

# Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) Programme Regulations

(As per UGC Minimum Standards and Procedure for  
Award of Vidyavaridhi Degree Regulations, 2016)



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**Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) Programme Regulations & Rules:**

**As per UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D Degree)  
Regulations, 2016.**

**1. Short title, Application and Commencement:**

- a) These Regulations may be called as Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha Vidyavaridhi regulations, 2016.
- b) These Regulations shall come into force from the date of issue of Notification (on approval of the Academic Council)
- c) These regulations shall be applicable to the students of Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) Programme. Shall also be applicable for Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) the academic year 2016-17 batch.
- d) The provisions of these Regulations shall be applicable to any new discipline that is introduced from time to time.

**2. Definition:**

1. **Course work** means six months (one semester) duration course which is compulsory for all admitted research scholars.
2. **DRC** means Department Research Committee, which process and finalize the admission for qualified students into Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) programme through an interview with preparing the rank list and to see the overall research progress in the department.
3. **Public Viva Voce** means an oral examination to defend his/her for thesis work before the committee/Board constituted by the University.
4. **VRC** means Vidyapeetha Research Committee, which takes decisions on issues related to Vidyavaridhi Programme.
5. **Research Supervisor** means Faculty member of Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati.
6. **Research Scholar** means any candidate admitted in the Vidyapeetha for Vidyavaridhi programme for pursuing research for the award of Vidyavaridhi degree.
7. **RAC** means Research Advisory Committee which will look after the progress of each research scholar regularly.

### 3. Authority or Source of Power

- (i) The Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha follows the UGC Regulations, 2016 for admission into Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) programme.
- (ii) Notwithstanding any of the clause(s) provided in the Regulations, the VRC and Vidwat Parishad (Academic Council) shall exercise its powers to change/amend/interpret/implement decisions and actions concerned with Academic matters.
- (iii) The amendments guided by the UGC Regulations issued from time to time would also apply with the concurrence of the concerned authority.

### 4. Introduction:

4.1. The Vidyavaridhi Degree shall be awarded to a candidate on successful Completion of

- 1) Vidyavaridhi course work,
- 2) Admission through Department Research Committee.(DRC)
- 3) Presentation of research proposal in RAC.
- 4) Candidate has to publish two research papers from his/her Ph.D. work out of which at least one must be in a refereed journal;
- 5) Candidate has made at least two presentations in conferences/seminars, based on his/her Ph.D. work.
- 6) Periodically submitting research progress once quarterly in RAC.
- 7) Presentation of Research work before the DRC. Before submitting thesis.
- 8) Submission of research synopsis.
- 9) Thesis evaluated by two external examiners.
- 10) Thesis evaluated by research supervisor.
- 11) Successfully defended the thesis in open viva-voce.

4.2. The thesis shall demonstrate that the candidate has technical mastery as well as critical thinking of a chosen topic/subject/field of research /research problem and is capable of doing scholarly work investigating a particular subject. The result of research, embodied in the thesis shall be written in Samskrit Language only and printed using **Devanagari script**. It shall be a contribution to the existing body of knowledge by one of the following

- (i) A discovery of new facts or by the discovery of some new relationship between facts already known [or]
- (ii) A critical survey of facts leading to original interpretation [or]

(iii) A critical study of a literary work or a shastric work or a comparative Study of texts or parts of texts or a special study on a text.

(iv) Bringing out a critical edition of an unpublished manuscript having at least three manuscripts available with elaborate introduction and critical notes. [or]

(v) Bringing out a fresh edition by applying principles of higher criticism to a work/text effecting further improvements on the texts along with elaborate introduction and critical notes provided the proposed guide endorses the work for higher textual criticism.

**4.3.** The Sanskrit version of the degree nomenclature "Vidyavaridhi" shall be called "Doctor of Philosophy" in English.

**4.4 Research programme offered by the following Departments under the concerned Faculties.**

Sl.No.	Faculty	Department
1	Vedavedanga	Vyakarana
		Jyotisha
		Dharmasastra
		Vedabhashyam
2	Darsanas	Nyaya
		Advaita Vedanta
		Vissitadvaita Vedanta
		Dvaita Vedanta
		Agama
		Mimamsa
		Sankhya Yoga
		Sabdabodha Systems & Computational Linguistics
3	Sahitya&Sanskriti	Sahitya
		Puranetihasa
		Research & Publications Subjects where the faculty members have competence.
4	Education	Education

\* faculty members can guide in other subjects also where they have competence.

