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TAMIL NADU MUSIC AND FINE ARTS UNIVERSITY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY(Ph.D.)

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1. PREAMBLE

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy(Ph.D.) is awarded to a candidate who, as per these regulations, has submitted a thesis on the basis of original and independent research in any particular discipline or involving more than one discipline (inter-disciplinary), that makes a contribution to the advancement of knowledge, which is approved by Board of examiners as required.

2. ELIGIBILITY

For purposes of admission to the Ph.D. program, a candidate should have obtained a Master's Degree with 55% marks in the qualifying examination. For SC/ST candidates and for candidates who have completed the PG degree before 1991, the minimum can be only 50% for admission to the Ph.D program.

Admissions for Ph.D. program can be made **TWICE** a year, i.e., January and July.

The application forms will be issued during the month of November and December for January and May and June for July every year for admitting the candidates for the said sessions. Admission to Ph.D. program shall be completed in the month of **February / August**. Registrations for Ph.D. may be done throughout the year.

Applications can be obtained from the University on payment of prescribed fee of Rs.1,000/-. For SC/ST candidates the application shall be issued free of cost on production of two copies of community certificate duly attested by a Gazetted Officer with superscription as "for SC/ST Candidates only" made on such application forms.

3. FACULTY AND DISCIPLINES :

Sl No.	Faculty	Discipline	Eligibility
1.	Music	Vocal Veena Violin Nadaswaram Flute Mridangam Tavil	Post Graduate in Music (M.Music, M.A. Music, M.F.A Music)
2.	Dance	Indian Classical Dances & Folk Arts	Post Graduate in Indian Classical Dances like, Bharathanatyam etc., (M.Dance, M.A. Bharathanatyam, M.F.A. Bharathanatyam)
3.	Fine Arts	Painting Sculpture Industrial Design - Ceramic Design Industrial Design - Textile Design Visual Communication - Design	Post Graduate in Fine Arts (M.F.A.)

3.1. INTER-DISCIPLINARY:

Inter-Disciplinary shall be consists of and within Music, Dance and Fine Arts only.

4. REGISTRATION FOR THE Ph.D. PROGRAMME

There shall be the following categories of candidates registered for the Ph.D. programme:

- a. Full-time scholar(with or without stipend or fellowship)
- b. Part-time scholar(teacher or non-teacher, internal vis-à-vis external)

The candidates belonging to any of the above categories may register at University Departments, Affiliated Colleges, or Research Institutions coming under these regulations.

4.1.FULL-TIME

The following candidates are eligible to register for the full-time Ph.D. program. A candidate who has qualified for:

Master's Degree in the faculties of MUSIC, DANCE AND FINE ARTS of this University or equivalent there to.

4.2.PART-TIME(INTERNAL)

A candidate, possessing the qualifications prescribed under Regulation 2 supra and falling under any of the following categories, is eligible to conduct research on a Part-time basis (i.e.,can conduct research while continuing as teacher, Executive etc.):

- a. A teacher working in the Department of the University or in an affiliated College of the University, Higher Secondary School or High School or Polytechnic within the territorial jurisdiction of the University provided
- b. Teachers of affiliated colleges holding NET/SLET qualification or M.Phil. degree with one year of teaching experience after M.Phil degree and Teachers of Higher Secondary Schools/High Schools and Polytechnic with two years of experience after the qualifying degree be allowed to register for Ph.D (part-time) program.
- c. Teachers of affiliated colleges in the following disciplines, with one year of teaching experience without M.Phil or SLET/NET are permitted to do part-time Ph.D i) Music ii) dance iii) Fine Arts
- d. A candidate employed other than as a teacher in a permanent job in a registered firm/institution, within the territorial jurisdiction of the University with a minimum of FOUR YEARS of total working experience, after the qualifying degree and satisfying the rules framed separately by the Syndicate from time to time.
- e. Research Assistants/Technical Assistants appointed on a permanent basis by the University are eligible to register for Ph.D. programme on Part-time basis after confirmation of service.

4.3.PART-TIME(EXTERNAL)

Not with standing anything contained in these regulations, candidates possessing anyone of the qualifications from the or from any other University recognized by the Syndicate as equivalent there to, prescribed under Regulation 3.2 supra, and employed as a teacher in any other related capacity (as recommended by the Selection Committee of the concerned department) in National/State level institutions, Universities, Research and Development(R&D) Centers and institutions outside the territorial jurisdiction of this University, in India and abroad, who are permitted by the respective organizations for pursuing research leading to the Ph.D. Degree of this University on a Part-time basis, while continuing in employment, maybe permitted to register for the Ph.D. programme on a Part-time basis as external candidates two years after acquiring qualifying degree. These candidates are expected to do research in their place of employment and in addition, they should undergo such coursework, examination and research work as may be prescribed by the supervisor/doctoral committee for a minimum of SIX MONTHS during the research period directly under the supervisor in this University. In addition to the Supervisor from this University, they shall have a joint supervisor from the institution

where they are employed, provided such a supervisor is recognized as supervisor for Ph.D. programme by this University or the host University. In the case of non-availability of a recognized supervisor in the institution, the candidate's research work shall be monitored by the Head of the institution.

5. DURATION OF RESEARCH

5.1. FULL-TIME

A candidate registered as a full-time scholar for the Ph.D. programme possessing anyone of the above qualifications as mentioned in Section 3 supra shall work continuously in the department under a supervisor for a minimum period of THREE YEARS after provisional registration and before submission of the thesis.

