



GURUKULA KANGRI (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)

(Deemed to be University u/s 3 of UGC Act 1956)

HARIDWAR- 249404, UTTARAKHAND (INDIA)

**DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (D.Sc.)/
DOCTOR OF LITERATURES (D.Litt.)**

RULES & REGULATIONS

(2026-27 & onwards)

1. ELIGIBILITY (D.Sc./D.Litt.)

The Degree of Doctor of Literatures (D.Litt.) / Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) is the highest academic distinction awarded by the University. It is conferred upon candidates who have made substantial, original, and distinguished contributions to their respective fields of knowledge, evidenced through published work of a high standard. Candidates seeking applications for the Degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.)/Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.), the highest degrees of this University in the Faculty of Science, Life Science, Humanities, Oriental Studies, Engineering & Technology and Management Studies should have qualified for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from this University or from any other University recognized by University Grants Commission or any other recognized foreign university or research centre or research institute.

Eligibility Criteria for D.Sc./D.Litt. Programmes:

i. **Departmental Eligibility**

D.Sc./D.Litt. programmes shall be permitted only in those departments where a Ph.D. programme has been successfully conducted for a minimum period of ten (10) years.

ii. **Faculty Requirements**

Enrolment in D.Sc./D.Litt. programmes shall be allowed only in departments that fulfil the following faculty criteria:

- The department must have at least one Senior Professor or Professor with a minimum of ten (10) years of experience, and
- The department must have at least one Professor and one Associate Professor on its regular faculty.

1.1 In addition, the following conditions should be fulfilled by the candidates:

- a) The candidate should have been a regular employee in a University/ colleges/ any other research centre/institute for a period of not less than **15** years after obtaining his/her Ph.D. degree and should have carried out research work with consistent record in any of the above categories of institutions.
- b) In the case of Scientists, not less than **15** years R & D experience in any National research laboratories / Organizations / Institutions / Industrial establishment with in-house R & D department of commendable standard, after obtaining Ph.D. degree with consistent record in any of the above categories are eligible.

1.2 PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- a) For D.Sc. degree, the candidates should have (i) published at least 70 research publications in the Scopus/WoS indexed journals in which the candidate should have been a Corresponding Author or First Author in at least 35 research publications. (ii) The average impact factor of research publications of the 70 articles published in Scopus/WoS journals should be 2.0 and above. (iii) Awarded at least 10 Ph.D. Scholars. (iv) The Scopus 'h' index should be equal or greater than 25.
- b) For D.Sc. degree, the Scientists should have (i) published at least 70 research publications in the Scopus / WoS indexed journals in which the candidate should have been a Corresponding Author or First Author in at least 35 research publications. (ii) The average impact factor of research publications of the 70 articles published in Scopus/WoS journals should be 2.0 and above. (iii) At least 3 published Patents (iv) The Scopus 'h' index should be equal or greater than 25.
- c) For D.Litt. degree, the candidates should have (i) published at least 40 research publications in the Scopus/WoS indexed journals in which the candidate should have been a Corresponding Author or First Author in at least 20 research publications. OR Published at least 30 research publications in the Scopus / WoS indexed journals in which the candidate should have been a Corresponding Author or First Author in at least 20 research publications and at least 10 research books in the Scopus / WoS indexed publishers. (ii) Awarded at least 10 Ph.D. Scholars. (iii) The Scopus 'h' index should be equal or greater than 10.

1.3 The candidate should attach a Service Certificate along with the application.

1.4 The publications or thesis submitted by him/her for consideration for the award of D.Sc./ D.Litt. are substantially from the result of the research work done after his/her Ph.D. degree and shall not form part of research work which have been already considered for the award of any degree/diploma of this University or any of the above categories of institutions.

1.5 A candidate already holding D.Sc./D.Litt. degree in a particular faculty is eligible to register for

D.Sc./D.Litt. in another faculty after two years, provided that he/she fulfils the conditions laid down in 1.1 to 1.4.

2. APPLICATION & REGISTRATION

2.1. The Registration fee is **Rs. 20,000/-**

2.2. The application form for registration for D.Sc./D.Litt. shall be downloaded from the University website, www.gkv.ac.in and the duly filled in application shall be submitted to the Director-Research & Development through controller of Examination, both in hard and soft copies (along with necessary registration fee.)

2.3. The application form shall have reprints of publications (as per item 1.2) and required certificates.

2.4 The cover page of the application (as per the format given in *Annexure I*) shall be plain in white color without any design.