## **5. Categories of Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) Scholars**

There shall be following categories of Ph.D. Scholars

- (a) Full-Time (b) Part-Time

Reference : UGC Public Notice - F.No. 20-1/2014(PS) on 17.03.2017

Course work is compulsory for both Full-Time and Part-time Scholars. The full-time research scholars may convert themselves to part-time only after successful completion of course work.

**Note:** as per the University Grants Commission (Minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers and other academic staff in Universities and Colleges and other measures for the maintenance of standards in higher education) (3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment) Regulations, 2016 regarding exemption to the candidates registered for Ph.D. programme prior to July 11, 2009 shall stand amended and be read as under:- "Provided further, the award of degree to candidates registered for the M.Phil/Ph.D programme prior to July 11, 2009, shall be governed by the provisions of the then existing Ordinances/Bylaws/Regulations of the Institutions awarding the degree and the Ph.D candidates shall be exempted from the requirement of NET/SLET/SET for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professor or equivalent positions in Universities/Colleges/Institutions subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- a) Ph.D. degree of the candidate awarded in regular mode only;
- b) Evaluation of the Ph.D. thesis by at least two external examiners;
- c) Open Ph.D. viva voce of the candidate had been conducted;
- d) Candidate has to publish two research papers from his/her Ph.D. work out of which at least one must be in a refereed journal;
- e) Candidate has made at least two presentations in conferences/seminars, based on his/her Ph.D work

(a) to (e) as above are to be certified by the Vice-Chancellor/Pro-Vice-Chancellor/Dean(Academic Affairs)/Dean(University instructions)."

### **Full-Time Research Scholars**

Research Scholars within the definition of this Category are those who pursue their Full-Time Doctoral Research under the guidance of a Research Supervisor in the Vidyapeetha.

### **Part-Time Research Scholars**

Research Scholars within this Category are those who are presently employed either on regular or temporary basis with a minimum of continuous service/experience in any college/school/institute/industry/organization and on production of NOC from the concerned employer, may pursue their doctoral research under the guidance of a Research Supervisor on part-time basis in the Vidyapeetha.

Part time scholars are not eligible for scholarship.

## **6. ELIGIBILITY OF ENROLMENT FOR VIDYAVARIDHI PROGRAMME**

### **Eligibility for admission:**

#### **6.1. Educational Qualification Required:**

1. Master's Degree holders or a Professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree in relevant subject by the corresponding statutory regulatory body.

(or)

Acharya or M.A. (Sanskrit) in the relevant subject

Shiksha Acharya degree For Vidyavaridhi in Education

2. Any equivalent post-graduate degree in the relevant subject /title recognized by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati.

#### **6.2 Percentage Required:**

1. With at least 55% of marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.
2. A relaxation of 5% of marks from 55 % to 50% or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/ Differently-Abled candidates and other categories of candidate as per the decision of the Commission (UGC) from time to time.

3. For those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19<sup>th</sup> September 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures.

### **6.3. Vidyavaridhi Entrance Test (VVET):**

Candidates will be admitted through Vidyavaridhi Entrance Test (VVET) conducted by Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati (A.P.)

### **6.4 ADMISSION NOTIFICATION**

The admission notification for Vidyavaridhi will be given by Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati

**6.4.1** Unless a candidate is exempted under the rules of the Vidyavaridhi Entrance Test (VVET), he has to apply for the Entrance Test to proceed further.

**6.4.2** The Vidyapeetha will notify admission notification in its **website** well in advance and through **advertisement** in news papers.

#### **6.4.4 Number of Seats available:**

The number of vacancy available under each Subject/Department will be determined well in advance and notified in the notification/prospectus during VVET Entrance Test.

**6.4.5** The admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by the UGC and other statutory bodies concerned, and taking into account the reservation policy of the Central Government and its amendment from time to time.

### **7. Duration of the Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) Programme:**

**7.1. Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.)** programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including course work and a maximum of six years.

a) **Coursework** for six months and

b) **Research work** for two years and six months

After successful completion of course work the research scholar has to do research work for two and half years. He is eligible to submit the thesis only after the completion of two and half years research work, from the date of approval of topic.

The women candidates and persons with disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of two years in the maximum duration. In addition,



the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave/child care Leave once in the entire duration for up to 240 days.

7.2. If a candidate is unable to Complete the research work even after the expiry of six years (three years original registration plus maximum of three years extension) his registration stands cancelled forthwith. He has to apply for registration afresh right from VVET. Or an application to the Dean academic affairs for re-registration in case of scholars who have not admitted through VVET.

7.3. If any candidate(s) joins in any full time degree programme either in the Vidyapeetha or outside, the registration stands cancelled forthwith. No break period shall be allowed to join in any other programme.

