ORDINANCE

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY
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1 Short title, Application and Commencement

- 1.1 These ordinances shall be called the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Ordinance. (As per University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016)
- 1.2 The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Forestry of Forest Research Institute Deemed University shall be awarded to those fulfilling the conditions as laid down in the ordinance.
- 1.3 They shall come into force from 3.3.2017.

1.4 **Definitions:**

In this Ordinance unless the context otherwise requires:

- i) Academic Council means, Academic Council of F.R.I. **Deemed** University
- ii) CSIR means, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research
- iii) Director means, Director of Forest Research Institute University
- iv) F.R.I. means, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun.
- v) Head of Division means, Heads of Research Divisions of F.R.I University/ Research Centers.
- vi) Institute means, Forest Research Institute **Deemed** University
- vii) ICAR means, Indian Council of Agriculture Research.
- viii) ICFRE means, Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education.
- ix) Nodal officer means, Nodal Officer of Research Center of F.R.I. **Deemed** University.
- x) Research Center means, Research Center created by F.R.I. **Deemed** University
- xi) R.A.C. means, Research Advisory Committee.
- xii) R.D.C. means, Research Degree Committee.
- xiii) Registrar means, Registrar, Forest Research Institute **Deemed** University
- xiv) UGC means, University Grants Commission.
- xv) In-service candidate means employed permanently in a graded pay scale in a government organization/statutory autonomous body. The In-service candidate is required to submit a 'No Objection Certificate' from his/her employer to pursue research in the institute (FRI Deemed University).

2. RESEARCH COMMITTEES

- 2.1 Subject to the general supervision of the Academic Council, all matters connected with the Doctoral programme of a Ph.D. Scholar shall be dealt in accordance with these ordinances by the following committees:
 - i) The Research Degree Committee (RDC)
 - ii) Counseling Sub Committee
 - iii) The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) (under clause 8)

2.2 RESEARCH DEGREE COMMITTEE (RDC)

- 2.3 The **RDC** shall consist of the following:
 - i) Director or his nominee (Chairman)
 - ii) Four experts nominated by the Director for two years (localized)
 - iii) Heads of the concerned Divisions of FRI/Nodal Officers of the Research Centres (Localized)
 - iv) Supervisor and Co-supervisor, if any, of the Ph.D. Scholar (Localized)
 - v) The Registrar (Member Secretary)

2.4 The RDC shall:

- a) Consider the recommendations of the RAC with regard to appointment or change of supervisor/co-supervisor.
- b) Consider the report of the examiners and take the decision for the award of degree.
- c) Consider the report of RAC regarding extension of the term of registration of a Ph.D. Scholar beyond the period of Registration.
- d) The RDC will ascertain whether the certificate has been issued by the supervisor regarding incorporating corrections as suggested by the examiners.
- e) The RDC may act against the supervisors who may be found lacking in their duty as Supervisor. The RDC may even consider debarring the Supervisor from taking further scholars.

2.5 COUNSELING SUB COMMITTEE

There shall be a Counseling sub Committee for the purpose of counseling the research scholars and the concerned supervisors including the resolution of grievances if any.

- 2.6 (1). The Counseling sub Committee shall consist of the following: -
 - 1. Dean (Academic), FRI Deemed University: Chairman
 - 2. Any two Head of Divisions of FRI/other research center: Members (To be nominated by the Director, FRI/Chairman Academic council)
 - 3. One Officer other than from FRIDU& its research centres: Member (To be nominated by the Director, FRI/Chairman Academic council)
 - 4. Registrar, FRI Deemed University : Member Secretary

All the cases involving academic/research interests of the research scholar and the supervisor should be addressed to the Director, FRI.

