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Notice

Subject: Implementation of UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 and Compliance for Supervisors and Co-Supervisors of Ph.D. Scholars

Following directions are issued:-

1. Applicability of UGC Regulations:

The UGC Regulations, 2022 shall apply to all Ph.D. courses, except for the Medical and Dental Stream.

For medical & Dental stream: Ordinances already approved & applicable applied earlier will be applicable.

2. Eligibility for Supervisors and Co-Supervisors:

- Faculty members must be eligible to serve as Supervisors/Co-Supervisors for at least three years before reaching the superannuation age.
- Eligibility will be assessed based on the UGC Regulations, 2022, including the requirement for the number of research publications.

3. Nursing Science Supervisors/Co-Supervisors:

- It has been observed that several nursing faculty members currently acting as Supervisors/Co-Supervisors do not meet the criteria as per the Indian Nursing Council Letter No. F.No.1-6/LT/2024-INC dated December 10, 2024, and the UGC Regulations, 2022.
- A one-time relaxation is granted to these faculty members. They are required to meet the requisite publication and eligibility criteria within six months from the date of this circular to maintain their eligibility to supervise new Ph.D. scholars. Faculty members must submit copies of their research publications and Ph.D. degree certificates within the stipulated timeframe.
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4. Future Appointments:

- Post the relaxation period, any new appointments as Supervisors/Co-Supervisors will strictly adhere to the UGC Ph.D. Regulations, 2022, respective council norms (INC, etc.), and notifications issued by the University from time to time.

5. Research Publications Requirements:

- Ph.D. scholars enrolled under the BFUHS Ph.D. Regulations 2011 are required to submit two original research articles. One of these articles must be published in a PubMed-indexed journal before the final submission of their thesis.
- This requirement is in line with the earlier notice (No. 07-BFUHS/Ex/PHD/21/4015 dated March 31, 2021), which stated that pilot reports or pilot surveys would not be considered as valid publications.
- Supervisors, Co-Supervisors, Principals, and Centre Coordinators must strictly adhere to these guidelines when reviewing and signing reports forwarded to the University.

6. Affiliation and Authorship:

- Ph.D. scholars enrolled at Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot, Punjab, must list their affiliation as "Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot, Punjab" in all publications resulting from their research.
- Scholars must be identified as Research Scholars, and their Supervisors and Co-Supervisors should be listed as co-authors in these publications.

All affiliated colleges are hereby directed to comply with these guidelines and ensure that the eligibility details of the Supervisors and Co-Supervisors are submitted in accordance with the UGC Regulations, 2022.

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