7.4. Research scholars have to pay admission fee every year till submission of thesis.

7.5. The registration granted to a candidate shall stands cancelled automatically in the event of non-payment of Annual fee within 3 months from the due date. And in the event of non-submission of Half-yearly report by a candidate, the registration shall stand cancelled. No request will be entertained from the candidate for condoning the delayed payment of fees, submission of report.

## **8. Vidyavaridhi Entrance Test (VVET):**

1. The details regarding rules and regulations of Vidyavaridhi Entrance Test will be given in separate notification in the month of January every year by the Vidyapeetha. For details, candidates are advised to refer entrance test Guidelines and to go through the website of Vidyapeetha.

The qualifying mark in the Entrance test is 50%.

### **a) Syllabus of the Entrance Test**

The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of-

50% of research methodology and

50% shall be in concerned subject/ sastra.

The Entrance Test shall be conducted at the Centre(s) notified in the Entrance test guidelines.

### **8.1 Exemption from the Entrance Test (VVET):**

The following categories of candidates may be exempted from appearing VVET :

- 1) Candidates qualified in UGC-CSIR, JRF/Ph.D
- 2) Students who are awarded National Fellowship by University Grants Commission.

- 3) Students who have passed in Visistacharya (MPhil.) with minimum of 60% of marks

## **9. Procedure for admission:**

**9.1.** After the declaration of the results of the entrance test, candidates who have qualified the test will be intimated by SMS/ E-mail about the date of interview and other formalities to be followed by the candidate(s).

**9.2** An interview will be organized, department wise (conducted by Department Research Committee (DRC)) where the candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before the Department Research committee.

They may be admitted to Vidyavaridhi programme subject to the availability of seats in the concerned subject on merit basis (60% of the marks obtained in the qualifying PG examination or M.Phil examination (if the candidate has M.Phil Degree) and 40% on the basis of Interview?

**9.3** The interview shall also consider the following aspects viz. whether :

1. The candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research.
2. The research work can be suitably undertaken at the institution.
3. The proposed area of research which can contribute to new/additional knowledge.

**9.4 Admission for Foreign Scholars:** Foreign nationals including NRIs must produce a valid Research Visa at the time of seeking admission into Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) programme. The foreign/NRI scholars should also go through all the process of admission procedure from submission of application for entrance test and to follow admission procedure.

## **10. Vidyapeetha Research Committee (VRC)-Structure & functions**

**Definition of VRC:** VRC means Vidyapeetha Research Committee. Its function is to take decisions on all matters related to Vidyavaridhi programme either on the recommendation of DRC or directly.

### **10.1. Structure of VRC**

The VRC consists the following members:

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| 1. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor               | - Chairman |
| 2. Dean, Academic Affairs                | - Member   |
| 3. Dean, Faculty of Veda Vedangas        | - Member   |
| 4. Dean, Faculty of Darsana              | - Member   |
| 5. Dean, Faculty of Sahitya & Samskruthi | - Member   |

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| 6. Dean, Faculty of Education             | - Member   |
| 7. Head, Dept. of Research & Publications | - Convener |

## **Functions of VRC**

1. To approve the list of Supervisors subject/department wise.
2. To approve the number of seats available in each subject/department for every academic year before the notification.
3. To approve the list of candidates to be admitted to Vidyavaridhi Programme.
4. Prepare the list of candidates subject/department wise and supply the same to Department Research Committee (DRC).
5. Collect a report on Vidyavaridhi admission from DRC of each department.
6. Cancellation of registration of any scholar on the recommendations of RAC and DRC.
7. Take decisions on all the matters related to Vidyavaridhi Programme.

The Chairman is empowered to take final decision with any matter related to the VRC.

## **11. Department Research Committee (DRC)-Structure & functions**

**Definition of DRC:** DRC means Department Research Committee. Its function is to process and finalize the admission for qualified students into Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) programme through an interview with preparing the rank list and to see the overall research progress in the department.

**DRC will be constituted for each department separately.**

### **11.1. Structure of DRC**

The DRC consists of the following members:

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| 1. Head of the Concerned Department          | - Chairman |
| 2. All the Research Supervisors in the Dept. | - Members  |

Where there is no HoD or unitary Faculty Department, the Concerned Dean will be the Chairman. The decision of the Vice-Chancellor will be final with regard to composition of DRC (wherever the required number of faculty is not available in any department).

### **Communication of the proceedings:**

After authentication of the proceedings of the Department Research Committee (DRC) by the Vidyapeetha Research Committee (VRC), the

proceedings will be communicated to the candidates and any other concerned person/authorities by the Co-ordinator to the Convenor of VRC.?

