

Madurai Kamaraj University

(University with Potential for Excellence)

Madurai – 625 021.

D.Sc., / D.Litt Regulations.

1. Eligibility:

- 1.1.A Doctor of Philosophy degree holder of this University or any other Indian University/Institute recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC) or a Doctor of Philosophy degree holder of any foreign University/Institute recognized by the concerned Government Agencies, working in any Indian University / Institute recognized by UGC or any University / Institute abroad recognized by the concerned Government Agencies may present himself/herself for the degree of Doctor of Letters (D.Litt)/degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.), the highest degree of this University in the faculties of Science, Arts, Fine Arts, Teaching, Commerce and Oriented Learning. A **minimum of fifteen years** of research experience after having qualified for the degree of Ph.D shall be required to register for D.Litt./ D.Sc. For the Ph.D. degree obtained from other Universities/Institutes in India or abroad, the Genuineness Certificate issued by competent authority viz., Vice-Chancellor/President of the University shall be mandatory for registration. There shall be no age limit either for registration or submission.
- 1.2. There shall be a minimum of 50 research publications in SCI journals as Corresponding or First Author with impact factor >1.0 or granted patents for D.Sc., degree registration.
- 1.3. There shall be a minimum of 50 research publications in SSCI journals as Corresponding or First Author with impact factor > 0.5 (OR) 40 research publications in SSCI journals with impact factor >0.5 and 5 books of research value by reputed publishers for D.Litt Degree registration.
- 1.4. The h-index shall be greater than 20 for D.Sc., and 10 for D.Litt. candidates.
- 1.5. The publications or thesis submitted for the award of D.Sc./D.Litt shall be substantially from the result of the research work done after Ph.D degree.
- 1.6. A candidate already holding D.Sc./D.Litt., degree in a particular Faculty may register for D.Sc./D.Litt., in another faculty after two years, provided he/she satisfies all the above mentioned conditions.

2. Application form and Registration

- 2.1 The application form for the registration can be downloaded from the University website (www.mkuniversity.ac.in). The cost of the application is, for candidates withing in India Rs.3000/- and candidates from abroad \$100 need to be enclosed along with application.
- 2.2 The duly filled application with prescribed fee (candidates within India Rs.25,000/-; candidates from abroad \$500) can be submitted for registration during any working day of the University to The Research Co-ordinator, Madurai Kamaraj University.

2.3 No objection certificate from the employer is required.

2.4 The application form shall have reprints / copies of publications (as per item 1.2 / 1.3) with the required certificates.

2.5 The registration shall be confirmed by the panel constituted by the Vice-Chancellor consisting of the respective Dean, HOD and an External Expert coordinated by The Co-ordinator - Research.

3. Submission of Thesis

3.1 Thesis can be submitted to the University with the prescribed fee of Rs.50,000/- for the candidates within India, USD 1000 for the candidates from abroad, Rs.40,000/- for the candidates holding Ph.D degree from Madurai Kamaraj University.

3.2 The candidate shall submit his/her thesis after a period of 6 months from the date of registration, but not later than 12 months. One extension of 6 months shall be given with the payment of Rs.5000/-, provided the request comes at least one month prior to the date of expiry. Beyond this period, the registration automatically stands cancelled.

3.3 An abstract of at least 1000 words in English should be submitted.

3.4 The D.Sc. / D.Litt. thesis shall be on the basis of the publications which shall be arranged sequentially and discussed by providing adequate linkages between the chapters. While the common theme shall form the title, introduction shall provide overview of the theme and rationale of the work. The findings and the impact shall form the conclusion.

4. Evaluation of Thesis

4.1. The panel of examiners having D.Sc. / D.Litt. qualification or Professor with more than 100 publications in refereed journals in case of D.Sc. or 75 publications in case of D.Litt. for adjudication of thesis. The panel should consist of five subject experts from outside India and three from India, but outside Tamil Nadu. The panel of experts should be outstanding scholars (in service or superannuation) in the relevant area with minimum experience of 10 years as Professor.

4.2. The panel of experts for adjudication of D.Sc. / D.Litt. shall be obtained by the Vice-Chancellor from an expert in the specific area of the research.

4.3. The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint three examiners from the panel of experts, two from outside India and one from India, who will also be the Convener.

4.4. The report of the examiner shall be in the prescribed format.