

PART-IV – SECTION-F

POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH REGULATIONS³⁰

(Amendment approved by the Executive Council/Academic Council at their respective meetings held on 25.07.2019 Para 2 (7))

1. OBJECTIVE

The objectives of Post Doctoral Research are to provide higher quality learning and training to qualified academicians/professionals in law/related subjects

2. ELIGIBILITY

For the Post Doctoral research work a researcher must have a doctoral degree from a recognized University.

³¹**Registration of Post-Doctoral Research (LL.D.),** the following:

- (i) The intending researcher(s) must have experience of successfully supervised PG/LL.M./M.Phil. Dissertation and
- (ii) The researcher(s) must have at least one year of Teaching Experience at UG/PG level at the University / College after obtaining the Ph.D. Degree
- (iii) The researcher(s) must have published a minimum of three publications in reputed peer-reviewed Journal / UGC Care listed Journals/Scopus Indexed/Web of Science journals during the last five years or books published by national or internationally reputed publisher.
- (iv) Two recommendation letters from eminent experts in the field of proposed research.

(Amendment approved by the AC/EC meetings dated 28.12.2024/11.01.2025 Para 2 (AC-11))

³⁰ The present amended Regulations for Post-Doctoral Research (LL.D.) Degree, shall also be applicable to the existing enrolled candidates.

³¹ (Inserted (New Provision) by the Executive Council meeting dt. 07.10.2022 and Academic Council meeting dt. 06.10.2022 Para (2.11))

3. SELECTION PROCESS

- (1) Application of a post doctoral research shall be entertained after approval of the Academic Council.
- (2) The topic/research proposal shall be approved by the Committee of three experts appointed by the Vice-Chancellor. The Committee may also interview the researcher.
- (3) The Committee shall look into the potential of the researcher in advanced learning/research.

4. SUPERVISOR

- (1) The Expert Committee shall approve the name of the Supervisor(s) after finding the suitability as to the topic of research.
- (2) Supervisor of a post doctoral research shall only be a Professor with doctoral degree and adequate research experience of guiding at least five doctoral researchers.

5. ENROLLMENT

A researcher shall be enrolled on recommendation of the Expert Committee referred above.

6. DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

The minimum and maximum time permissible for completion of the Post Doctoral Degree shall be as under:

- (i) Minimum period shall be **Three** years and Maximum **Five** years for both categories i.e. part-time and full time researchers.
- (ii) The duration of the Post-Doctoral Research and the time for submission of the thesis shall be counted from the date of Registration of the candidate.
- (iii) In exceptional circumstances, the Vice-Chancellor, if deems it fit, may extend the period by **Six** months at a time subject to maximum of **One** year which shall not exceed the total duration of six year. Thereafter, the registration of the candidate shall be deemed to be cancelled.

7. FEE STRUCTURE

The Fee for Post-Doctoral Degree shall be as follows:

Sr. No.	Mode of Fee	Proposed
1.	Application Fee	Rs. 5000/-
2.	Enrolment Fee	Rs. 12000/-
3.	Registration Fee	Rs. 20,000/-
4.	Annual Fee	Rs. 25,000/-
5.	Library & Computer Lab Fee	Rs. 5000/-
7.	Thesis Submission Fee	Rs. 40,000/-
8.	Fee for Extension of Time for Thesis submission by six month at a time.	Rs. 20,000/-
9.	Re-enrolment Fee	Rs. 15,000/-
10.	Re-submission of thesis fee	Rs. 20,000/-
11.	Provisional Certificate Fee	Rs. 2000/-
12.	Change of Supervisor	Rs. 5000/-
13.	Change of Area of research	Rs. 15,000/-
14.	Thesis Evaluation Fee per report	Rs. 3500/- per thesis
15.	Thesis Viva-voce	Rs. 20000/-

Amendment approved by the Academic Council/Executive Council meetings dated 08.2.2024 Para 4 and 13.2.2024 Para 2(ii) (AC-4).

Note: 50% of fee concession of Ph.D. Fee for the Internal Faculty Members registered at RGNUL, Punjab (**approved by the EC dated 20.11.2020 para 9**)

8. APPLICABILITY OF Ph.D. REGULATION

The research progress of each candidate shall be monitored by the Research Advisory Committee. *The candidate shall submit Annual Progress Reports. This report shall be submitted to the Office through the Research Supervisor latest by 31st March every year for the work done during the year. After this date, the candidate shall pay the prescribed late fee.*

A candidate registered for the Post- Doctoral (LL.D.) Research shall be required to give an Annual Seminar each year before 31st March. After this date, the candidate shall pay a prescribed late fee. The Research Advisory Committee after review of the Progress Report may recommend:

- (i) Continuation of the registration.

- (ii) Continuation of the registration with suggestions to improve progress.
- (iii) Termination of the registration.

In the absence of any specific rule the RGNUL Ph.D. Regulations, 2017 for Registration, Progress and Evaluation shall be applicable *mutatis mutandi* on Post-Doctoral Research except the requirement of Course Work.

(Amendment approved by the Executive Council meeting dt. 07.10.2022 and Academic Council meeting dt. 06.10.2022 Para (2.11)

9. SUBMISSION OF THE THESIS/POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH WORK

The candidate shall submit four copies of the thesis post-Doctoral Research work to the University for evaluation, along with a copy of it on Compact Disc (CD) and shall also comply with the following requirements:

- (i) A certificate from the Research Supervisor to the effect that researcher has satisfactorily completed the research work under his/her supervision and that the thesis is fit for evaluation;
- (ii) A declaration by the candidate to the effect that the research work is of original nature and has not been submitted or published elsewhere.

10. For the submission of the Post-Doctoral Thesis, the existing guidelines relating to anti-plagiarism will be followed.

11. EVALUATION OF THE THESIS/ POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH WORK

- (i) **The Post-Doctoral Thesis/Research work submitted by a Research Scholar shall be evaluated by his/her Research Supervisor (at the time of submission and shall give the certificate as mentioned in clause 9(i) above) and three External Examiners** selected by the Vice-Chancellor, out of a panel of seven external experts, recommended by the Research Advisory Committee and approved by the Vice-Chancellor for this purpose. The external examiners shall send their evaluation report within a period of two months

from the date of receiving the thesis/ Post-Doctoral Research Work.

- (ii) The reports of the External Examiners shall be opened by the Controller of Examination, who shall prepare a note of the reports specifically stating whether the Examiners have recommended the award of degree or not. The said note shall be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor for further necessary action.
- (iii) Where the thesis/Post-Doctoral Research Work. fails to obtain approval of the majority of the examiners, the thesis will be sent to the fourth examiner, appointed in the same manner as prescribed above.
- (iv) **The proof of prescribed evaluation fee and Viva-Voce having been paid.**³²

12. AWARD OF DEGREE

If the two of the external examiners of the thesis recommend the award of the Post-Doctoral Degree, the same will be sent to the Doctoral Committee. The **Doctoral Committee** would consider the reports of the examiners of the thesis for arriving at a decision with regard to the award of the LL.D. degree. **The result of the Post Doctoral Degree (LL.D.) of the candidate be deemed to have been declared from the date of notification of award of Post-Doctoral Degree (LL.D.) issued after the approval of the Executive Council.** The Registrar shall publish the result. The Post-Doctoral Degree (LL.D.) shall be awarded at the Convocation of the University. The candidate, however, may obtain provisional certificate.

13. GENERAL RULES

(1) Change of the Research Supervisor

The Doctoral Committee may consider the request of the candidate for change of the Research Supervisor. The candidate shall pay the prescribed fee for the change of the Research Supervisor. However, the request should be made at least six months prior to the date of submission of the thesis. This limitation shall not be applicable in the

³² Inserted (New Provision) by the decisions of Academic Council/Executive Council meetings dated 08.02.2024 (Para 4) and 13.02.2024 (Para 2(ii) (AC-4).

event of death of the Supervisor or otherwise in capacity of the Supervisor to continue supervision on health grounds or shifting to a distant place.

(2) Change of Area of Research

The change in area of research may be allowed by the Doctoral Committee on the recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee. However, such change is only permissible once during the entire period of registration. The candidate shall pay the prescribed fee for the change of topic.

(3) Quorum

The quorum for all the committees provided herein shall be fifty percent of the total strength of the member of the Committee including the Chairman.

(4) Residuary Powers

- (i) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing rules/regulations, the candidates shall be governed by the regulations and procedures framed/amended by the University from time to time.
- (ii) The Vice-Chancellor shall have power to take appropriate decision in case of any ambiguity or difficulty in interpretation of these rules.

14. DEPOSITORY WITH INFLIBNET

1. Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and before the announcement of the award of LL.D. Degree, the University shall submit an electronic copy of the LL.D. Thesis/Post-Doctoral Research Work to the INFLIBNET.
2. Prior to the actual award of the degree University shall issue provisional certificate to the effect that the degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions of UGC Regulations 2016.

3. Uploading the LL.D. Thesis/Post-Doctoral Research Work in Shodhganga Repository

The UGC Ph.D. regulations require the depository of the Thesis with Shodhganga. Research Scholar(s) who are submitting the Thesis and

CD (in pdf. format) for the shodhanga has to follow the shodhganga Repository guidelines. The same shall also apply to LL.D. candidates.

