

## **1. Designation and Format of the Ph. D Programme**

Christ University confers on the eligible candidates, the academic degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D) on the basis of a coursework in research methodology and the particular domain/s; publications in refereed journals; participation and/or presentation in national/international seminars; a dissertation; and its public defense. The degree certificate indicates the discipline under which the degree was pursued, the title of the dissertation and the date of public defense.

## **2. Eligibility**

The basic eligibility of candidates intending to pursue a doctoral programme is a pass with a minimum of 55% in a Postgraduate Programme and M. Phil from any recognized University.

Candidates residing/working anywhere in India or abroad are eligible for registration. However, candidates who are employed **SHALL NOT** be permitted any exemption from required period of course work.

## **3. Time of admission and duration of the programme**

The time period from the admission till the submission of the dissertation shall be considered the duration of the doctoral programme. The minimum duration of the doctoral programme shall be two years. The maximum duration of the doctoral programme shall be four years. In case, the period of research is extended after two years, after obtaining permission from the Centre for Research, the candidate has to pay annual fee for each year before the commencement of the extension for a maximum period of five years.

Candidates are admitted to the doctoral programme in August every year. The Centre for Research will announce the commencement of the doctoral programme at least two months in advance.

## **4. Research Disciplines**

Following academic disciplines have been identified for the doctoral research programme:

Psychology, Philosophy, Physics, Education, Sociology, Management, Commerce, Computer Science, Mathematics, Economics, Media Studies, English Literature, Social Work, Tourism and History.

## **5. Admission Process**

- Application Form of the University, along with the Research Proposal containing the details as per the prescribed format (1500 words), submitted in three sets of hard copy and one set of soft copy, together with a non-refundable registration fee of Rs. 2500/-
- The Centre for Research scrutinizes the Application and the Research Proposal (without the cover note) with the help of a subject expert.
- Subsequently, the Centre for Research sends copy of the proposal (without the cover note) to each member of the interview panel to enable their review.
- The interview will be conducted by the panel of experts (Ph. D Admission Committee) within 60 days of receipt of the application. Admission Committee will consist of the Subject Expert, Dean representing the Domain, Research Coordinator and the Directors. Every member will independently assess the research proposal on a joint sitting based on the criteria, viz., the clarity of thought, research aptitude, analytical & interpretational skill and the general subject knowledge of the candidate and make independent recommendation to the Ph. D Admission Committee. The Candidates shall produce the documents proving their eligibility for verification by the Centre for Research. Based on the above assessment, the committee will decide either to accept or to reject or for resubmission of the proposal with suggested modification.
- In case the candidate is asked to resubmit the proposal, such resubmission and re-review will be completed within a maximum period of 30 days after the first interview to decide on the final selection.
- The candidate will be communicated of the acceptance of the proposal and approval of admission and directed to remit the first year fee for the Ph. D course. The fees should be paid within 10 days of the approval of the provisional admission.
- The Ph. D Admission Committee identifies the Guide to be assigned to the student from the empanelment made by the University, and recommends it to the Doctoral Commission.
- After obtaining permission from the Doctoral Commission, the proposal (without cover note) shall be sent to the Guide along with the comments for his/her concurrence and comments, if any.
- The Centre for Research will issue the student, a letter of introduction to the Guide, with a copy marked to the Guide, the Dean concerned, the Controller of Examinations and the department of the Information Processing and Management.

A letter of introduction along with a Contract Letter in duplicate will be sent to the Guide with an instruction to sign and to return the same to the Center for Research. The Contract letter will specify the terms and conditions of the assignment, restating the job responsibilities and the reporting requirements of the Guide.

## **6. Cancellation of the Ph. D Registration**

The registration of the Ph. D is cancelled under the following circumstances:

- (a) Those who do not complete the coursework of the Ph. D in the relevant subject within ONE year of registration.
- (b) Those who fail to submit two 6-month reports continuously.
- (c) Those who do not pay the annual fee within the stipulated time.
- (d) Those who fail to submit the dissertation within 5 years of the registration.

## **7. Coursework**

The coursework required under the Ph.D. regulations of Christ University is as follows.

### **7.1 Duration**

Duration of the coursework shall be 6 months from the date the student is assigned to the Guide and shall be counted within the overall duration of two years for the Ph. D Programme.

### **7.2 Components**

Coursework shall have following components with reference to the field of research proposal based on which the candidate is admitted for the Ph. D Programme.