5.2. PART-TIME

A candidate registered for the Ph.D. programme as a part-time scholar (both internal and external) shall work for a minimum period of FOUR YEARS after provisional registration, before submission of the Thesis.

5.3. EXEMPTION

Exemption of ONE YEAR from the minimum duration required is permissible in respect of candidates who possess an M.Phil./M.Phil. on INTER-DISCIPLINARY basis (within the disciplines of Music, Dance and Fine Arts).

5.4. CONVERSION OF FULL-TIME REGISTRATION INTO PART-TIME AND VICE-VERSA

Notwithstanding anything prescribed in these regulations, the University may permit conversion from Full-time research to Part-time research and vice-versa in respect of candidates registered, for valid reasons and subject to satisfying the regulations, rules and conditions in force. The period put in by the candidate will be worked out in the ratio of 2:3 for research put in before and after such conversion.

5.5. RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

- a. A candidate registered on a full-time basis shall work under continuous supervision for the minimum period of research prescribed supra after the date of provisional registration and before submission of the thesis in the department or institution.
- b. A candidate registered for the Ph.D. programme as a part-time external candidate is expected to do research in his/her place of employment and in addition he/she should undergo such course work, examination and research work as may be prescribed by the University/Supervisor/Doctoral Committee for a minimum period of SIX MONTHS during the research period directly under the supervisor of this University.
- c. In all the above cases the research work shall be monitored by the Doctoral Committee hereinafter prescribed, through reports ONCE IN SIX MONTHS submitted by both Full-time students and Part-time students in the prescribed Pro forma (Appendix C).

6. APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION

A candidate applying for provisional registration shall furnish all the information *inter alia* in the form prescribed together with the fee prescribed.

Every applicant who satisfies all the conditions and procedures prescribed shall, after approval by the University, be provisionally registered for the Ph.D. programme.

Registration for the Ph.D. programme must be done by the candidate within TWO months after getting the permission from the University with all documents.

For inter-disciplinary research, the proposal under inter-disciplinary research should be submitted in the prescribed format (Appendix A) duly approved by the departmental committee along with the minutes and forwarded by the supervisor and Head of the Department concerned.

A candidate seeking exemption for Methodology Examinations and reduction of one year in the duration of Ph.D. Research on **disciplinary basis** and exemption for Research Methodology Examination alone and reduction of one year in the duration of Ph.D. Research on **inter-disciplinary basis** should submit M.Phil. (Provisional & Convocation) Certificate while submitting application for Registration. If certificates are not submitted, registration will be processed based on only P.G. Qualification.

7. RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

- 7.1.A candidate may be permitted to pursue research leading to the award of the Ph.D. degree in anyone of the following institutions subject to satisfying conditions of eligibility, availability of supervisor and necessary facilities.
- a. The departments/Centres of study and research of the University and Endowment Chairs in the University.
 - b. Postgraduate departments of colleges affiliated to the University and recognized as having necessary facilities for carrying out research leading to the award of the Ph.D. degree in the branch of study concerned by the due University procedures, even if the department does not offer an undergraduate course in the said branch/discipline provided that the department in an affiliated college should have been offering the Postgraduate course concerned for a minimum period of THREE years.
 - c. The departments of colleges affiliated to the University offering any branch of study as main subject for the first degree at the undergraduate level and recognized as having necessary facilities for carrying out research leading to the award of the Ph.D. degree in the branch of study concerned by the due University procedures even if the department does not offer a Postgraduate course in the said branch/discipline, provided that the department in an affiliated college should have been offering the undergraduate course concerned for a minimum period of THREE years.
 - d. All India Research Institutions and Regional Research Institutions duly recognized by the University.
 - e. Well-equipped R&D Centers of public and private sector undertakings located in the territorial jurisdiction of the University recognized by the University as having necessary facilities for carrying out research at an advanced level.
 - f. All India Research Institutions and Regional Research Institutions located outside the territorial jurisdiction of the Tamil Nadu Music and Fine Arts University as having necessary facility for carrying out research at an advanced level will be considered based on request case by case on merit.
- 7.2 The Syndicate may permit candidates who are working as teachers or in other related capacity such as Research Assistants/Research Officers/Technical Assistants/Project Officers in a Department of an affiliated college recognized for research leading to the award of the Ph.D. degree to register for the Ph.D. programme under a supervisor in another institution in the neighbourhood within the territorial jurisdiction of the University and approved by the University for the purpose.

8. SUPERVISOR FOR RESEARCH

Every scholar registered for the Ph.D. programme shall work under the continuous supervision of a recognized supervisor. For **inter-disciplinary research**, a scholar shall have a **co-supervisor**.

A supervisor shall not guide his/her immediate or close relative and to this effect he/she shall furnish a declaration in the column provided in the application form for admission. A supervisor shall not be permitted to register candidates for Ph.D. in the last one year of his/her service.