The Dean, Academic Affairs shall register the selected candidates to the Vidyavaridhi after receiving the joining report from the candidates.

## **11.2. Functions of DRC:**

1) The allocation of Research Supervisor for a selected research scholar shall be decided by the DRC of concerned department.

### **a) Research Supervisor - Eligibility criteria:**

Only a full time regular teacher of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha having three years of experience after the award of Vidyavaridhi can act as a supervisor. Any regular Professor of the Vidyapeetha with at least five research publications in refereed journals and any Regular Associate/Assistant Professor of the university with a Ph.D. degree and at least two research publications in refereed journals may be recognized as Research Supervisor.

Provided that in areas/disciplines where there is no referred journals or only a limited number, the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha may relax the above condition for recognition of a person as Research Supervisor with reasons recorded in writing.

### **b) Allocation of Research Supervisor:**

The allocation of Research Supervisor for a selected research scholar shall be decided by the Department concerned in **Department Research Committee** depending on the number of Research scholars per Research Supervisor, the available specialization among the Supervisors and research interests of the Research scholars as indicated by them at the time of interview within a month after declaration of Vidyavaridhi course work results. However, in case of any discrepancies regarding allotment of Research Supervisor, the VRC will allot Research Supervisor.

The external Research supervisors are not allowed in any circumstances.

### **c) Co-Supervisor:**

In case of topics which are of inter-disciplinary nature where the Department concerned feels that the expertise in the Department has to be supplemented from outside, the Department may appoint a Research Supervisor from the Department itself, who shall be known as the Research Supervisor, and a Co-Supervisor from outside the Department/ Faculty/University/Institution on

such terms and conditions as may be specified and agreed upon by the consenting University/Institutions.

Co-Supervisor can be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas from other departments of the same institute or from other related institutions with the approval of the **RAC**.

**d) Number of Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) scholars permissible per Supervisor:**

A Research Supervisor/Co-supervisor who is

**A Professor** at any given point of time cannot guide more than **Eight (8)** Ph.D. scholars.

**An Associate Professor** as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of **six (6)** Ph.D. scholars.

**An Assistant Professor** as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of **four (4)** Ph.D. scholars.

After completion of three years of minimum duration from the date of registration of a research scholar, the seat will be considered vacant under the concerned Research Supervisor.

**e) Change of Research supervisor:**

No change of supervisor shall be allowed under normal circumstances. However, in special cases a Research Scholar may be allowed on the recommendation of the **DRC** with approval of **VRC** to change his/her guide on an application by genuine reasons, such as retirement, long leave, deputation, death etc., or any other cause which warrants such change.

**f) Cancellation of Registration:** On the recommendations of Research Advisory Committee & **DRC**, with valid reasons, **VRC** may cancel the registration of the Vidyavaridhi scholar.

**12. Course Work:**

**a) Credit Requirements**

12.1 The credit assigned to the Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) course work shall be a minimum of 08 credits and a maximum of 16 credits with six (6) month duration.

12.2 The course work shall be treated as prerequisite for Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) preparation. A minimum of four credits shall be assigned to one or more courses on Research Methodology which could cover areas such as quantitative methods, computer applications, research ethics and review of

published research in the relevant field, training, field work, etc. Other courses shall be advanced level courses preparing the students for Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) degree.

12.3 All courses prescribed for Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) course work shall be in conformity with the credit hour instructional requirement and shall specify content, instructional and assessment methods. They shall be duly approved by the authorized academic bodies/Academic Council of Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha.

**b) Syllabus**

Course-work Syllabus framed by the Department of Research & Publications is applicable to all Shastras.

**c) Duration**

All candidates admitted to the Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) programme shall be required to complete the course work during the initial one or two semesters. Otherwise his/her admission stands cancelled.

**d) Attendance**

All the Research Scholars undergoing Course work must have minimum 75% attendance. Candidates already holding M.Phil/Ph.D degree have to attend 10% classes and internal assignments. All candidates shall be required to qualify the Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) course work exam prescribed by the Vidyapeetha.

**e) Minimum standards for completion :**

A Ph.D. scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade/CGPA in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the programme and to submit the thesis.

Grades in the course work, including research methodology Courses shall be finalized after having internal assessment by the RAC and the Department.

After that the Controller of Examinations shall conduct the Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) course work examination and declare the result with grading system.

The examination should be completed successfully in one/two attempts. Failed candidates in the course work examination are not eligible to continue their research work. They should seek fresh admission from VVET.

