

THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE
(Deemed to be University)
Ministry of Education, Govt. of India
Accredited by NAAC with 'A++' Grade (4th Cycle)



**DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (D.Sc.) / DOCTOR OF LITERATURE (D.Litt.)
REGULATIONS, 2025**

1. Eligibility

A candidate who has qualified for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree of this Institution or from any other Government of India recognised University or foreign University is eligible to apply. In case of foreign national, the Genuineness Certificate issued by competent authority *viz.*, Vice-chancellor/ Head of the Institute shall be mandatory for registration. The candidate may present himself/herself for the Degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) / Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) in any of the subjects (for details refer institute website – www.ruraluniv.ac.in) offered by this Institute under the following Schools:

- School of Tamil and Indian Languages
- School of English and Foreign Languages
- School of Health Sciences and Rural Development
- School of Social Sciences
- School of Management Studies
- School of Sciences
- School of Computer Science and Technologies
- School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences

1.1 Minimum requirement for registering D.Sc. degree

The candidate should have published 50 research papers as first author or corresponding author after receiving the Ph.D. degree in SCI / SCIE / Scopus indexed Journals with h.index – 25, cumulative impact factor is atleast 50 of that 50 publications and is required to submit evidences as appropriate. Out of which 20 papers should be published during the last 10 years.

1.2 Minimum requirement for registering D.Litt. degree

The candidate should have published 40 research papers as first author or corresponding author in UGC CARE listed journals (Evidence to be produced for refereed journals in the form of Scopus/Google Scholar/any other Researcher identity) and 10 books published through Nationally/Internationally reputed publishers with ISSN/ISBN number and exclusive of edited volumes. The books should not be borne out of the doctoral work of the candidate and candidate's scholars.

- 1.3 The publications or thesis submitted by the candidate for consideration for the award of D.Litt./D.Sc. are essentially the result of post-doctoral research work done and shall not form part of candidate's research work which has been already considered for the award of his/her Ph.D. degree.
- 1.4 A candidate already holding D.Sc. / D.Litt. degree in a particular discipline is eligible to register for D.Sc./ D.Litt. in another discipline after a gap of five years after submitting the thesis of D.Sc./ D.Litt. provided that the candidate provides evidence of standard publications stated in 1.1 & 1.2, respectively in the second discipline in which he/she intends to submit the work for award of D.Sc./D.Litt. degree.
- 1.5 The candidate must have been actively working in a University/Institution/Research Laboratory recognized by Government of India/UGC/AICTE etc., for conducting Ph.D. programme. The candidate should at least be in the cadre of Associate Professor or equivalent grade at the time of submission of application for D.Sc./D.Litt. The candidate is expected to have minimum of two decades of post graduate teaching/research experience at the time of submission of the application.
- 1.6 The applicant must successfully supervised the Ph.D. thesis of 10 candidates and of which at least three of them have been awarded degree during the preceding 10 years.
- 1.7 The applicant shall have successfully completed at least three sponsored research projects as PI / Co-PI funded by National / International / Government or private bodies.
- 1.8 H-index of the candidate should be greater than 10 for D.Litt.

2 Registration

The application form can be downloaded from the institute website (www.ruraluniv.ac.in). The duly filled in application with prescribed fee can be sent to the institute via online mode only. Once the application is accepted for registration, the candidate should submit hard copies of the evidence to the Director, Research and Development, GRI. The candidate shall also provide, along with the application, material evidence for active involvement in postdoctoral research, in the form of publication as appropriate. A committee namely "Board of Research Studies (BoRS)" comprising of (1) The Director, Research & Development (2) Dean of the respective School (who will be the chairman), (3) Two external experts not below the rank of Professor (with D.Sc./D.Litt. degree preferably in the relevant discipline) nominated by the Vice-Chancellor will be constituted for the purpose of meeting twice, once at the time of registration and next at the time of adjudication of the thesis. After due scrutiny and authentication by the BoRS in its first meeting after his/her registration for D.Sc./D.Litt. will be confirmed. Once the registration is confirmed, the candidate has to remit the registration fee failing which his/her registration will be cancelled within a month.

The Director (Research & Development), will be the Chairman of the BoRS, in case, the Dean of the School concerned is the candidate for the D.Sc./D.Litt.

3 Submission of Thesis

The candidate shall submit five copies of the thesis after a period of six months from the date of registration but not later than three years. The thesis shall ordinarily be a published work or published papers or books, making a distinct contribution to scientific knowledge. The thesis must be focused on a single theme. The other contributions and publications submitted shall be related or connected to the main theme. Additional publications can be submitted in support of the main thesis, only if the candidate indicates to that effect, in the preface of the main work upon which the candidate bases his/her claim.

The candidate shall indicate generally, in a preface to his/her thesis specially in notes, the sources from which his/her information was taken and the extent to which he/she has availed himself/herself of the work of others; he/she also shall state in what respect his/her investigations tend to the advancement of knowledge in the field concerned.

4 Extension of Research Duration

Extension of time for submission of D.Sc./D.Litt. thesis after the expiry of duration prescribed will be granted on request for a further period of one year. Such extension will be granted in the first instance for six months followed by second and third extension with three months duration each. The said extension(s) will be granted under exceptional circumstances with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor and on payment of prescribed fee.

5 Declaration

The thesis shall be accompanied by the declaration in the prescribed format as in Annexure -1 duly signed by the candidate.

6 Evaluation

- 6.1 The second BoRS meeting will be held to suggest a panel of twelve experts with their designations, qualification and academic credentials for adjudicating the thesis. Out of twelve experts suggested by the committee, six shall be from outside India and six from India but outside Tamil Nadu, at the same time not belonging to the state to which the candidate belongs. The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint three examiners from the suggested panel of experts, one from outside India and two from India. One of the examiners from India will be the Convener.
- 6.2 If any member of the Board of Examiners is unwilling or express his/her inability to evaluate the thesis, the Vice-Chancellor shall nominate others from among the panel of experts.
- 6.3 The award of the degree shall be recommended when the decision of the Board of Examiners is unanimous on the merit of the work for the award of the degree.
- 6.4 On receipt of the reports of the examiners, the consolidated report prepared by the Convener shall be submitted by the BoRS to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration.
- 6.5 The thesis will be accepted for the award of D.Sc./D.Litt. if all the three examiners accept it. If all the three examiners reject the thesis, it will be rejected once for all. If one of the examiners rejects the thesis, it will be sent to the fourth examiner of the same category and the decision of the fourth examiner will be final. In case, two examiners reject thesis the matter shall be referred to BoRS for further direction.

- 6.6 If a revision of the thesis is sought, the candidate shall revise and resubmit it within a period of three months from the date of the receipt of the communication from the Director (R&D).
- 6.7 The revised thesis will be sent for revaluation only to those examiner(s) who suggested revision.
- 6.8 If revision is suggested for the second time, then the thesis, along with the reports of the examiner, will be placed before the BoRS. If the BoRS, after going through the reports and the thesis, endorses a second revision, the thesis will be revised again by the candidate and will be referred to the same examiner for re-evaluation.
- 6.9 The candidate has to present the work in a public viva-voce. The Convenor of the panel of examiners, the Director, Research & Development and a nominee of the University shall conduct the public viva-voce.
- 6.10 After receipt of the minutes of the viva-voce the Syndicate/Board of Management/ Executive Council will decide whether the candidate has qualified for the degree or not.
- 6.11 If the revised thesis is rejected, it will be rejected once for all.
- 6.12 The thesis evaluation fee of Rs.5,000/- will be paid to each Indian examiner. TA/DA will be paid to the external examiner, to attend the viva-voce, as per Institute rules. A sum of \$200 will be paid to the foreign examiner as evaluation fee. A sum of Rs.5,000/- will be paid to the examiner who is conducting the viva-voce.

7 Payment of Fees

The payment of fees for D.Sc./D.Litt. programme is as mentioned below:

Purpose	Amount (in Rs.) for Indian National	Amount (in US dollar) for foreign National
Online Pre-registration Application Fee	10,000	\$200
Registration Fee after the due process of selection	75,000	\$1125
Each spell of Extension (if required)	10,000	\$200
Submission of the Thesis of D.Sc./D.Litt. programme	1,00,000	\$1125
Thesis evaluation Fee	30,000	\$500

Note:

All the payment of fees should be done through online mode only in A/c no. 8500101010000 (Canara Bank, Gandhigram Rural Institute Branch, IFSC code: CNRB0008500 , MICR Code: 625015050) . The fees once paid will not be refunded.

All communications related to D.Sc./D.Litt. degree have to be addressed to the Director, Research & Development, GRI. In the event of any unforeseen problems/issues the Vice-Chancellor's decision will be final.

(Model for cover page of thesis of the D.Sc./D.Litt.)

Title of the Thesis

THESIS SUBMITTED TO THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE (DTBU)
FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE/DOCTOR OF LITERATURE

in

(Name of the Department/School)

By

(Name of the candidate with address)

(Month and Year)

[Note: The items in Italics as such are not to be scripted, but only the appropriate details pertaining to them need to be in the space provided]

DECLARATION

I, Dr. hereby declare that the D.Sc. / D.Litt. entitled “.....” submitted to the Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University) is a record of original and independent research work done by me and the thesis has not previously formed the basis for the award of any degree such as Ph.D. degree or other similar title by any University/Institution.

Signature of the Candidate

Date:
Place:

(Note: on your letterhead)

CERTIFICATE

(At the time of thesis submission - In case of Employed candidate)

The candidate shall obtain and include next to the declaration, a certificate from the Head of the University/Institute certifying that the candidate has carried out the work of post-doctoral research independently and that he/she is a full-time Faculty Member/Research scholar in that University/Institution duly signed with name and designation and office seal affixed.

PROFORMA FOR ADJUDICATION OF THE D.Sc. / D.Litt. THESIS

1. Name of the candidate :
2. Title of the thesis :
3. Department/School :
4. Name and Address of the Examiner :
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5. Recommendation of the Examiner :

(Please strike out those which are not applicable)

- a) Thesis is "Accepted as such"
- b) Thesis is "For revision"
- b) Thesis is "Not recommended"

(In all cases, detailed report needs to be attached)

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the Examiner with Designation & Seal)

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APPLICATION FORM FOR THE PRE
REGISTRATION OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (D.Sc.) /
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To be filled in by the candidate

DETAILS OF REMITTANCE OF FEE	
a) Name of the Bank and Branch	
b) Amount Remitted (in Rs.)	
c) Online fee remittance detail Account No: IFSC code: MIRC code: Date of Remittance:	

a) Name of the Applicant (Block Letters) as in the Ph.D. Degree		
b) Date of Birth & Age		Male/Female
c) Nationality		In case of Indian Nationals OC/OBC/SC/ST
d) Present designation & Position held and address of Institution where candidate is now working as full time teacher or Scientist with Telephone or Mobile number (those who have retired from service can furnish the employment details of the last post held) Date of appointment Experience: Date of appointment as Associate Professor (or) Equivalent cadre Total Experience (in years)		
e) Residential address		
f) Number of books published as Author/ co-author / Editor of any Book publications? Give details		

h) The month and year of qualifying for the Ph.D. Degree (Enclose the letter declaring you qualified for the Ph.D. Degree and enclose the certificate)	
i) Name of the University which awarded the Ph.D. Degree	
j) The Department and Institution in which the Research work for the award of Ph.D. was carried out (with full address)	
k) Title of the Ph.D. Thesis	
l) Number of Projects completed	
DETAILS OF PROPOSED THESIS FOR D.Sc./D.Litt.	
a) Proposed Title of the D.Sc./D.Litt. Thesis and subject	
b) Name of department of The Gandhigram Rural Institute (DTBU) or any approved institution where the candidate has been working for ten years or more after obtaining the Ph.D. Degree during which he/she has published papers or books	
c) Whether the candidate has published papers or books on his/her research work other than the D.Sc./D.Litt. thesis and if so whether copies of the same have been attached	

Signature of Candidate

Name

Place:

Date:

Checklist:

1. Duly filled-in application for registration.
2. Prescribed fee should be remitted through online.
3. Ph.D. Degree Certificate (Photocopy).
4. List of his/her Research Publications with impact factors.
5. Evidences for Research Metrics (h-index, total citation etc.).
6. Experience Certificate from the Present Employer (If applicable).

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THESIS SUBMISSION FORM FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (D.Sc.) /
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To be filled in by the candidate

DETAILS OF REMITTANCE OF FEE	
a) Name of the Bank and Branch	
b) Amount Remitted (in Rs.)	
c) c) Online fee remittance detail Account No: IFSC code: MIRC code: Date of Remittance:	

To be forwarded to the Director, Research & Development together with **FIVE COPIES** of Thesis and prescribed fee, so as to reach the Director Research & Development on any day on/after a period of six months from the date of registration.

a) Name of the Applicant (Block Letters) as in the Ph.D. Degree		
b) Date of Birth & Age		Male/Female
c) Nationality		OC/OBC/SC/ST (In case of Indian Nationals)
d) Present designation and address of Institution where candidate is now working as full time teacher or Scientist with Telephone or Mobile number		
e) Residential address with Telephone or Mobile number		
f) D.Sc./D.Litt. Registration confirmation details with date		

DETAILS OF THE THESIS FOR D.Sc./ D.Litt.	
a) Title of the D.Sc./D.Litt. Thesis and subject	
b) Name of department of The Gandigram Rural Institute (DTBU) or any approved institution where the candidates has been working for ten years or more after obtaining the Ph.D. Degree during which he/she has published papers or books	
c) Whether the candidate has published papers or books on his/her research work other than the D.Sc./D.Litt. thesis and if so whether copies of the same have been attached	
d) Details of Projects completed with name of the funding agency, amount sanctioned and duration of the project.	
Signature of the Head of the institution with seal (Not applicable in the case of retired person)	
Date of thesis submission	

Signature of the candidate

Date:
Place:

Checklist:

1. Five copies of the D.Sc./ D.Litt. thesis.
2. D.Sc./D.Litt. Registration Order (Duplicate).
3. For all fee payment evidence in the form of transaction ID with date has to be provided.
4. Declaration as per Appendix-I duly signed by you.
5. Certificate as per Appendix-II duly signed by the Head of Institution with Office seal affixed. (In case of Employed candidate)
6. Ph.D. Thesis copy.
7. Ph.D. Degree Certificate.

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To be filled in by the candidate

Candidate should sign at the top of the photograph.

Affix passport size Photo of the candidate

1) Name of the Applicant (Block Letters) as in the Ph.D. Degree		
2) Father's Name / Husband Name		
2) Date of Birth & Age		Male/Female
3) Nationality		In case of Indian Nationals OC/OBC/SC/ST
4) Subject in which you are applying for D.Sc./D.Litt. degree		
5) Name of the Department/School/Centre		
6) Field of Research		
7) Title of Research		
8) Present Designation (Not applicable to retired persons)		
9) Residential address		
10) Mobile no & E-mail id		

11) Number of books published as Author/ co-author / Editor of any Book publications? Enclose evidence	
12) Awards / Achievements	
13) The month and year of qualifying for the Ph.D. Degree (Enclose the letter declaring you qualified for the Ph.D. Degree and enclose the certificate)	
14) Name of the University which awarded the Ph.D. Degree	

I hereby declare that I have read and understood the terms and conditions for pursuing the Programme. I fulfill, the minimum eligibility criteria and I have provided the necessary information. I also declare that the information submitted above is true to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that the admission in this Programme will be as per the Institute procedures and the decision taken by the Institute will be final and I will abide by the same. If any information submitted by me is found to be incorrect or misleading then my candidature is liable for cancellation by the Institute at any point of time even after the award of degree and I shall not be entitled for refund of any fee paid by me to the University.

Signature of Candidate

Place:

Name

Date:

Checklist:

1. Complete Bio-data.
2. Application Fee.
3. Copy of Academic Certificates.
4. Copy of Aadhaar Card.
5. One copy of Ph.D.Thesis.

Copy of detailed Summary about 1500 to 3000 words on the proposed theme of research