8.1. QUALIFICATION AND RECOGNITION

- 8.1.1. A person who is in **permanent employment** may be recognized as a supervisor for guiding students leading to the award of the Ph.D. degree in the faculty provided he/she possesses the following:
- A Ph.D. degree of this University or of any other University recognized by the Syndicate as equivalent there to.
 - A minimum of **TWO YEARS of either teaching or research experience after acquiring the Ph.D. degree.**
 - A minimum of TWO research publications other than his/her Ph.D. work and after the award of Ph.D. Degree which is published in National/International refereed journals or equivalent published work as books or chapters in edited books. The applicant should be either the first author or the corresponding author in such publications.
- 8.1.2. Emeritus Scientists/Fellows/Professors of the University Departments or affiliated institutions recognized for research by the University who are funded by UGC/CSIR/ICAR and other Governmental/Non-Governmental funding agencies could be permitted to guide Ph.D. students provided:
- They may be allowed to guide Ph.D. scholars till they hold the above said positions or they complete the age of 70 years. However, they shall not be allowed to register candidates beyond 65 years.
 - The maximum permissible number of candidates to be registered for the Ph.D. programme is only FOUR.
- 8.1.3. Librarians, Deputy Librarians, Assistant Librarians, who are working in the University or in the affiliated colleges or in recognized research institutions of the University may be permitted to guide a maximum of EIGHT candidates (part-time only) at any given time in the irrespective field of specialization.
- 8.1.4. Teachers who are appointed in the University or in Affiliated Colleges of the University or in the recognized research institutions of the University are automatically recognized as Ph.D. guides; provided he/she has already obtained recognition to guide Ph.D. in other University/College/Institution; provided they fulfill the requirements of.
- 8.1.5. Qualified teachers/Researchers working in Universities/Research institutions who enter into MOU with will be recognized for co-guide ship as per rules in force from time-to-time.
- 8.1.6 In view of the special circumstances that exist in the colleges where P.G. Programmes are not being added, opportunity may be given to the Supervisors who are working with the U.G. Music, Dance and Fine Arts departments and who are otherwise eligible to guide candidates with due care. An Inspection Commission with faculty members from University Music, Dance and Fine Arts Departments would visit the specific College and assess facilities, infrastructure, supervisor, etc. and recommend for the same whether a particular Supervisor may be given recognition by the University. It is also possible to encourage teachers to have collaboration with University Departments without any financial commitment to the University.
- 8.1.7 Researchers who are working in the Universities/Colleges/Institutions outside the territorial jurisdiction of the, shall be recommended as a Supervisor of this University based on there quest case by case on merit.

9. NUMBER OF CANDIDATES UNDER A SUPERVISOR

The total number of candidates who can be registered for the Ph.D. programme, both full-time and part-time under a supervisor, at any point of time shall not exceed **TEN (including re-registered candidates) for a supervisor working in the University Departments and Affiliated Colleges.** For Research Institutions the total number of candidates working under a supervisor shall not exceed **EIGHT (including re-registered candidates)**

10.CHANGE OF SUPERVISORS AND TRANSFER OF SCHOLARS:-

- a. Transfer of Ph.D. scholars from one supervisor to another supervisor can be effected, with mutual willingness given by both the present and proposed supervisors.
- b. In the case of change of supervisor or transfer of candidates is proposed without the consent of any one of the parties concerned, the matter shall be referred to the Board of Research Studies, whose decision shall be final.
- c. The supervisors who wish to avail leave/lien/deputation beyond a period of **SIX MONTHS** shall nominate co-supervisor in the concerned subject for the candidates registered with them and the fact may be intimated to the University well in advance.

11.WITHDRAWAL OF RECOGNITION

If a Supervisor is found to involve in plagiarism, moral turpitude with fraudulent academic accomplishments and other activities prejudicial to the reputation of the University, etc., his/her guide ship will be summarily withdrawn without assigning any reason thereof.

12. CANCELLATION OF THE Ph.D. REGISTRATION

- a. In case of candidates who do not possess an M.Phil. degree, who have not taken Part I course work and examination and the minutes of the meeting of the Doctoral Committee for them are not forwarded to the University for confirmation of provisional registration on completion of **ONE** year of provisional registration, their registrations shall be cancelled by the University on completion of 18 months from the date of provisional registration.
- b. In case of recommendation for cancellation of the registration by the supervisor, the candidate shall be intimated about the grounds on which the registration is being proposed for cancellation.
- c. In case of any representation from the candidate/supervisor, the Dean/Director (Research) after consulting the Supervisor and the candidate shall refer the matter to the Board of Research Studies, which may either suggest cancellation or change of supervisor depending on the merit of the case. The decision of the Board of Research Studies shall be final.

12.1 DOCTORAL COMMITTEE

For every candidate [full-time, part-time (internal and external)] registered for the Ph.D. programme, a Doctoral Committee of not less than **THREE** members of the faculty who are recognized supervisors, shall be constituted with the approval of the University as follows:

In respect of candidates registered for the degree under a supervisor, either as Full-time or Part-time (internal and external), the Doctoral Committee shall consist of the supervisor as its convener, the Head of the Department concerned, provided he/she is a recognized supervisor, and one other member from institutions in the neighbourhood, who is an expert in the subject and also a recognized supervisor for guiding Ph.D. scholars in that institution.

In respect of inter-disciplinary research, the co-guide shall also be included as a member, in addition to those mentioned above.

It is the duty of the Supervisors to see that every candidate should furnish in the Appendix C, the six monthly report periodically right from the date of registration to till the submission of thesis. The Appendix C should be submitted with the signature of the candidate, Supervisor and the Head of the Department/Principal of the research institution, every six months periodically.

