get feedback and comments from the ST, which shall be appropriately incorporated into the synopsis and thesis under the advice of the Main Supervisor. The DC shall assess the Synopsis and if satisfied, grant approval to the Student to proceed with the Thesis writing.

Format of the Synopsis:

The synopsis is to be considered as a detailed summary of the work with important results highlighting the original contributions in the thesis to be submitted. It should give an outline of the thesis. The review of earlier work (literature review) is to be minimized with just enough information to highlight the contributions in the research work to be reported in the thesis. It is expected that at the time of submission of the synopsis no work would have been completed except writing the thesis and all other academic requirements such as course work, comprehensive examinations and the suggestions and directions given by members of the Doctoral Committee have been fulfilled. The Synopsis shall not exceed 40 pages. The guidelines in the preparation of the synopsis are provided among other key forms.

4.9. *Seminar Presentation*

The students have to present two seminars about their research work to the Masters students and Final Year undergraduate students in a related field.

4.10. *Workshop Attendance*

The students have to attend any two workshops organised by the School/Research Centre or any other Institutions related to their core research.

4.11. *Industrial attachment*

All students shall compulsorily take 2-4 months of Industrial attachment related to their Research work after confirmation of their Doctoral Candidature.

4.12. *UR Research and Innovation week attendance*

The students are encouraged to present their research work at University Research Conferences

4.13. *Submission of the Thesis*

The PhD Student shall, within six months of approval of the synopsis, prepare thesis in accordance with the format and specifications prescribed in accordance with the requirements of the University regulations.

- i. The PhD candidate shall submit the thesis to the Main Supervisor, either as a whole or in sections as agreed, and the Main Supervisor shall make recommendations for its improvement and/or further research or reading that might be undertaken.
- ii. All members of the ST shall read the last draft of the thesis, make suggestions for final amendment and if they are satisfied, sign that they have seen it and consider that it is fit to be submitted.
- iii. The Co-supervisors shall submit a summarised assessment of the draft thesis to the Main Supervisor in writing.
- iv. The PhD candidate shall attend to all the comments to the draft thesis and resubmit it to the Main Supervisor for approval.
- v. After approval of the Thesis by the Main Supervisor, the student shall submit it to the School Postgraduate Studies Coordinator/ Head of PhD studies at a Research Centre, using form RDTSD_Thesis_Submission.
- vi. At least one of the supervisors shall be required to attend the oral examination, to provide points of clarification when necessary.

4.14. *Examination for PhD by Research*

The examination for the Doctoral Degree by Research shall have two stages: Firstly, the submission and external expert assessment of the thesis by examiners, and Secondly Doctoral Degree by Research defence by oral or approved alternative examination.

- i. *Thesis Submission and external expert assessment:* The Doctoral thesis shall be examined by 3 examiners external to the institution, at least one of whom shall be from outside the country. The examiners shall submit their reports to the Director of Research Centre/ Dean with a copy to the Director UR CPGS. The Dean shall prepare a recommendation as per External Experts' comments to College Academic Council.
- ii. *Oral examination of the Thesis:* The candidate must present and defend the Dissertation or Thesis to the satisfaction of examiners in an oral examination,

the conduct of which shall be in accordance with the regulations for the award of Doctoral degree by Research.

At the end each academic year the School Postgraduate Studies Coordinator/Head of PhD Studies at a Research Centre shall report about the students' progress in the UR Senate Postgraduate Studies Committee

5. GRADUATION

If the performance of the research scholar in the Oral examination is satisfactory and recommendations of the examiners attended to satisfactorily, s/he shall be deemed to have completed the PhD Program. List of PhD students to graduate shall be submitted to Senate by Chairs of respective CACs. The final graduation list shall be approved by the Director of the Centre for Postgraduate Studies, after making sure that the theses submitted meet all the requirements. The Student shall have the degree conferred at a UR Graduation Ceremony.


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