

# **MADURAI KAMARAJ UNIVERSITY**

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To

The Chairpersons of all Schools / Heads of all Departments
The Principals of all affiliated colleges, Madurai Kamaraj University
The Research Centres.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Admission to M.Phil /Ph.D program (Part Time & Full Time) -2019 - 2020 -

Conduct of Interview –reg.

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With reference to the subject cited, I am by direction to inform that online Common Entrance Test has been conducted on 08.09.2019 for admission to M.Phil/Ph.D program for the year 2019 – 2020. As per Regulations, 2016, an interview has to be conducted for the selection of candidates and a weightage of 70% to the entrance test and 30% to the performance in the interview/viva-voce shall be given. An interview shall be conducted by following Regulations 2016 given below:

#### 4.3 Interview

Following the entrance test, based on ranking, the candidates shall be short listed and called for an interview by their respective Research Department / Centre / Institution after approval by the University. For the selection of candidates, a weightage of 70% to the entrance test and 30% to the performance in the interview/viva-voce shall be given. An interview shall be conducted on behalf of the University at the Research Department / Research Centre of the college where the candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before a duly constituted Department Research Committee consisting of the Head of the Institution, Head of the Research Centre and the potential guides who have vacancies in the case of affiliated colleges and the head of the department, the potential guides who have vacancies and a Subject Expert preferably external in the specific area of research preferred by the candidate.

## 4.4 Selection

At the time of interview, the department research committee shall interact with the candidate and assess his/her research interest/aptitude. By integrating the entrance test marks and the performance of the candidate in the interview, the department research committee shall rank the candidates on the basis of the marks obtained in the entrance test and the interview combined.

## 4.5 Allocation of Candidates

The Selection Board shall allot the candidates to guides, based on the rank of the candidate and on the basis of the specific area of research preferred by the candidate and the vacancy available with the guide. After the selection process is over the consolidated list of selected and admitted candidates in each Department / Research Centre shall be sent to the University with evidence of all relevant documents for final approval.

### 4.6 Exemption

The following candidates are exempted from appearing in the entrance examination and the interview and they may be directly admitted into the Ph.D programme. However they need to apply for admission whenever it is notified. **4.6.1** Candidates with Junior/Senior Research Fellowship sanctioned by National/State level research funding agencies who have been admitted by following the recommended admission procedure. **4.6.2** Candidates duly selected by a Committee constituted by the Research Department/ Centre / Institution after proper notification and selection process and appointed in Research Projects. Candidates already cleared the entrance test in 2017 and 2018 may approach the Department concerned for admission till the validity of their eligibility certificates.

Hence, it is requested to conduct an interview at the Research Departments/Schools in Madurai Kamaraj University and Research Departments/ Research Centres in affiliated colleges on or before 01.11.2019. Upon finalizing the interview date, kindly inform the same to the candidates to appear for interview by email. The final selection list with evidence of all relevant documents shall be sent to the University for final approval.

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