The Doctoral Committee shall have the functions as prescribed in Appendix B. The scholars both fulltime and part time shall submit Progress Reports in the prescribed form(Appendix C) **ONCE IN SIX MONTHS** and the same should be submitted to the University in time.

13.EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION

13.1.1.PART-I: COURSE WORK EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION

Every candidate provisionally registered for the Ph.D. programme shall undergo course work in the first year. The course work consists of the following:

Paper I :Research Methodology

Paper II :An advanced paper in the subject concerned

Paper III: Background Paper relating to the candidate's Ph.D. work.

The syllabus for Paper-I will be framed by the respective Schools for each discipline(Music, Dance and Fine Arts). The syllabi for the Papers II&III will be prescribed by the Doctoral Committee.

13.1.2.SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS:

The Doctoral Committee will conduct the written examinations for all the three papers, each of three hours duration carrying 100 marks each and also the Viva-Voce. The results will be communicated by the Supervisor to the Co-Ordinator(Research) with the answer scripts and questions along with the Minutes of the Meeting of the Doctoral Committee.

On the basis of these examinations, provisional registration of the candidate will be confirmed by the University. He/She shall be permitted to proceed with his/her research work and submit the thesis at the expiry of minimum total period of research prescribed after provisional registration. The candidate should give seminars periodically after the confirmation of registration in the general field and in the topics connected with his/her research work.

The Doctoral Committee will periodically have to monitor the progress of the work of the scholar and there report may be sent to the University without fail once in six months. Candidates who possess M.Phil., qualifications in the same discipline/field of research are eligible for exemption from undergoing the written examination so far as the three papers. If the degrees are not in the same discipline, they are exempted only from Paper-I Research Methodology and shall undergo written examinations for Paper-II and III. Like other candidates they should give seminars periodically in the general field and topics of his/her research work. Their research work will be periodically monitored by the Doctoral Committee, as in the case of other candidate.

13.2 PART-II: SUBMISSION OF SYNOPSIS AND THESIS

13.2.1.SUBMISSION OF SYNOPSIS

Not less than THREE months before the submission of the thesis, every candidate shall submit to the University, through the Supervisor or the Convener of the Doctoral Committee wherever pertinent, a Synopsis(SIX COPIES) of the proposed thesis together with the certificate of the doctoral committee vide(Appendix-B), and stating the title of the thesis to be presented in the prescribed application form along with the prescribed fee. The candidate shall inform the probable date of submission of his/her thesis in the application. The synopsis shall be submitted both in the form of hard and soft copy in CD. The hard copy should not exceed 20 typewritten or printed pages (one side only of A4 size).

Before the submission of the synopsis, the candidate should present a seminar on his/her data for the Ph.D. thesis and the Doctoral Committee should send a suitability report of the same while forwarding the synopsis.

Not later than SIX MONTHS after the submission of the synopsis and after the expiry of the minimum period of research prescribed, every candidate shall submit prescribed application and FIVE COPIES of thesis embodying the results of the research carried out by him/her along with the prescribed application and fee. In addition, the thesis shall also be submitted in the form of soft copy in CD.

A Doctoral Committee has to convene two times, one at the time of Registration and another at the time of Synopsis submission. If any member(s) of Doctoral Committee happens to be changed during the submission of synopsis, there as on has to be mentioned in the minutes of the Doctoral Committee. The format of the Doctoral Committee is appended in the **Annexure C**.

14.2.2.SUBMISSION OF THESIS

The candidate shall publish one (for humanities and social sciences) or two (for all sciences) research papers in refereed journals before the submission of thesis and should produce evidence for the same in the form of acceptance letter or reprint while submitting the thesis.

The title page of the thesis, cover, format, etc., should strictly conform to the format of presentation as prescribed (Appendix-D) and the thesis (all copies) should carry a declaration by the candidate (Appendix-E) and certificate (Appendix-E1) duly signed and issued by the Supervisor. The thesis should NOT be hardbound and it should have a thin and flexible cover.

No candidate shall ordinarily be permitted to submit the thesis after a period of FIVE YEARS in the case of Full-time research scholars and SIX YEARS in the case of Part-time research scholars; provided that the University may for valid reasons and on the recommendations of his/her supervisor, grant extension of time for not more than TWO YEARS in all, to the candidates. The registration of a candidate, who is not able to submit his/her thesis even after the grant of extension of TWO YEARS, stands cancelled, if not re-registered.

The Ph.D. Thesis/Synopsis may generally be written in English (for subjects other than languages). However, the thesis may also be written in Tamil and submitted.

14.2.3.SUBMISSION OF THESIS BEFORE THE MINIMUM PRESCRIBED PERIOD

Not with standing anything contained in these regulations regarding the minimum period of research to be put in by candidates before becoming eligible to submit their theses for the degree, it shall be competent for the Syndicate, to permit candidates to submit their theses earlier by a period of not exceeding six months provided such requests for earlier submission from candidates is accompanied by

- a. There commendations of the supervisor for relaxation based on the satisfactory completion of the research work for the thesis topic with evidenceth at the candidate has been working consistently even prior to his provisional registration for the Ph.D. degree, on the topic of his research; and
- b. Evidence of having completed the required work for the thesis by way of atleast four publications in the topic of Ph.D. research in recognized, refereed or accredited journals as first author after one year of his/her provisional registration. This case will be referred to a special committee constituted for this purpose by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with Chairman, BOS and Dean(Research) and there port will be placed before the Syndicate.

