## PART I

### 4.2 Entrance Test

The Entrance Test shall be qualifying with qualifying marks as 50%, provided that a relaxation of 5% of marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy layers) / Differently-abled category in the entrance examination conducted by the Universities.

### 4.3 Interview

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.

## 11.4 Research Publications for submission of Ph.D. thesis

The Ph.D candidates shall publish atleast 2 (two) research papers relevant to their area of research as first author in a National / International journals listed in the UGC CARE listed journals (CARE List Group I – Journals found qualified through UGC-CARE Protocol and CARE List Group II – Journals indexed in Globally recognized Databases – Web of Science (SCI, SSCI, A&HCI), SCOPUS).

## 13.3 List of Examiners:

The Board of Evaluation with Supervisor as Convener, one Expert from India but outside Tamil Nadu and one Expert from abroad out of the panel suggested by the Supervisor along with the thesis consisting of 8 (eight) Examiners with their designation, years of experience, area of specialization, email address, Phone/ Mobile number, etc. Of the 8 (eight) Examiners, 4 (four) shall be from India but outside Tamil Nadu from four different States. Another 4 (four) shall be from abroad not more than two from Asian countries and two from other countries. The Examiners shall preferably be given at the level of Professors / Associate Professors as prescribed.

## PART II

#### 4. Tenure of the Research Guide

The recognition given to a researcher as guide shall be valid till his/her retirement. The Research Supervisors having less than three years of service be permitted to register new Ph.D., students till their retirement with an approved guide of Madurai Kamaraj University in the concerned subject as Co-Supervisor. If, for any reason, the guide takes voluntary retirement from service or leaves the service or moves away from the jurisdiction of the University, his/her guideship shall stand cancelled. However, such guides shall be permitted to complete their commitments to the students already registered.

The retired faculty members awarded with BSR Fellowship / Emeritus Professorship / any other fellowship of the Government be also permitted to take candidate(s) along with a Co-Supervisor provided Ph.D. fellowship is also sanctioned in their research project(s).

## 5. Eligibility criteria to be a Research Supervisor

5.1 Any regular Professor of the University/Institution Deemed to be a University/College with at least five research publications and any regular Associate/Assistant Professor of the University/Institution deemed to be a University/College with a Ph.D. degree and at least two research publications in the UGC CARE listed journals (CARE List Group I – Journals found qualified through UGC-CARE Protocol and CARE List Group II – Journals indexed in Globally recognized Databases – Web of Science (SCI, SSCI, A&HCI), SCOPUS) may be recognized as Research Supervisor.

# **Requirements for recognition of Guideship to the teachers working in Self Finance Stream in** Affiliated Colleges besides fulfillment of the regulations stipulated to regular faculty members:

- > The teacher must have five years of teaching experience.
- The teacher must work in the College for three years after registration of the student for Ph.D. programme and an undertaking to be given by the teacher.
- The teacher should get a salary of not less than Rs.20,000/- p.m.

# PART III

## 6. Guidelines for approval of Research Centres

The recognition fee for research centres has been enhanced from Rs.25,000/- to Rs.1,25,000/- and a review shall be made once in three years. Annual renewal fee has been enhanced from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.25,000/- for each Research Centre be collected as per Ph.D regulations of Madurai Kamaraj University 2016.

## **Research and Publication Ethics**

The UGC has introduced a 2-credit course for awareness about publication ethics and publication misconducts entitled "**Research and Publication Ethics** (**RPE**)" to be made compulsory for all Ph.D. students for pre-registration course work from the academic session 2020-2021. Please visit our Website for further details about the course plan.