**f) Exemption from course work :**

Visistacharya (M.Phil) qualified scholars, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vidyavaridhi scholars (admitted to Vidyavaridhi) are exempted from the Vidyavaridhi course work. However, there is a chance that without coursework certificate, the degree may not be recognized equally in all places. If M.Phil. qualified scholars/2<sup>nd</sup> Vidyavaridhi scholars need Vidyavaridhi course work certificate with grade in UGC seven point scale, they have to attend 10% of classes in each paper and complete other assignments, computer practical's etc. and have to appear in Vidyavaridhi course work examination.

**13. Research Advisory Committee (RAC): Structure:**

**Definition of RAC :** RAC means Research Advisory Committee. Its function is approving the research topic. This committee also is authorized to change the topic if such circumstances arise or if student approaches the above committee or it is found that research has done in other institution /place on the selected topic.

After successful completion of course work, the DRC will accept candidate for registration, and allot a Research Supervisor. Research Advisory committee (RAC) will be constituted for each Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D) scholar. The Research Supervisor of the scholar shall be the Convener of this Committee.

The committee will consist of the following:

1. Head of the Department of concerned Sastra - Chairman
2. One Faculty Member chosen by the Convener in Consultation with HoD - Member
3. Research Supervisor - Convener

Where there is no HoD or unitary Faculty Department, the Concerned Dean will be the Chairman. The decision of the Vice-Chancellor will be final with regard to composition of DRC (wherever the required number of faculty is not available in any department).

**13.1. Functions of the Research Advisory Committee:**

The committee shall undertake following duties and responsibilities to enhance the quality of research -

1. to review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research;
2. to guide the research scholar to develop the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that he/she may have to do.

3. to periodically review the progress of research work once in three months and assist in the progress of the research work of the research scholar. A tri-monthly report should be submitted to the DRC on the candidate's progress in Research work.
4. to discuss advice and recommend on all matters connected with the candidate's research from registration till the submission of thesis;

**13.2.** A research scholar shall appear before the **RAC** once in three months to make a presentation of the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance. The three monthly progress reports shall be submitted by **the RAC** to the **DRC** for authentication.

**13.3.** In case the progress of the research scholar is unsatisfactory, the **RAC** shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the research scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the Research Advisory Committee may recommend to the **DRC** with specific reasons for cancellation of the registration of the research scholar. **DRC** will forward with its recommendation to **URC** to take final decision.

#### **13.4. Change of Topic:**

A Research Scholar may change his topic of research on the recommendation of the **RAC** through the **DRC** with the approval of the **VRC**. However, with due justification given by the Research Scholar and Supervisor the case will be considered as an exception with a condition that Scholar should work a minimum of two years from the date of change of Topic.

#### **13.5. Modification/Correction in the Title:**

Minor Corrections or Modifications may be allowed in the Title on the advice of **Supervisor/RAC** with the approval of the **DRC** before final submission of the Final Synopsis or Thesis.

### **14. Field of Research / vis-a-vis previous Qualification**

**14.1.** Normally a candidate will be eligible to pursue his research in the field/shastra in which he has passed Post-graduation/Acharya examination or equivalent. In special circumstances, the candidate can be allowed to work with the approval of the **DRC** in an allied subject such as within Darshanas or Vedas, branches of Vyakarana, Nyaya and Jyotisha with reference to the field of his specialization at the Acharya level or its equivalent.

**14.2.** Inter disciplinary Research: A candidate can apply for inter-disciplinary/faculty Research such as Natural Language Processing and Indian Grammatical Tradition, Comparative Literary criticism, Eastern & Western



Philosophies etc., on the basis of his knowledge in different sastras and subjects. Candidates doing Ph.D. under interdisciplinary research mode will have two supervisors viz., Research Supervisor and a Co Research Supervisor. If the Research supervisor has knowledge of both the concerned fields, he/she can guide the candidate by himself/herself.

The Research Scholar is admitted a particular department which will act as nodal department for the inter-disciplinary/multi-disciplinary research where many research supervisors from various departments are involved. The degree will be awarded under that particular faculty with a mention of concerned subjects involved in the research.

**14.3.** In order to promote interdisciplinary research, the RAC, if considered necessary, may allow a candidate to take an approved Co-Supervisor from outside the department/faculty College/Institution.

### **15. Attendance and Leave Rules:**

A full time Research Scholar shall be present in the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha for a minimum of 75% working days. A full-time Research Scholar shall be eligible for 12 days of casual leave and 30 days of medical leave per year recommended by Asst. Civil Surgeon.

The Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha will permit through Department Research Committee (DRC) on the recommendation of the **Research Advisory Committee (RAC)** to pursue the research work outside Tirupati either in an established Research Institute or College /University recognized by the Vidyapeetha. The research scholar has to produce a certificate of attendance from such research Institute etc. and a counter-signed attendance report by a Research Supervisor to the **DRC** to consider the "absence period" for scholarship.

**15.1.** For JRF/SRF/National Fellowship holders, the rules framed by the UGC will be applicable in the matter of leave, attendance, drawing of scholarship, contingency grants, travelling for research work etc.

### **16 Code of Conduct:**

**16.1** A candidate registered for Vidyavaridhi will not be allowed to undergo any other full time regular degree programme in the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha or any other organization. Continuation of registration of Research Scholar depends entirely upon three things being satisfactory -

(i) attendance

(ii) progress- in his/her research work and

(iii) his/her character and conduct.

**16.2.** Any complaint regarding anyone or more of the above three by the Research Supervisor or Head of the Department or Dean will stand as a sufficient cause for the recommendations of cancellation of registration by the Department Research Committee to URC. No candidates shall absent himself/herself without prior written permission of the Guide/Head of the Department, violation of which will be treated as misconduct.

## **17. Regulations to submit thesis:**

Successful completion of course work of six months and completion of two and half years research work from the date of allocation of supervisor a student may submit his/her thesis.

**17.1.** The Research Scholar shall publish two research papers related to his/her research area in a referred/reputed Research Journal before the submission of the thesis and produce evidence for the same in the form of acceptance letter or reprint and also the Research Scholar shall attend & present research papers in two seminars/conferences before the submission of the thesis for adjudication, and produce presentation certificates before **DRC** as evidence.

**17.2.** Before submission of the thesis the research scholar shall be required to make a presentation before **DRC** regarding his/her research work and highlighting the research work for getting feedback and comments. He / She should submit the thesis within one month from the date of DRC meeting.

**17.3.** The candidate shall be allowed to submit the thesis if the performance in the pre-submission seminar is reported by the **DRC** to be satisfactory.

## **18. SUBMISSION OF SYNOPSIS**

### **Eligibility:**

Upon qualifying successfully in the Course work and satisfactory research progress followed by publication(s) in Refereed Journal(s), and presentation of two research papers in seminars, the candidate shall be ready to submit the Research work to the **DRC** for recommendation to submit the thesis.

### **Submission of Synopsis:**

At least three months prior to the submission of the Thesis, the candidate shall submit a Synopsis of the Thesis in Sanskrit language. The candidate shall submit five hard copies to the Controller of Examinations through the Dean, Academic Affairs along with:

- (a) Application for adjudication of the Thesis.
- (b) Certificate from Research Supervisor stating that
- (i) At least one publication in a Refereed Journal, and all other academic requirements are fulfilled and
- (ii) There is no prima facie case for the submission of the Thesis and the Thesis does not contain any work, which has been previously submitted for the award of any Degree anywhere
- (c) Undertaking from the candidate as well as research Supervisor shall mention that:
- “The Thesis is based on the individual, original work of the candidate, which is previously unpublished research work”.
- It shall be ensured by the Research Guide(s) that: The Thesis shall not contain any material that infringes the copyright of any other individual or organization and does not hurt the sentiments of any individual(s) or religion(s). The information such as text, tables, equations, diagrams, figures, charts, graphs, and photographs taken from sources such as published work, like research papers, books, periodicals, Websites or other sources has been cited appropriately. Further, the opinions expressed or implied in the Thesis shall be entirely of the candidate.
- (d) Plagiarism of any sort is strictly prohibited and also punishable. Even after the award of Vidyavaridhi degree, if it is found that the candidate has indulged in some sort of plagiarism in his/her thesis, his/her degree would be withdrawn by the institution and the candidate will be debarred from any further registration in the Vidyapeetha.
- (e) Certificate from the Dean, Academic Affairs that there are no arrears of dues up to the date of submission of the Synopsis/Thesis.

## **19. Submission of thesis:**

**19.1.** The thesis, in bound- form printed on both side of paper should accompany a Certificate by the Research Supervisor.

**19.2.** The thesis, in addition to the norms of thesis writing, should be of a high academic standard based on the original efforts of the student and should contain up to date references to earlier research work in the field. No rejected thesis by any other institution shall be submitted to the University.

**19.3.** Each statement in the body of the thesis should be verifiable on facts with references in any form such as side notes, foot notes, end notes etc., giving full details of the source. Absence of such references in the thesis shall be reckoned as a major drawback of the thesis.

**19.4.** The final chapter should give a brief summary/survey of various issues discussed and the conclusions drawn/arrived at thereof.