14.3. RE-REGISTRATION

A candidate who has not submitted the thesis at the end of SEVEN (Full-time)/ EIGHTYEARS (part-time), may choose to re-register under the same supervisor in the same topic with the prescribed fee in continuation of the date of expiry of the maximum period as prescribed. In such instances, there-registered candidate shall be permitted to submit his/her thesis after a period of ONE YEAR but not later than TWO YEARS.

For re-registered candidates with change of supervisor and/or area of research the required period would be similar to that of freshly registered candidates.

14.4. ADJUDICATION OF THE Ph.D. THESIS

14.4.1.PANEL OF EXAMINERS

After the submission of synopsis/ thesis, the supervisor is advised to submit the panel of Examiners for the candidate in consultation with the other members of the Doctoral Committee in a sealed cover to the Controller of Examinations in the prescribed format. A Panel of(1)3 Examiners from overseas of non-Indian origin with 10 and more than 10 years of research and teaching experience, (2) 3 Examiners from North, East, Western parts of India and (3) 3 Examiners exclusively from Chennai region (for viva-voce purpose) has to be provided by Supervisor.(If the supervisor furnishes examiners from outside Chennai, he/she has to justify the reasons for suggesting such examiners).

Panel of experts should be type written only, hand written panel will not be accepted under any circumstances. Along with the names of the examiners the Panel should mention latest e-mail id, telephonenos.etc.

The persons suggested for appointment as examiners should hold Ph.D. Degree with 10 years at the Post-Graduate level with research publications in standard National and International refereed research journals to their credit and also a recognized Ph.D supervisor and produced Ph.D scholars. There should not be repetition of more than 50 percent names in each of the two categories.

14.4.2. BOARD OF EXAMINERS

The Syndicate may appoint a Board of Examiners for evaluation of the thesis consisting of the Supervisor as Convener and two other External Examiners i.e. one from India and one from outside India (Foreign Examiner) from the panel suggested by the supervisor. However Thesis can be sent for evaluation to the second Indian Examiner provided if all the Foreign Examiners in the panel failed to send the commendation on the Thesis within a reasonable time schedule.

Provided further that no close or immediate relative of the candidate/supervisor be appointed to act as an examiner.

14.4.3.EVALUATION OF THE THESIS

The Board of Examiners so appointed shall value the thesis and report on the merit of the thesis for the award of the Ph.D degree. Each examiner is expected to give a detailed report on the thesis a part from a duly filled in proforma for adjudication in the form at prescribed in Appendix-F.

The Board of Examiners shall report on the merit of the candidate as “Highly commended”, “Commended”, “Not Commended” or “To be Re-submitted”.

The two external examiners shall send the individual reports together with the duly filled in proforma to the Dean Research and the Convener. Together with his/her individual report and the duly filled in proforma the convener will prepare a consolidated report, bringing out the salient points made in individual reports. The consolidated report shall be prepared and submitted by the supervisor on a date prescribed by the Dean Research Office.

If all the three examiners unanimously recommend the award of the degree, the candidate will be asked to appear for a public Viva-Voce Examination.

In addition, the candidate should carry out the corrections etc., if any, suggested by the examiners, before the public viva-voce examination. The supervisor shall furnish a certificate to this effect, together with the list of corrections, to the University before the public viva-voce examination.

If one of the external examiners recommends the award of the degree and other does not recommend the award of the degree, the Syndicate may refer the thesis to a fourth examiner so appointed shall belong to the same category (i.e., from India or outside India) as the original examiner who valued the thesis and has not recommended.

The fourth examiner will not be provided with the report of the other examiners. If the fourth examiner recommends the award of the degree, the candidate will be asked to appear for a public viva-voce examination prescribed earlier. If the fourth examiner also does not recommend the award of the degree, the degree will not be awarded to the candidate.

If any examiner has in his/her report made some comments and suggested corrections/modifications/alterations and asking the candidate to carry out the same in the thesis, then the candidate will be informed accordingly through the Supervisor.

14.4.4 RESUBMISSION OF THE THESIS

A candidate whose thesis has not been commended for the award of the degree may be permitted to re-submit it on a second occasion within a period of ONE YEAR from the date of declaration of the results with a specific statement from the candidate and the supervisor about the additional research work conducted and there vision done in the thesis. There submitted thesis shall be referred to the same examiner who originally valued the thesis for Re-valuation.

14.5 PUBLIC VIVA-VOCE EXAMINATION

A candidate whose thesis has been recommended for the award of the degree by the Board of Examiners who valued the thesis, shall submit himself/herself to a public viva-voce examination conducted by the supervisor and one external examiner appointed by the Syndicate in the department/institution where the research work was conducted. The Indian examiner, who valued the thesis, will be appointed as external examiner to conduct the public viva-voce examination for the candidate. A copy of the thesis of the candidate appearing for the public viva-voce examination shall be deposited in the departmental library for perusal of those interested in the thesis before the conduct of the public viva-voce examination, together with appropriate public notice issued by the supervisor for the purpose. A format for the Public viva will be prepared and the Public viva needs to be conducted at a central place and the proceedings of the viva need to be sent to the Office of the Co-Ordinator Research. Members of the department in the subject concerned where the candidate conducted research and outside specialists, if any, may participate in the public viva-voce examination. The supervisor shall convey to the university, the result of such public viva-voce examination duly endorsed by the external examiner, together with a list of participants in the examination with their signature, designation and address. A candidate who is also successful at the public viva-voce examination shall be declared to have qualified for the Ph.D degree by the Syndicate.