2.5. Preliminary Scrutiny and Screening

The Vice-Chancellor shall constitute a **Screening Committee** consisting of:

- A nominee of the Vice-Chancellor (Chairperson)
- One subject expert of eminence (External/Internal)
- Director, Research & Development (Member-Convener)

The Committee shall examine:

- Academic credentials
- Quality and impact of publications
- Relevance and contribution to the discipline

3. ACADEMIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE

3.1 Administration of the Programme

The overall administration of the D.Litt./D.Sc. programme shall be governed by the Academic Research Committee (ARC), subject to the approval of the competent authorities of the University. The Committee shall oversee all matters related to admission, evaluation, and award of the degree. The Academic Research Committee (ARC) shall consist of subject experts and University nominees as per prescribed norms. The Committee shall evaluate applications, recommend registration, and monitor the progress of the candidate.

Composition of The Academic Research Committee (ARC):

1. Vice Chancellor-Chairperson

2. Two Subject experts (not below the rank of Senior Professor/Professor with 10 years of Experience and preferably D.Sc./D.Litt. degree holder) in the related Discipline-Members
3. Dean of the concerned Faculty of studies-Member
4. Head of the concerned Department- Member
5. One Senior Professor/Professor with 10 years of Experience of the concerned Department-Member
6. Director, Research and Development-Member and Convenor

Note: The Advisory/Research Committee (ARC) for each candidate shall be approved by the Vice-Chancellor. The Committee shall include the Dean and the Head of the concerned Department, who must not be below the rank of Senior Professor/Professor with at least ten years of experience.

3.2 Processing of Thesis

3.2.1. Upon receipt of the thesis, the Controller of Examinations shall, in the first instance, refer the thesis to the Academic Research Committee (ARC) for its consideration and recommendations regarding its suitability for evaluation.

3.2.2 The ARC may co-opt one or more subject experts, if deemed necessary, to assist in assessing the thesis. Based on its evaluation, particularly with regard to the originality and scholarly merit of the work, the ARC shall recommend whether the thesis is suitable for being processed for further evaluation. In case revisions are suggested, the candidate shall submit the revised thesis within the stipulated time frame, incorporating all required corrections to the satisfaction of the University.

3.2.3. In cases where the thesis is not found suitable for evaluation, it shall be returned to the candidate.

3.2.4. If the thesis is accepted for evaluation, the subsequent procedures as laid down in the relevant regulations shall be followed.

4. SUBMISSION OF THESIS

4.1 Thesis submission fee is **Rs. 70,000/-** and viva-voce examination fees is Rs.30,000/-. Additional expenditure, if any, will be borne by the candidate.

4.2 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, the introduction shall provide over view of the theme and rationale of the work. Whereas the conclusion shall present the findings and the impact.

4.3 The D.Sc./D.Litt. degree represents a higher level of scholarly achievement beyond the Ph.D. Routine publications without significant contribution shall not qualify for the award of the degree

4.4 The Candidate shall submit his/her thesis after a period of **06 months** from the date of registration, but not later than **12 months**. One extension of six months shall be given, provided the request comes at least one month prior to the date of expiry. The candidate shall be required to pay a fee of **Rs.20,000/-** for extension.

4.5 The thesis shall be subjected to plagiarism and AI-content check as per Gurukula Kangri (Deemed to be University) norms. Any form of fabrication, falsification, or unethical research practice shall lead to rejection of candidature and may result in cancellation of the degree if detected later.

4.6 Language of Thesis: The thesis shall be written either in English or in Hindi. However, in cases where the subject of the thesis is a specific language, the thesis shall be written exclusively in that language.

4.7 The following format may be normally adopted for the D. Sc./D. Litt. Thesis:

- a) Cover page (as per the format given in *Annexure II*) of the Thesis shall be plain in white color without any design.
- b) Declaration by the Candidate (as per the format given in *Annexure III*).
- c) Contents.
- d) The main theme of the thesis shall be presented in around 100 pages (in A4 size; Line space 2; Times New Roman Font 12) extracting the work carried out and the findings made in the enclosed publications as per item 1.2 along with logical explanations as how far the work is original and contributing to the advancement of knowledge.
- e) Thesis shall have copies of all the reprints from which the thesis has been derived.
- f) Citations of the publications from which the thesis has been derived.
- g) h-index (Copy of proof should be enclosed)
- h) A personal profile of the candidate with photograph, not exceeding five pages.

