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HIMACHAL PRADESH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, SHIMLA
REGULATIONS FOR LL.D. IN LAW, 2019

PART-III (A)

1. OBJECTIVES, TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT.

(a) The objectives of Post-Doctoral Research (LL.D. Degree) include providing higher quality of learning and training to the qualified legal academicians and professionals in law. It is also expected to contribute to the existing knowledge in the area of the research and offer academic and practical solutions.

(b) These regulations shall become Part III-A of the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla Academic Regulations, 2019.

(c) These Regulations shall come in to force from the academic session 2021-2022.

2. ELIGIBILITY. For the Post Doctoral research work a scholar must have a doctoral degree, in law, from a recognized University.

3. SELECTION PROCESS.

(a) Application of a post-doctoral research shall be entertained after approval of the Academic Council.

(b) The topic/research proposal shall be approved by the Committee of three external experts appointed by the Vice-Chancellor. Persons who have been professor of law for not less than five years shall be eligible for appointed as the external experts. The Committee may also interview the scholar.

(c) The Committee shall look into the potential of the researcher in advanced learning/research.

4. SUPERVISOR.

(a) The Expert Committee shall approve the name of the Supervisor(s) after finding the suitability as to the topic of research.

(b) Supervisor of a post-doctoral research shall only be Professor with doctoral degree and adequate research experience of guiding successfully, at least five, doctoral researchers. Persons who have been professor of law for not less than five years shall be eligible to be appointed as the supervisor.

(c) A professor of law who is appointed as a distinguished professor or visiting professor of law of the University for not less than 2 years may be appointed as the supervisor with prior consent.

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

6. **DURATON OF THE PROGRAMME.** The minimum and maximum time permissible for completion of the Post Doctoral Degree shall be as under :

(a) Minimum period shall be two years and Maximum Five years for both categories i.e. part-time and full-time researchers.

(b) 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.

(c) 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 years. Thereafter, the registration of the candidate shall be deemed to be cancelled.

7. **FEE.** The Fee for Post-Doctoral Degree shall be as follows:

Sr. No.	Mode of Fee	Proposed
(a)	Application Fee	₹ 5,000/-
(b)	Enrolment Fee	₹ 5,000/-
(c)	Registration Fee	₹ 1,00,000/-
(d)	Annual Fee	₹ 50,000/-
(e)	Library & Computer Lab Fee	₹ 5,000/-
(f)	Thesis Submission Fee	₹ 15,000/-

Sr. No.	Mode of Fee	Proposed
(g)	Fee for Extension of Time for Thesis submission (six month at a time)	₹ 8,000/-
(h)	Re-enrolment Fee	₹ 5,000/-
(j)	Re-submission of thesis fee	₹10,000/-
(k)	Provisional Certificate fee	₹ 2,000/-
(l)	Change of Supervisor	₹ 5,000/-
Note: The fee shall be reduced to 50% for the internal faculty members.		

8. **APPLICABILITY OF Ph.D. REGULATION.** In the absence of any specific rule under this part, the relevant rules of HPNLU Academic Registration 2019 relating to registration, progress, submission, evaluation and award shall be applicable, mutatis-mutandis, to Post-Doctoral Research except the requirement of Course Work.

9. **SUBMISSION OF THE THESIS/ POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH WORK.** At the time of submission of the thesis/research work of post-doctoral research, the guidelines relating to thesis format/layout, submission forms, declarations and certificates etc., given in *annexure-I* shall be applicable.

10. **CONTINUANCE AND CHANGE OF THE SUPERVISOR.**

(a) In cases where the supervisor is an internal professor and he/she retires on superannuation from the University or resigns from the post of professor of the University, prior to completion and submission of the post-doctoral research work of a researcher assigned to him/her, shall continue to be the supervisor of such research scholar.

(b) In cases where, a distinguished or visiting professor of the University is the supervisor of a post-doctoral researcher, he/she shall continue to supervise the research till the completion and submission of the post-doctoral research work of a researcher assigned to him/her, even after his tenure as distinguished or visiting professor, has come to an end or has resigned from the same. *Provided that*, the distinguished or visiting professor is willing and gives consent for the same.

(c) The Board of Studies of the University 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 due date of submission of the thesis. This limitation shall not be applicable in the event of death of the Supervisor or otherwise, incapacity of the Supervisor to continue supervision on health etc.

11. **AWARD OF THE LL.D. DEGREE.** In case of Post-Doctoral research, after the receipt of evaluation reports from all three experts, 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. The same will be sent to the Board of Examiners (viva-Voce). The Board shall consist of :

- (a) The Vice Chancellor as the Chair Person.
- (b) Three Professors of Law of not less than 10 years of experience as the professor of law, as external experts' members to be nominated by the vice-chancellor with the approval of the Academic Council.
- (c) Dean Academic Affairs, as the member.
- (d) Controller of Examinations, as member.

The Board of Examiners (viva-Voce) 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 and conduct the public viva-voce. 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 Controller of Examinations 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.

12. **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 in accordance with the publication policy of the University.

13. **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 meetings of Academic Council for information.

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