If for any reason, the supervisor is unable to conduct the public viva-voce examination, the Syndicate may appoint a suitable examiner in his/her place.

If for any reason the supervisor is unable to conduct the viva-voce examination even two months after the approval of the consolidated report on the Ph.D. thesis by the university and after appointment of the viva-voce examiner, the Syndicate may make alternative arrangements for the conduct of the viva-voce examination in time. A candidate, who is not successful at the public viva-voce examination, may be permitted to take the same on a second occasion, after the expiry of THREE months. If he/she is not successful even on the second occasion at the public viva-voce examination, the degree will not be awarded to him/her.

No candidate shall be permitted to submit a thesis or to appear for the public viva-voce examination on more than TWO occasions.

14.6.FORMAT OF THE DEGREE

The Ph.D degree certificate shall incorporate the title of the thesis along with the name(s) of the faculty/faculties and discipline(s) as in Appendices G&G1.

In the case of the award of the Ph.D degree for inter-disciplinary research, the degree certificate shall bear both the subjects of the candidate's post-graduate degree and the discipline of the department in which the candidate has conducted his/her doctoral research mentioning them as "inter-disciplinary".

Along with the degree, the University shall issue a provisional certificate certifying to the effect that the degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions to the regulations of the UGC.

15. PUBLICATION OF THE THESIS

A thesis, whether approved or not, shall not be published in full without the permission of the syndicate and the syndicate may grant permission for the publication under such conditions as it may impose;

Provided that a candidate may during the course of his/her research, publish papers in standard and research journals, as advised by his/her supervisor, but the thesis as a whole shall not be published without obtaining permission of the syndicate mentioned supra.

Permission for publication of the thesis should be obtained after award of the degree.

However, following the successful completion of the evaluation and announcement of the award of Ph.D. degree, the University shall submit a soft copy of the Ph.D. thesis to the UGC within a period of thirty days for hosting the same in INFLIB NET, accessible to all Institutions.

16. TRANSITORY PROVISION

These Revised regulations shall come into effect from the Academic Year 2015-2016.

17. RIGHT TO CHANGE ANY PROVISION WITHOUT ANY PRIOR NOTIFICATION

The University has right to change any provision governing any aspect of the Ph.D. Program Regulations without any prior notice as it may deem necessary as exigencies emerge which may be made applicable to all candidates on roll and also to Research Supervisors.

FEE DETAILS

S.No.	Description	Indian Candidates Rs.	NRI/Foreign Candidates US \$
1	Cost of Application	1000	100
2	Registration Fee	1000	200
3	Annual Fee payable per annum up to a maximum of Seven (5+2) years		
	a) For Full-Time Scholars	4000	1000
	b) For Part-Time Scholars	8000	1000
4	Course Work & Comprehensive Viva Voce	4000	200
5	Extension Fee (For six months)	1000	100
6	Change of Guide/Centre Fee	2000	200
7	Conversion Fee (Part-Time to Full- Time or vice- versa)	2000	100
8	Submission of Thesis .	12000	1000
9	Postage	3000	200
10	Re-registration fee 5000 200	5000	200
11	Video Conferencing for Public Viva-Voce	5000	200
12	Special Extension Penalty Fee	10000	400

Note: All Ph.D. Scholars shall pay the research fee within the due date. In case, the tuition fee is not paid within 30 days after the due date, the registration shall stand cancelled. Such candidates may seek renewal of registration within a period of three months from the due date, by paying the prescribed fee and penalty of Rs.1000/-.

APPENDIX-A

FORMAT FOR INTER-DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH PROPOSAL

[This pro form a duly filled in should be forwarded along with the Minutes of the Departmental Committee]

Name	
Academic qualification	
Age & Date of Birth	
Occupation (if any)/Designation	
Duration of Employment	
The subject in which the candidate has qualified for the Master's Degree	
The proposed discipline in which the candidate intends to work for Ph.D.	
The proposed department (with address) where the candidate intends to work for Ph.D.	
The theme of proposed research(in not more than 500 words)	
Whether the proposed Ph.D. theme is partly, directly or indirectly related to the branch of knowledge in which the candidate has qualified for his Master's Degree?	
If so, briefly describe (in not more than 500 words) the input from the two disciplines to the proposed area of research for Ph.D.	
Details of publications, if any, bearing on inter-disciplinary research, pertaining to the topic. If yes, furnish the details	
Comments of the supervisor under whom inter-disciplinary research is proposed	

Signature of the Supervisor

Signature of the Applicant

Signature of the Co-Supervisor

Signature of the HOD

APPENDIX-B

FUNCTIONS OF THE DOCTORAL COMMITTEE

1. To discuss, advise and recommend on all matters connected with the candidate's research from provisional registration till the submission of the thesis. Before the doctoral committee, the candidate has to make a presentation for about an hour and the doctoral committee would give detailed comments and guidelines.
2. To suggest courses to be undertaken by the candidate during the first year of his/her provisional registration, in the light of his/her attainment and with a view to fulfilling the requirements of the research.

Such courses of instruction may be given as short-term courses lasting from three to four months in such subjects as may be chosen by the Doctoral Committee and through seminars, discussions, occasional lecturers, laboratory techniques, fieldwork, etc.