1. Literature Review – Review of related literature. Reasonable amount of literature review covering different aspects of the field of research must be done within the duration of the coursework.
2. The candidate will be required to participate in a an Orientation Seminar organized by the University in the beginning of the Courses.
3. Candidate shall interact with the guide for a period of not less than 60 hours to acquaint himself/herself with the critical review of research design.
4. The Guide and the student have to jointly structure the coursework component with a set time table including tentative schedule of personal meetings between them.
5. The finalized time table signed by the Student and the Guide be sent to the Research Centre within 15 days from the date of commencement of the Coursework.
6. The Guide shall send a bi-monthly report in the prescribed format to the Research Centre on the progress made by the student on the coursework.

7. On completion of the coursework and within fifteen days thereof the student has to submit to the Centre for Research, a typed report of about 20-30 pages highlighting the course content, duly certified by the Guide.
8. The report and the presentation about the coursework shall be evaluated by the Centre for Research.
9. The Guide also must be present at the time of presentation. Failure to satisfy the minimum requirements for the Coursework Evaluation, the candidate will be asked to give the additional input as may be directed by the Center for Research.
10. Weightage will be given for the publication in credible journals and paper presentation in national/international conferences related to the area of research.

## **8. Progress Report & Doctoral Colloquia**

Doctoral candidates are expected to submit two hard copies of the progress report of their doctoral research every semester (i.e. every six months) duly signed by the Guide. The extent and the format of the progress report will be decided by the research guides with the consent of the Centre for Research. The progress report should cover the chapter wise progress of the doctoral dissertation and other research activities such as attending academic conferences, publications, paper presentations at national and international seminars.

Doctoral Colloquia are venues for scientific discourse where the researchers get the opportunity to present their doctoral research work – its conceptual framework and progression – in a discussion group consisting of scholars from various disciplines. The doctoral colloquia are coordinated by the guides with the consent of the Centre for Research and are open to both academics as well as students of all faculties. The doctoral candidates are expected to attend at least one colloquium in a research semester (6 months) and give a presentation which should adequately demonstrate and discuss the progress of their doctoral dissertation. The research guides are responsible for organizing at least two doctoral colloquia every year in consultation with the Centre for Research in this regard. Evaluation of the doctoral colloquia shall be documented.

## **9. Dissertation**

The guide evaluates the progress of the dissertation according to scientific criteria. The dissertation must meet scientific standards in form and content and must include new findings. It should generally be completed within a period of three years. However, this period can be extended up to five years with the consent of the Doctoral Commission.

The candidate must receive the consent of his or her guide to publish portions of the dissertation before its completion. The dissertation must include a title page designed according to the sample title page provided by the Christ University.

## **10. Submission of Dissertation**

The title of the approved research proposal and title of the Dissertation shall invariably be the same.

- a) The title page of the dissertation, cover format, etc., should strictly conform to the format of presentation as prescribed and the dissertation (all copies) should carry a declaration by the candidate and certificate duly signed and issued by the guide. The dissertation should be hard bound.
- b) The research proposal, the synopsis and the Ph. D Dissertation may generally be written in English (for subjects other than languages).
- c). Extension of time for submission of Ph. D dissertation will be granted up to a maximum period of one year at a time on the payment of the fees prescribed from time to time.
- d). Candidates should have submitted two-half yearly reports per year till the submission of the Ph. D Dissertation.
- e). The Ph. D Dissertation will not be accepted for adjudication unless the candidate has paid annual fees for the total duration of the programme along with the fee for the valuation of the Ph. D Dissertation as prescribed by the University.
- f) Every candidate shall submit a declaration by himself / herself and a certificate from the guide in the prescribed formats, with his/her application for the Ph. D degree and the dissertation as given below. An extra copy of each of the certificate and declaration, has to be submitted along with the dissertation.

On completion of the dissertation work candidates shall submit six hard copies, two soft copies (PDF and DOC/TEX formats) of the Ph. D Dissertation and eight copies of the Synopsis of the dissertation to the Centre for Research.

### **11. Evaluation of the Dissertation**

The Evaluation of the dissertation will be done as per the norms of the University. The Candidate will be intimated to attend a Viva Voce examination after the adjudication of the dissertation.

Doctoral candidates whose dissertations have been rejected must wait at least a year before attempting another doctoral procedure at this University. The doctoral procedure may not be attempted a third time.

### **12. Guideship**

Guiding for the research programme may commence from the beginning of the coursework itself. Each candidate shall work under the supervision of a guide. Depending on the nature (e.g. interdisciplinary approach) and extent of the research a co-guide may be appointed with the approval of the Doctoral Commission.