**19.5.** A table of contents in the beginning and indices and bibliography at the end besides other tables, graphs etc., wherever necessary, have to be added to the thesis.

**19.6.** The medium of presentation of the thesis shall be **Sanskrit in Devanagari** script using UNICODE fonts only.

**19.7.** The Thesis should not be dedicated to anybody like father/mother/teacher/guardian or anybody and no photographs of political leaders or god/goddess or anybody should be attached excluding research related as it will be adjudicated by the adjudicators. No mangalacharan (Prayer of a religious community) also be written in the thesis.

**19.8.** A Research Scholar will submit THREE neatly printed/typed (both sides) copies of his/her thesis. The introduction/end of the first chapter of the thesis and end of the synopsis should be signed by the Research Scholar and countersigned by the Research Supervisor and the Co- Supervisor (where applicable).

**19.9** The Research Scholar will have to declare that "the work is his original research/interpretation/ . . . . and has not been submitted to any other University by him/her or anybody else or rejected by any other University.

**19.10.** The thesis should also be supported by a declaration from Research Supervisor on the following lines :

This is to certify that Sri/Smt/Kum. . . . has worked on. . . (topic) under my supervision for the requisite period and that the research embodies his/her own endeavour and has not been submitted to any other University by him or anybody else or rejected by any other University.

## **20. Checklist for submission of thesis:**

Photo copies of following certificates have to be submitted.

1. Acharya (M.A.) Certificate
2. Siksha Acharya (M.Ed.)/Visishtacharya (M.Phil.) /Vidyavaridhi(Ph.D)
3. Vidyavaridhi Course Work Certificate

4. Candidate has to publish two research papers from his/her Ph.D. work out of which at least one must be in a refereed journal (articles should be presented)
5. At least two presentations in conferences/seminars, based on candidate's Ph.D. work.(with certificates)
6. Certificate from Department Research Committee.
7. Room Vacate Certificate from Hostel for Full Time Scholars. No Objection certificate from the Department, Academic Section and Library to be submitted by all candidates.
8. 3 copies of thesis (Signatures of both Research Scholar and Supervisor at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter and the last page of thesis)
9. 2 CDs of Ph.D. thesis in pdf / word / using Devanagari Unicode fonts
10. DD for Rs.5000/- in favour of Registrar, R.S.Vidyapeetha, Tirupati

## **21. Board of adjudicators/examiners:**

The Vidyavaridhi thesis submitted by a research scholar shall be evaluated by his/her **Research Supervisor and at least two** external examiners who are not in employment of the **institution of whom one examiner may be from outside the state.**

**21.1.** While forwarding the synopsis of thesis, the supervisor, Head of the Department, in which Research is being pursued/Dean of the concerned faculty will submit a panel of 4 examiners separately, out of which three may be from other states. However, the VC may suggest a name, outside the panel also.

**21.2.** Where a position of supervisor and Head / Dean remains in a person, then, Dean / Head of the faculty will submit a panel of 4 examiners separately.

**21.3.** Where the position of supervisor, Head and Dean remains in a person, then, the person will submit 4 names of Adjudicators and the Vice-Chancellor may decide other Adjudicators on his own or in consultation with the Controller of Examinations.

**21.4.** The panel of adjudicators should be submitted to the Controller of Examinations in sealed covers.

**21.5.** The Vice-Chancellor will constitute a Board of Adjudicators with two experts. From the panels submitted by the supervisor, Head/Dean through Controller of Examinations, out of which one shall be from outside the state; and appoint one of them as Chairman of the Viva-Voce board.

## **22. Report of the Examiners:**

The adjudicators of thesis shall send a detailed report of evaluation of the given thesis to the Controller of Examinations. The Controller of Examinations on the receipt of three reports of Adjudicators and/or majority of written report on the thesis from the Adjudicators, submits the reports to the Vice-Chancellor for further necessary action.

### **22.1. Majority opinion of the examiners shall prevail:**

(a) If two examiners recommend for the award of the degree, the thesis will be accepted for further action in this regard.

(b) If all the three examiners recommend rejection of the thesis / or If majority of the examiners rejects the thesis, then it shall be rejected and no resubmission will be allowed thereafter.

(c) If majority opinion recommends for modification, the thesis is to be returned to the Research scholar through the Research Supervisor for necessary modifications and to be resubmitted within six months from the date of receipt of the thesis. After the expiry of this period, the student will not be eligible to re-submit the thesis.

(d) On re-submission of the thesis specific approval of majority of the examiners for accepting the thesis for the award of the degree, is absolutely required. In its absence, the thesis will be rejected.