3. To conduct the Part course work and examination for the candidate by written and oral examinations, on the completion of such courses, at the end of the first year of provisional registration and to report to the University on the fitness or otherwise of the candidate to proceed with his/her research work for the Ph.D. and recommending the confirmation of the provisional registration.

In case where a candidate is not approved at the end of the FIRST year by the Doctoral Committee/ University, it may recommend that the candidate should undertake additional coursework/examination after a further period of not exceeding SIX MONTHS at the end of which he/she shall be examined again; and if found fit, his/her provisional registration will be confirmed and he/she will be permitted to proceed with his/her research work. A candidate who is not found fit even after the additional course and re-examination, shall not be permitted to continue research and his/her provisional registration shall be cancelled.

4. To monitor the candidate's work periodically by directing him/her [a] to give periodical seminars on his/her work; [b] to submit reports once in six months positively both in the case of full time and part-time candidates to the University on the candidates progress in research work in the prescribed format (Appendix-C); [c] to conduct and supervise and presentation by the candidate of the final draft of his/her proposed thesis for approval before the submission of synopsis of the thesis to the University and to give a certificate to this effect to be submitted along with the synopsis.
5. A Panel of (1) 3 Examiners from overseas of non-Indian origin with 10 and more than 10 years of research and teaching experience, (2) 3 examiners from North, East, Western parts of India and (3) 3 Examiners exclusively from Chennai region (for viva-voce purpose) has to be provided by Supervisor. (If the supervisor furnishes examiners from outside Chennai, he/she has to justify the reasons for suggesting such examiners). Appointment of overseas examiners need not to be insisted for the Indian Language subjects especially for Malayalam, Tamil and Kannada and other disciplines of Vaishnavism, Saiva Siddhantha, Jainology etc.

Panel of experts should be type written only, hand written panel will not be accepted under any circumstances. Along with the names of the examiners the Panel should mention latest e-mail id, telephone nos. etc.

Provided that persons suggested for appointment as examiners should hold Ph.D. degree with teaching and/or research experience for at least 10 years at the post-graduate level with research publications in standard refereed research journals, national and international to their credit and **also a recognized Ph.D supervisor and should have produced Ph.D scholars**. There should not be repetition of more than 50 per cent names in each of the two categories.

APPENDIX-C

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE PH.D. PROGRAMME

[To be submitted once in six months by both full-time candidates and part-time candidates]

- i. The progress reports shall be submitted by the candidate in duplicate, to the Supervisor accompanied by a report by the candidate about the work carried out during the period of this report (in about 300 words) duly signed by the candidate and counter signed by the Supervisor.
 - ii. The Supervisor shall fill his/her part, sign it and get it counter signed by the Head of the Department of the Supervisor.
- iii. The first copy to be retained by the Supervisor for placing before the Doctoral Committee and subsequent office record, second copy shall be sent to the Registrar through the HOD, the third copy shall be sent to the parent institution wherever applicable and the fourth copy to the scholar.

1. Particulars about the candidate

- [a] Name :
- [b] Designation
(where applicable) :
- [c] Institution where employed
(if applicable) :
- [d] Period of the Report :

2. Registration Details

- [a] Category of Registration : Full-time/Part-time(Internal) / Part-time(External)
- [b] Date of provisional registration
with University reference :
- [c] Whether the provisional registration
has been confirmed
(If yes, give reference) : Yes/No

3. Particulars of the Supervisor(s)

[i] Supervisor

- [a] Name :
- [b] Designation :
- [c] Institution where employed :

[ii] Co-Supervisor

- [a] Name :
- [b] Designation :
- [c] Institution where employed :

4. Name of Department/Institution where research is conducted :
5. Area of work and tentative title of the proposed thesis :
6. Details of the progress :
- [a] Whether the candidate's report in triplicate is enclosed? : Yes/No
- [b] Whether any papers have been published? (if yes, furnish details) : Yes/No
- [c] Whether seminars/conferences attended? : Yes/ No
- [d] Whether the prescribed course work has been completed? If yes, courses completed. : Yes/No
7. Whether the tuition fee is being paid : Yes/No

Date:

Signature of the Candidate

8. Remarks of the supervisor
- [a] Attendance : Satisfactory/ Not Satisfactory
- [b] Progress : Satisfactory/Not Satisfactory
- [c] Expected time of completion :
9. Whether the Supervisor agrees with the Scholar's report? If yes, give details) :

Signature of Co-Supervisor (if applicable)

Signature of the Supervisor

Date:

Place:

Signature of the HOD

Seal

Signature of the Head of the Institution.

APPENDIX-D

Model for Cover and Title of the Ph.D. Thesis

TITLE OF THE THESIS

**Thesis submitted in
Partial Fulfillment of the
Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)**

By

(Name of the Candidate)

(Name of the Department)

(Name of the Institution)

(Name of the Place)

(Month and Year)

APPENDIX-E
DECLARATION

I declare that the thesis entitled _____

_____ submitted by me for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) is the record of work carried out by me during the period from to under the guidance of _____ and has not formed the basis for the award of any Degree, Diploma, Associate ship, Fellowship, Titles in this University or any other University or other similar institution of Higher Learning.

Signature of the Candidate

APPENDIX-E1
CERTIFICATE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

I certify that the thesis entitled _____ submitted for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) by Mr./Ms. _____ is the record of research work carried out by him/her during the period from to under my guidance and supervision, and that this work has not formed the basis for the award of any Degree, Diploma, Associate ship, Fellowship or other Titles in this University or another University or institution of Higher Learning.

