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Doctoral Research Committee

The composition of the Doctoral Research Committee shall be as follows:

- i. Director of School (Chairperson)
- ii. All recognized Research Supervisors of the Discipline.
- iii. External experts (at least one, maximum three) in the same or allied disciplines from a panel recommended by the School Council and approved by the Vice-Chancellor for a period of three years.
- iv. Research Programme Coordinator of the Discipline (Convener).

Powers and Functions of the Doctoral Research Committee:

- i. Advise on all such activities as are relevant to the Research Degree Programme of the Discipline.
- ii. Recommend to the School Council the names of students for admission/cancellation, to the Research Degree Programme.
- iii. Ensure implementation of the Reservation Policy of the Government of India.
- iv. Prescribe or grant exemption from course work if a similar coursework is successfully completed by the candidate from a University/institution recognized by the UGC for this purpose.
- v. Recommend the topic of research and allocation of research supervisor(s).
- vi. To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research and periodically supervise and guide the research scholars in progress of the research work.

- vii. Consider and recommend the synopsis of each research student to the School.
- viii. Recommend change of title of thesis, change of research supervisor - and status of researcher (full-time to part-time or vice-versa).
- ix. Assess and recommend extension of period for research scholar's duration Research Degree as per the regulations of the UGC and/or upgrading fellowships, if applicable.

A research scholar shall appear before the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) once in six months to make a presentation of the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance. The six-monthly progress reports shall be submitted by the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) to the School Council with a copy to the research scholar.