(e) Re-submitted thesis will be sent again to all the three examiners who examined thesis previously. If majority of the examiners rejects the thesis after re-submission, then the thesis will be rejected summarily.

### **23. Public Viva Voce:**

If the thesis is approved by the majority of the examiners, a public viva voce examination will be conducted by the following committee: public viva voce shall be conducted by the Research supervisor and at least one of the two external examiners, and shall be open to all faculty members of the Department, Research scholars and other interested people.

(i) Chairman (External expert) (The Chairman of the Board of Viva- Voce will be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor)

2. Dean of the concerned Faculty - Member

3. Head of the Department- Member

4. Head, Research and Publications - Member

5. Research Supervisor (Convener)

If the Research Supervisor is retired from his service/on leave/on Deputation or in long leave at the time of conducting the Viva-Voce of his Research scholar and unable to attend the same, then Vice -Chancellor may appoint Head/Dean of the concerned Faculty to convene the Viva-Voce in the interest of the Research scholar.

23.1. The following will be the tentative order of the Viva-voce examination :

i) Introduction - Research supervisor

ii) Presentation - Research Scholar

iii) Interaction - Between the scholar and the Chairman

iv) Interaction - Between the scholar and other members of the viva -voce board.

v) Interaction - Between the scholar and the audience (if necessary)

vi) Concluding remarks - Chairman.

vii) Vote of thanks - Research scholar

23.2. In this viva voce other members of the faculty and Research Scholars can also attend and ask questions to the candidate.

23.3. A candidate failed-in the viva voce will have to appear again for another viva voce within three months. In case of a second failure in the viva voce examination, the thesis of the scholar will be rejected.

## **24. Award of the degree:**

After successful completion of the viva voce, notification will be issued by the University through the Controller of Examinations declaring the candidate eligible for the award of the degree from the date of notification.

The degree will be awarded in the subsequent Convocation notified by the University after getting the approval by the Vidyapeetha authority. The copy of the notification of the degree shall be issued to the Scholar, Research Supervisor, HoD, Dean, concerned faculty, file of the Research Scholar editor of the Semushi, All Sanskrit Universities, UGC, Inflibnet, press club of Tirupati and

to the In-charge of RSVP website for hosting/uploading in the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha website.

The degree certificate is issued under a particular faculty under which the department concerned is functioning.

The entire process of evaluation of Ph.D. thesis he/she is expected to be completed within a period of six months from the date of submission of the thesis. In case of the delay of more than three months from the adjudicators the CE may send the thesis to another adjudicators with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor.

## **25. Deposition of the awarded Thesis**

If the Vidyavaridhi (Ph.D.) degree is awarded to the candidate, one copy will be kept in the department where the Research has been carried out & other copies of the thesis will be deposited in the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha's Library.

In all the above copies, the examination section will put a seal declaring "The Vidyavaridhi Degree has been awarded on (date) vide notification no. in (subject)." The Controller of Examinations/Assistant Controller of Examinations will counter sign the document.

## **26. Publication of awarded thesis:**

**26.1.** The thesis awarded by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha shall be the absolute property and copy right of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha and it will have first right to publish the thesis. However, the scholar may publish his/her thesis by obtaining written permission from the Registrar of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha.

**26.2.** If the scholar desires to publish the thesis, he/she has to approach the controller of examinations to get the content of the reports of Adjudicators on his/her thesis. The Controller of Examinations after getting approval from the Vice-Chancellor can provide xerox copy of the reports.

**26.3.** The scholar has to rectify the mistakes if any noted by the adjudicators and produce a certificate from the Research Supervisor /Head/Dean to have rectified all the mistakes. Then only request will be entertained for permission.

**26.4.** After publication of the thesis, the scholar has to donate one copy to the departmental Library and two copies to the Central Library.

## **27. Decision Making authority:**



**27.1.** The URC's decision shall be final in all matters, if there is a delay in convening appropriate authoritative committees under these rules. The decisions taken by the Vice-Chancellor shall be put for ratification in subsequent meetings of the Department Research Committee & Vidwat Parishad (Academic Council).

**27.2.** Further, the URC is empowered to take appropriate decisions in special circumstances on the recommendations of the **DRC** pertain to admission related matter, allocation of research supervisor, change of research supervisor, change of topic or extension.

**27.3.** Further, the Vice-Chancellor's interpretative decision shall be final and binding, if anything is found ambiguous, needs some further improvement in the above mentioned clauses. Such interpretations shall be put for the ratification of the Vidwat Parishad (Academic Council) in subsequent meetings.

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