

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
KURUKSHETRA**

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The Senate in its 31<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 30.10.2017 vide item no. 31.17 considered the Ph.D. ordinance and made following modifications in the existing criteria:

**R-3 Eligibility**

**R-3.1 Educational Qualification:**

An applicant possessing the prescribed qualifications shall be eligible for admission to a Ph.D. program of the institute. Degrees obtained through distance education programs shall not be considered. The course as well as University of qualifying degree must be recognized by AICTE & UGC will be verified by Academic Section before registration. In order to encourage the candidates for interdisciplinary research which is the state of art in today's scenario, the eligibility criteria for Ph.D. is as below:

Master's degree in Engineering/Technology/Sciences/Humanities and Social sciences in respective discipline or equivalent with a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 6.5 on a 10-point scale or equivalent as determined by the Institute wherever letter grades are awarded; or 60% marks in aggregate where marks are awarded.

OR

Bachelor's degree in Engineering/Technology with a minimum of 70% marks in aggregate or equivalent CGPA and a minimum of 10 years of work experience (at the level of Assistant Professor or equivalent) in an engineering degree level technical institute or R&D organization/industry, and Evidence of Master's level R&D work completed.

**R-11.3: Panel of Examiners**

A panel of at least ten external experts, including foreign experts, and the authors of the recent papers in the references cited by the scholar in the area of his Ph.D. work would be suggested to the DRC by the Supervisor. The DRC will consider the suggested panel and will finally recommend to the Director (through Professor-in-charge, Exam.). Panel of ten external examiners, should include five Professor/Associate Professor in Academic institute or equivalent from outside India (preferably from developed countries) and remaining five with same cadre from India, preferably from IITs/NITs/ the Institutes of repute. The recommended panel will be considered and approved/modified by the Director.

## R-16: Viva-Voce Examination

The existing rules in Ph.D. ordinance will continue. In addition to these rules, the viva-voce examination can also be conducted on skype or similar online tools after seeking prior approval of Hon'ble Director.

## R-5: Shortlisting and Admission

The candidates from Govt. R&D organizations/national laboratories will be exempted from written test; however, they are required to appear in interview before DRC to evaluate their research potential.

## R-11.1 Pre-synopsis Seminar

A research scholar will be allowed to deliver his pre-synopsis seminar only after getting at least a CGPA of 7.0/10.0 in course work and after publishing/getting acceptance of at least two research papers out of his research work in non-paid peer reviewed SCI/SCIE/Scopus/ Web of Sciences Journals.

Further, the above modifications shall be applicable prospectively (i.e. students to be admitted from academic session 2017-18 onwards) except for R-16.

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