4.8 The candidate shall submit **FIVE** copies of the thesis to Director-Research & Development through the office of the Controller of examinations (CoE).

4.9 In addition, the candidate shall submit the soft copy (both in word file and PDF) of his/her thesis in a CD.

5. EVALUATION OF THESIS AND AWARD OF DEGREES

5.1 The Director-Research & Development in consultation with external experts of ARC shall submit the panel of examiners Professor having D.Sc. or D.Litt. qualification or a Senior Professor or a Professor with 10 years' experience as Professor with 70 publications in refereed journals in case of D.Sc. or 40 publications in case of D.Litt. for adjudication of thesis. The panel shall consist of six names from outside India and six from India, but outside Uttarakhand state. The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint three examiners from the panel of examiners, one from abroad and two from India.

5.2 The examiners for thesis evaluation should be selected from among recognized experts in the relevant field. Preference may be given to researchers whose scholarly work has been cited in the candidate's thesis, ensuring subject relevance and expertise. However, care must be taken to ensure impartiality and such experts should have no direct academic, professional or collaborative association with the

candidate in accordance with established conflict-of-interest norms.

- 5.3** The thesis submitted by the candidate for the award of D.Litt./D.Sc. shall be evaluated by a panel of distinguished external examiners of national/international repute, as approved by the competent authority of the University.
- 5.4** In case of interdisciplinary research work, experts from relevant allied disciplines may also be appointed as examiners.
- 5.5** Each examiner shall independently assess the thesis and submit a detailed report along with specific recommendations regarding the award of the degree.
- 5.6** All the three examiners shall submit detailed reports on the thesis with the final recommendation either as “Recommended” or “Not recommended”.
- 5.7** In case, even if one of the examiners does not recommend the award of the degree, the thesis will be sent to one more examiner in the respective panel. The decision based on the majority or the additional examiner’s report shall be final.
- 5.8** The candidate should take a Public Viva-Voce Examination, if all the three examiners unanimously recommend the thesis for award. The Indian Examiner will be Viva-Voce Examiner.
- 5.9** The Head of the concerned department as convenor shall conduct the Public Viva-Voce Examination in the University campus.
- 5.10** The Thesis will be rejected, if two examiners do not recommend for the award of degree.
- 5.11** Such of those - whose thesis have been rejected, shall be eligible for after one year re- registration as either on the same theme or on the different theme and such thesis will be treated as new for processing.
- 5.12** After the due process of evaluation described above, the candidate shall be awarded D.Sc./D.Litt. Degree under the concerned discipline/subject in the faculty with the approval of the Academic Council of the University.

FEE DETAILS (w.e.f. 2026-27)

S.No.	Description	Approved Fee (Rs.)
1.	Registration Fee	20,000
2.	Extension Fees (For Six months only)	20,000
3.	Submission of Thesis	70,000
4.	Public viva-voce	30,000

HONORARIUM DETAILS

Item	Amount
Honorarium to the External Expert as a member of ARC	Rs.5,000
Honorarium to the External Expert as a member of Preliminary Scrutiny and Screening Committee	Rs.2,000
Honorarium to the Indian Examiner for thesis evaluation	Rs.8,000
Honorarium to the Foreign Examiner for thesis evaluation	US \$200
Honorarium to the Viva-Voce Examiner for conducting the Public Viva-Voce	Rs.5,000
Honorarium to the Convenor ARC/Convenor for conducting Public Viva-Voce	Rs.2,000

Annexure I

(Model for cover page of application of the D.Sc. /D.Litt.)

Title

SYNOPSIS SUBMITTED FOR THE DEGREE OF

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE /

DOCTOR OF LITERATURE

IN

(Name of the Subject / Discipline)

By

(Name of the candidate)



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Month and Year

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Annexure II

(Model for cover page of thesis of the D.Sc. /D.Litt.)

Title of the Thesis

SUBMITTED FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF

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Annexure III

DECLARATION

I, Dr..... hereby declare that this thesis entitled
“.....”submitted to
Gurukula Kangri (Deemed to be University) for the award of the degree of Doctor of Science/ Doctor
of Literatures of Gurukula Kangri (Deemed to be University), Haridwar is a record of original and
independent research work done by me and has not been submitted earlier for the award of any degree
or diploma of this or any other University.

Date:

Signature of the Candidate

Place: