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March 17, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Revision in the maximum residency period for Ph.D program, as per UGC guidelines

The AcSIR Senate, at its 30th meeting held on February 13, 2023 (vide item No. 33), approved the adoption of Clause of Clause 4 (1 to 3) of the recently notified UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, with additional conditions. The following rules would be applicable:

- 1) Ph.D. Program shall be for a minimum duration of three years including coursework, and a maximum duration of six years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. program;
- 2) A maximum of additional two years can be given through a process of re-registration, provided, the total period for completion of a Ph.D. program should not exceed eight years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. program;
- 3) The female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two years, however, the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme in such cases should not exceed ten years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.
- 4) Female Ph.D. Scholars may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave for up to 240 days in the entire duration of the Ph.D. programme;
- 5) The period of Academic Break (upto a maximum of two years), which can only be availed after the successful completion of the Comprehensive Examination and only during the regular residency period of 6 years, will henceforth be counted while computing the total residency period of a student in the Ph.D program;
- 6) Students who are unlikely to submit their Ph.D thesis within the maximum residency period of 6 years, will have to seek re-registration in Ph.D at least one month before the completion of their 6-year period of residency in the Ph.D program, on payment of re-registration fee.

This order would be applicable from the date of issuance and would remain valid till further notice.

Issued with the approval of the Director, AcSIR.

Senior Manager and
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