- 2.6 (2) Terms of the reference of the Sub Committee shall be as follows:-
- a) The committee shall look into all the matters that may be referred to it by Chairman, Academic Council/Research Degree Committee and shall submit its recommendation to the Research Degree Committee/Academic Council.
- b) The Chairman, Academic Council may direct office of the Registrar, FRI University to examine the cases related to academic/research interests of the research scholar and the supervisor and may issue suitable instructions. In exceptional cases, which may require detailed analysis, the Director/Chairman Academic Council may refer such cases to the Counseling Sub Committee for its opinion.
- c) The Sub Committee may study the specific cases and device its own procedure to analyze the issue referred to it and may submit its recommendation to the Director. The Director, FRI/Chairman Academic Council may pass appropriate order on the recommendation of the Counseling Sub Committee.
- d) The Chairman of the Sub Committee may convene the meeting of the Committee as and when necessary.

3. Eligibility criteria for admission to the Ph.D. Programme:

Subject to the conditions stipulated in these Regulations, the following persons are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme

- 3.1. Candidates for admission to the Ph.D. programme shall have a Master's degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.
- 3.2 A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, is allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures.

3.3 A candidate who meets the requirement mentioned above may select a field of study out of disciplines given below to pursue **Ph.D. to be awarded in Forestry only:-**

Sl. No.	Discipline (Subject of study)	Qualification for admission in doctoral program	
1.	Silviculture	Post-graduate degree in Forestry/Agriculture/Botany	
2.	Forest Seed Tech.	Post-graduate degree in Forestry/Agriculture/Botany	
3.	Forest Genetics	Post-graduate degree in Botany, Agriculture or Forestry with specialization in Genetics	
4.	Forest Botany	Post-graduate degree in Botany with specialization in Systematic Botany/Plant Physiology/Wood Anatomy/Biodiversity Conservation/Ethno Botany or Post-graduate degree in Agriculture with specialization in Plant Physiology or Post-graduate degree in Forestry	
5.	Forest Pathology	Post graduate degree in Botany/Forestry/Wood Science & Technology/Agriculture, with specialization in Plant Pathology/ Microbiology or Project work/dissertation in Forest Pathology/Plant Pathology Or Post graduate degree in Microbiology with specialization or Project work/ dissertation in Forest Pathology/Plant Pathology Or Post graduate degree in Plant Pathology/Mycology/Plant Pathology	
6.	Forest Entomology	Post-graduate degree in Forestry or P.G. Degree in Zoology with specialization in Entomology or P.G. Degree in Agriculture with specialization in Entomology	
7.	Soil Science	Post-graduate degree in Chemistry, Microbiology Geology, Soil Science or Agriculture (with specialization in Agricultural Chemistry, Soil Science)	

8.	Forest Ecology & Environment	Post-graduate degree in Biological Science/ Life Science/Environmental Science/Forestry/ Marine Biology/ Environmental Engineering / Aquatic Biology		
		Candidate must have studied ecology as one of the subjects in above Post-graduate degree courses		
9.	Forest Management	Post-graduate degree in Mathematics/Statistics/Computer Application/ Forestry/Agriculture Forestry		
10.	Wood Science & Technology	Post-graduate degree in Physics/Chemistry/Engineering or Botany with specialization in Wood Anatomy or Post Graduate Degree in Wood Science & Technology		
11.	Chemistry of Forest Products	Post-graduate degree in Organic Chemistry/Bio-Chemistry/Agricultural Chemistry, MD in Pharmacology or equivalent in Indian System of Medicine, Post Graduate degree in Pharmacology/Industrial Chemistry		
12.	Pulp & Paper Technology	Post-graduate degree in Chemistry, Chemical Engineering or Paper Technology		
13.	Forestry Extension	Post-graduate degree in Agriculture Extension/Forestry		
14.	Non Wood Forest Products (NWFP)	Post Graduate degree in Botany/Forestry, Organic Chemistry, Agriculture with specialization in cultivation of medicinal plants, MD in Pharmacology or equivalent in Indian System of Medicine		
15.	Forest Biotechnology	Post Graduate degree in Biotechnology or Post graduate degree in life sciences with specialization in Biotechnology or Post Graduate degree in Biochemistry/Molecular biology/ Microbiology		
16.	Forest Bio informatics Post Graduate degree in Bio informatics or Post graduate degree Forestry/Botany with minimum one year PG Diploma in B informatics from a recognized institution or Post Graduate Degree Computer Science or Post Graduate Degree in Information Technolo or Post Graduate Degree in Maths/Physics/Statistics with P.G. Diplomation Computer Science.			
17.	Environment Post Graduate degree in Environment Management/ Environment Management Science or M.Tech Environmental Engineering or Post Graduate degree in Chemistry with specialization in Environmental Chemistry.			
18.	Wildlife Science Post-graduate degree in Forestry/Wild Science/Zoology/Botany/Environmental Management or Postgradu degree in any science subjects with recognized Postgraduate Diplo in Wildlife Management.			
19.	Forest Geo-informatics	M. Tech in Remote Sensing & GIS or Post Graduate Degree in any science subject with Post Graduate Diploma in Remote Sensing/GIS from IIRS, Dehra Dun or Postgraduate degree in Geo-informatics.		
20.	Forest Hydrology	Post Graduate Engineering Degree in Hydrology/Water Resource Engineering/Civil Engineering, Post Graduate Degree in Forestry, and Environment Management/Sciences with specialization in GIS/Remote Sensing/Watershed Management.		