Signature of the Supervisor
with designation

APPENDIX-F

PROFORMA FOR ADJUDICATION OF THE PH.D.THESIS

1. Name of the Candidate :
2. Title of the Thesis :
3. Discipline and Subject :
4. Name and Address of the Examiner :
5. Recommendations of the Examiner
(Please strike out which ever are not applicable) :
 - [a] Thesis is highly commended :
or
 - [b] Thesis is commended
or
 - [c] Thesis is commended and the degree may be awarded subject to the candidate's
furnishing satisfactory clarification to my queries during the Public Viva Voce
examination.
or
 - [d] Thesis is commended and the degree may be awarded subject to the condition that the
corrections/modifications suggested by me are carried out in the thesis and duly
certified by the supervisor–convener before the public viva-voce examination.
or
 - [e] Thesis needs to be re submitted after revision for revaluation.
or
 - [f] Thesis is not commended and the degree may not be awarded.

Note: Please enclose your detailed report on the thesis. Please also enclose a list of questions, if any, to be asked at the public viva-voce examination.

6. Any other remarks

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the Examiner with Designation)

Address:

APPENDIX-G

Faculty of-----

The Senate of TAMIL NADU MUSIC AND FINE ARTS UIVERISY There by makes known that (Name of the Candidate)has been admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, he/she having been certified by duly appointed examiners to be qualified to receive the same in the year-----
-----for the thesis

entitled-----

(Title of the Thesis)

(Name of the Discipline)

Given under the seal of the this-----day of-----

Registrar

Vice-Chancellor

APPENDIX-G

Faculty of-----

The Senate of Tamil Nadu Music and Fine Arts University here by makes known that (Name of the candidate)has been admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, he/she having been certified by duly appointed examiners to be qualified to receive the same in the year-----for the thesis
entitled-----

(Title of the Thesis)

(Names of the Disciplines)

(Interdisciplinary)

Given under the seal of the this-----day of-----

Registrar

Vice-Chancellor

APPENDIX-H

Admission Procedure

The admission procedures could be completed by the Departmental Selection Committee of the University departments/college admission committee/ research institution committee, provided the following guide lines are adopted:

- a. The Departmental Selection Committee should be constituted by the Head of the Department with two recognized guides in the department with the proposed guide (a minimum of three members should be in the committee) as convener. If only one guide is available in any department, such department should constitute the above committee with the guides available from the neighboring departments. The minutes of the selection process duly signed by the Departmental/college admission committee shall be appended.
- b. A check list of certificates (except Transfer Certificate) verified and certified by the admission committee shall be closed.
- c. Every applicant for Ph.D. must be checked for his eligibility, category of Registration, vacancy condition available with the Supervisor etc.
- d. With regard to a candidate proposing to work on the contribution of living author(s), a brief research proposal for conducting Ph.D. and a self declaration duly certified by the supervisor should be forwarded along with necessary permission obtained from the concerned author(s).
- e. Subject to the above conditions, the Head of the department of the University or Principal of the college on approval by the department/Campus admission committee can issue the Ph.D. admission letter. However, the provisional registration shall be issued by the University after ratifying the admission.
- f. Ph.D. Registration application form shall be forwarded to this office only after getting the approval for admission to the Ph.D. programme from the University.

ADMISSION:

The admission should be made purely on merit basis:

- i. 50% of marks shall be from the qualifying examination.
- ii. The entrance test which will be conducted by the respective Department/College/Institution shall carry a maximum of 50 marks as detailed below:

Sl.No.	Type of Examination	Maximum marks
i)	Written	40
ii)	Oral	10
Total		50

- iii. The candidate should secure at least 25 marks out of 50 marks in the entrance test (Written and Oral).
- iv. The candidate should take the examination only in the subject for which he/she has applied for admission to the Ph.D. programme.
- v. The Head of the Department/College/Institution may design the question paper for the entrance test. The question paper has to be set and valued by the respective admission committee of the Department/College/Institutions only.
- vi. The candidate with fellowship from the UGC, CSIR etc./ Project Fellow appointed in the major research project from funding agency/and teachers working in affiliated colleges shall be exempted from appearing for entrance test.

iii. List of Candidates selected

No	Name of the Candidate	Community FC/BC/MBC/SC/ST	GrandTotal P.G.Exam+E.E. (100)	Rank/Selection/ Waiting list

(Signature of the Members of the Selection Committee)
with office seal

APPENDIX-I

Specifications of requirements for an institution/department to get the recognition to conduct research leading to Ph.D.:

- i. Minimum two persons with Ph.D. qualifications in the area(s) of research by the department /institution as approved by the University.
- ii. Library facilities with adequate books, Journals, in the area of research literature/ retrieval facility through CD-ROM/Internet facilities
- iii. Laboratories with equipments as required for the discipline of research for which recognition is sought (specific details to be provided by the respective Boards of Studies for the discipline concerned).
- iv. Adequate working space for the research students in terms of laboratories, Study rooms, Seminar room facilities etc.
- v. Faculty research profile of the department seeking recognition along with the department/ faculty contributions made in the respective fields.
- vi. Proportionate increases of hostel, canteen and student amenity facilities.
- vii. Details of existing infrastructure facilities of the department/institution.