- (i) After the successful completion of the evaluation process and after the announcement of the award of the LL.D. degree the Examination Branch shall submit an electronic copy in pdf file of the Thesis/ Post-Doctoral Research Work to INFLIBNET, for hosting the same so as to make it accessible to all Institutions/Colleges.
- (ii) Examination Branch after the evaluation of Thesis/ Post-Doctoral Research Work may kindly send a CD of the Thesis/ Post-Doctoral Research Work in PDF format to the library, and then library will accordingly upload the same on Shodhganga.
- (iii) Research Scholar(s) who are submitting the Thesis/ Post-Doctoral Research Work and CD (in pdf format) for the Shodhganga Repository has to follow the following guidelines:-
 - (a) LL.D. Research data on CD by Candidate.
 - (b) Separate file for Title page, Certificates, summary and Chapter wise LL.D. Thesis/ Post-Doctoral Research Work.
 - (c) Authenticate by Supervisor of CD as to exact replica of Print version.
 - (d) "Certificate of Originality" and Plagiarism report by the candidate.
 - (e) Contents of Thesis:-
 - Title page.pdf
 - Certificate of supervisor.pdf
 - Declaration by Researcher.pdf
 - Preface if needed.pdf
 - Acknowledgment.pdf
 - List Contents.pdf
 - List of Abbreviations.pdf
 - List of Cases.pdf
 - Chapters.pdf
 - Bibliography.pdf
 - List of Reference if any
 - List of Table/Figure (as applicable)
 - Summary
 - (f) The researcher is to give non – exclusive rights in the specified format to archive and distribute their Post-Doctoral work through

“Shodhganga” as well as through University’s IR in full text at the time of submission.

15. PUBLICATION OF THESIS

The publication of the thesis/ Post-Doctoral Research Work in the form of a book after award of LL.D. Degree shall be allowed only after due written permission from the University is obtained by the Research Scholar.

16. REMOVAL OF DIFFICULTIES

If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of these Regulations, the Vice-Chancellor may by an order remove such difficulties. Such an action shall be reported in the next meeting to Academic Council for information.

17. POST DOCTORAL DEGREE THESIS FORMAT

The Layout of the Post-Doctoral Thesis

The Post-Doctoral thesis should comply with the following specifications

- o Title Page (Annexure 1)
- o Declaration (Annexure 2)
- o Certificate (Annexure 3)
- o Degree (Annexure 4)
- o Acknowledgements
- o Abbreviations if any
- o Contents
- o List of Tables (where applicable)
- o List of Figures (where applicable)
- o Text of thesis (Chapter scheme may vary depending upon the subject)

18. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Instruction for the submission of Thesis: The Researcher would be required to adhere to the following standards for submission of Post Doctoral thesis:

Paper: A4-size paper

Thesis text: 12 pt, for English: Times New Roman / Arial; line 1.5 spacing

Foot note: The footnote (if any) shall be typed single spaced with Font Size 10 in RLR/Blue Book Format.



Annexure-1

TITLE PAGE

TITLE OF THESIS / POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH WORK	Times New Roman font 14 Pt. Bold, CAP
A THESIS Submitted to the RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB for the award of POST-DOCTORAL DEGREE (LL.D.)	Times New Roman 14 Pt., Bold, CAP
Year Name of the Candidate	Times New Roman font 14 Pt. Bold
 RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB	

Annexure-2

CERTIFICATE BY THE SUPERVISOR

This is to certify that the Thesis/Post-Doctoral Research entitled "Title of Thesis....." submitted byName of student..... under my supervision is worthy of consideration for the award of the Post-Doctoral Degree (LL.D.).

Signature of the Co-supervisor

Name:

Designation:



Signature of the Supervisor

Name:

Designation:

Annexure-3

DECLARATION BY THE CANDIDATE

I,, certify that the Thesis/Post-Doctoral Research Work on ".....TITLE OF THE THESIS/POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH WORK....." is my own bonafide research work carried out by me under the supervision ofNAME OF THE SUPERVISOR..... and the Co-supervision ofNAME OF THE CO-SUPERVISOR..... from to at Department of, RGNUL, Punjab. The present Thesis/Post-Doctoral Research Work has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma to any other Institution/University.

I declare that I have faithfully acknowledged, given credit to and referred to the research work cited in the text and the body of the Thesis/Post-Doctoral Research Work. I further certify that I have not wilfully incorporated without acknowledging any work, para, text, data, results, etc. reported in the journals, books, magazines, reports, dissertations, theses, etc., or available at web-sites and included them in the Thesis/Post-Doctoral Research Work and cited as my own work. I also declare that I have adhered to all principles of academic ethics, honesty and integrity and have not misrepresented or fabricated or falsified any data/fact/source in my submission. I understand that any violation of the above will leave to disciplinary action by the University and cancellation of the degree.

Date:
Place : Patiala

Signature of the candidate
(Name of the candidate)

Annexure-4

Roll No.: 000 Hologram	Specimen RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB (Established under Punjab Act No. 12 of 2006) (Accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC)  <i>Having been examined and declared successful under the University Regulations and upon the recommendations of the Academic Council and the Executive Council of the University,</i> <i>the degree of</i> Post Doctoral Research (LL.D.) <i>is awarded to</i> <i>Name of the Candidate</i> <i>No / D/o Mr. Father Name. Mother's Name: Ms. Mother Name</i> <i>For the Thesis / Post Doctoral Research entitled</i> "Title of the thesis / Post Doctoral Research" <i>In the Faculty of Law / Language / Social Sciences</i> <i>Given under the Seal of this University</i>	Registration No.: 00/00/RGNUL/0000 Photo
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