



**CENTURION UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT,
ODISHA**

GUIDELINES TO EXAMINERS OF THESIS

1. INTRODUCTION

These guidelines are intended to assist examiners of theses for the degree of PhD by research in their decisions. In particular, they are intended to guide the examiner (especially, international experts) not familiar with the standards required for that particular degree to reach a just decision which does not disadvantage the candidate.

Examiners are expected to be active in research and scholarship, thus ensuring that their knowledge in the field is current, and should be familiar with the supervision and examination process for research theses.

The Board of Examiners will comprise of one (or two) internal examiner(s), normally the Supervisor(s) and two external examiners (one from within India and one international) who shall be experts in the subject of the thesis. Examiners will individually and independently assess the thesis, prepare assessment reports for the guidance of the candidate and recommend to the Doctoral Scrutiny Committee (DSC) one classification from those described in Appendix V of the guidelines. The majority view of the examiners shall normally be accepted by the DSC and if examiners disagree significantly, the DSC would recommend to the Director Quality Assurance Cell and Controller Examinations to invite a third examination from the panel to examine the thesis.

If an examiner is unable to complete the examination within the stipulated time another examiner from the panel may be invited to examine the work.

The requirements although spelt out in the regulations, it is being reiterated for the benefit of the examiners that the length of a PhD thesis is about 100,000 words.

2. Criteria for evaluation Master of Philosophy/ Doctor of Philosophy by Research

These Degrees are intended to provide candidates the opportunity to develop their potential for research and provide the community with graduates of enhanced ability, knowledge and diversity of experience particularly in the skills of problem identification and specification, problem solution and presentation.

In a PhD thesis the candidate is required to demonstrate competence in:

- a) A deep and thorough understanding of the relevant techniques in the field of research;
- b) The chosen field through judicious selection and application of methods to yield a significant body of work;

- c) Capacity to critically evaluate and effectively present this body of work; Independence of thought and approach;
- d) Has made an original contribution to knowledge.

3. Roles and Responsibilities of PhD Candidate

candidates should plan and execute their search project within the expected time period candidates should take the initiative in raising with supervisors any problems or difficulties with the project or its supervision;

To facilitate administrative compliance

1. Candidates should become familiar with, and abide by, university, faculty and school statutes and policies and any other written guidelines and regulations for the degree such as applying for approval needed to spend time away from the University as part of the enrolment, and suspension of enrolment(for further information refer Student Hand Book)
2. This includes becoming familiar with the administrative requirements of the Faculty Student and Academic Services Office; and
3. Candidates must adopt at all times safe working practices relevant to the field of research; and complying with any institutional occupational health and safety policies.

To meet ethical guidelines

1. Candidates must become familiar with all relevant ethical guidelines for the conduct of research and ensure that the necessary approvals are obtained from ethics committee.
2. Candidates should accept final responsibility for the academic content of the thesis.

To participate in university intellectual life

1. Candidates should participate in the opportunities offered by the school to be part of that intellectual community by attending seminars, presenting their work and interacting with the staff and other postgraduate students; and
2. Candidates should become involved, where appropriate in academic activities by sharing the teaching load of the department concerned.
3. In coordination with the guide the candidate should attend seminars to present papers and publish papers in reputed, referred International/National Journals having high impact value before final submission of the work.