

# Regulations for the Degrees of Doctor of Literature (D. Litt.) and Doctor of Science(D.Sc.)

<b>1</b>	<b>PREAMBLE</b>
	In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section 13 of The Swami Vivekananda University Act, 2019 (West Bengal Act XV of 2019), the University hereby makes the following Regulations, namely:- Regulations for the Degrees of Doctor of Literature (D. Litt.) and Doctor of Science(D.Sc.)
	<b>Doctor of Science (D. Sc.)</b> : Doctor of Science in Faculties of Sciences, Engineering, Technology, Agriculture. <b>Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.)</b> : Doctor of Literature in Faculties of Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities, Literature and Languages.

<b>2</b>	<b>GENERAL PROVISIONS</b>
<b>2.1</b>	The Degree of <b>D.Sc.</b> (Science, Engineering, Technology & Agriculture) or <b>D.Litt.</b> (Arts, Commerce, Education, Business Administration) shall be awarded to the candidate adjudged to have earned distinction as an authority in a particular domain of research on the basis of published and unpublished research work of merit , carried out independently, written in the form of a thesis, and duly commended by the examiners as substantial and original contribution towards advancement of learning.
<b>2.2</b>	The result of research work embodied in the thesis shall be written in English (in subjects other than language subjects).
<b>2.3</b>	The major part of the D.Sc. / D.Litt. research work shall be carried out within the territorial jurisdiction of the Swami Vivekananda University.

<b>3</b>	<b>Eligibility for Doctor of Literature (D. Litt) and Doctor of Science (D. Sc,) Programme</b>
<b>3.1</b>	Any person holding a Ph.D. degree of not less than three (3) years standing or holding a Master's Degree (securing at least 55% marks) of this University or any other recognised University or Institute of national importance, with sufficient evidence of research contribution may apply for registration to the D. Litt / D. Sc. programme of the University, in prescribed manner.



<b>4 Procedure for Registration</b>	
4.1	An eligible candidate has to apply for the D.Litt. / D.Sc. Programme in the prescribed form with a <b>non-refundable application fee</b> as decided upon by the University from time to time.
4.2	A candidate shall be required to submit the following information in <b>six (6) copies</b> , for the purpose of registration along with the application form :
4.2.1	Bio-data giving present position , academic performance from school leaving level to the highest degree level and other qualifications.
4.2.2	A write-up (in about 5000 words) with the title of the proposed thesis, objective, major findings and their interpretations.
4.2.3	A chronologically arranged list of publications in the particular field of research with all necessary details.
4.2.4	A self-attested certificate to the effect that the published and unpublished papers included in the thesis, do not form a part of any dissertation already submitted by the candidate for any other degree.
4.2.5	A clear statement of the candidate's own contribution to each of the joint paper(s).
4.2.6	A statement of degrees / awards received by the co-author(s) based wholly or partly on the joint paper(s)
4.3	The application and relevant papers will be sent to three (3) experts, nominated by the Vice Chancellor from a panel of experts recommended by the Doctoral Committee, for ascertaining the suitability and originality of the research work for the degree for which registration is sought.
4.4	If the candidate fulfils, according to the unanimous opinion of the experts, the necessary requirements for registration, the Vice Chancellor may allow the candidate to get registered for the programme.
4.5	Foreign students desiring to undertake research work in this University shall be required to obtain concurrence of the Academic Council, besides fulfilling the other requirements of these regulations regarding the eligibility for registration to the D. Litt. / D.Sc. programme.
4.6	A candidate shall be registered for the D. Litt. / D.Sc. Programme in the subject in which the candidate has obtained the Master's Degree/ Ph.D. Degree <b>on payment of a registration fee</b> , to be decided upon by the University from time to time.
4.2.7	The date of registration shall be deemed to be the the date of approval by the appropriate authority for registration.

<b>5 Provisions regarding the validity of Registration and Re-Registration</b>	
5.1	The registration shall remain valid for five (5) years from the date of registration.
5.2	If a candidate fails to submit thesis within the stipulated period of five years, then she/he may apply for re-registration for consideration by the University Authority by paying requisite fees as decided by the University Authority from time to time.
5.3	The re-registration will remain valid for two (2) years. Once the candidate has received re-registration, she/he can submit thesis.
5.4	If the candidate fails to submit thesis before the expiry of the re-registration validity period, his/her registration and re-registration shall be treated as cancelled.



<b>6 Submission and Evaluation</b>	
6.1	A candidate shall submit four (4) type written or printed copies of the thesis, <u>not later than five (5) years from the date of registration</u> , along with a prescribed form, duly filled in with attested copies of all necessary documents, besides an abstract in six (6) copies, not exceeding 500 words, of the research work presented in the thesis.
6.2	6.2.1 Each of the experts nominated under clause 4.3 shall suggest a panel of atleast three internationally recognised specialists, in the specific field of research in the subject, to the Doctoral Committee. The Vice Chancellor shall appoint three examiners from the panel submitted by the Doctoral Committee for evaluation of the thesis.
	6.2.2 If an examiner nominated to adjudicate the thesis is unable to accept the examinership due to unavoidable reasons, the Doctoral Committee should recommend alternative adjudicator of the thesis.
6.3	When a thesis is unanimously and unconditionally recommended for the Degrees by the examiners, the Vice Chancellor will recommend the case to the Academic Council for consideration.
6.4	If there be any ambiguity in the reports of the examiners, the Vice Chancellor may seek the opinion of the Doctoral Committee, before placing the matter to the Academic council.

<b>7 Award of Degree</b>	
7.1	The Academic Council after considering the reports on the Thesis and the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor, may admit the candidate to the degree of D. Litt / D.Sc.
7.2	A diploma under the seal of the University and signed by the Vice Chancellor in the following format will be given to a successful candidate at the next convocation of the University :- <b><i>"This is to certify that (name of the awardee) obtained the degree of Doctor of (Literature / Science) in (Subject) under the faculty of (Name of the Faculty) of this University in the year (year of admission)".</i></b>
7.3	A copy of the thesis accepted for the Degree, with necessary modifications or corrections, if there be any, shall be retained in the University Library.
	Abstracts of thesis of all candidates admitted to the Degree of D. Litt. / D. Sc. By the University, will be published in the "Swami Vivekananda University Dissertation Abstracts".

<b>8 Interpretation and Incorporation of any Clause / Sub-Clause in the regulation</b>	
	The procedure for governing the D.Sc./ D.Litt. programme of the University, mentioned above would incorporate modification of any clause/ sub clause time to time if the University Authority deems it fit for greater academic interest.
	In case of any dispute in the interpretation of these Regulations, the decision of the Vice Chancellor shall be final.