21.	Plant Physiology	Post Graduate Degree in Plant Physiology, Post Graduate Degree in Botany with specialization in Plant Physiology.	
22.	Application of Information Technology in Forestry	Post Graduate Degree in Forestry with at least one year P.G Diploma in Information Technology/Computer Science from recognized institution.	
23.	Climate Change & Forest Influence	Post Graduate Degree in Physical Sciences/ Biological Science /Life Science/ Environment Science /Environment Management/Forestry/ Botany/Physics/ Chemistry/Agriculture/Climate Change/Natural Resource Management/Marine Biology/Soil Science OR M.Tech. in Remote Sensing & GIS/M.Tech. in Environmental Engineering	

In case of registration of foreign students as Ph.D. Scholars the Equivalence Committee of the F.R.I. Deemed University before their registration shall settle the equivalence of the degree possessed by them. **However**, Candidates possessing a Degree considered equivalent to M.Phil. Degree of an Indian Institution, from a Foreign Educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme.

4. Duration of the Programme:

- 4.1 A Ph.D. Scholar shall be permitted to submit his/her thesis not earlier than three years from the date of admission.
- 4.2 The date of admission of the candidates registering for Ph.D. Programme for the award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy of FRI (Deemed) University shall be 1st September of the year (in which candidate will appear for the entrance test/interview) irrespective of date of commencement of Pre-Ph.D. Compulsory Course work. The date of registration shall be 1st March of the following year.
- 4.3 In case a Research Scholar does not submit his/her thesis within a period of 6 years from the date of his/her admission unless the term is extended by the Research Degree Committee on the specific recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee for a period of upto 1 calendar year, his/her registration shall lapse.
 - The recommendations of the R.A.Cs for extension of term of registration must reach this office before expiry of the term of registration.
- 4.4 The women candidates and Persons with Disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of two years in the maximum duration of registration i.e. 5 years and six months. In addition, during the entire period of registration the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of Ph.D. for up to 240 days with the approval of Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of Supervisor/Head of Division/Nodal Officer of the Research Centre concerned.

5. Procedure for admission:

- 5.1The admission to the Ph.D. Programme shall be through an Entrance Test conducted by the FRI Deemed University once in a year preferably during the month of June-July followed by an Interview of the candidates who will qualify the entrance test.
- 5.1.1 The Pre-Ph.D. Compulsory Course would be organized only once and would start from September of the year of Entrance Test & Interview. The admission to the Pre-Ph.D. Compulsory Course shall be in the month of September, and the date of admission in Doctor of Philosophy in Forestry Programme shall be 1st September of that year (in which candidate will appear for the entrance test/interview) irrespective of date of commencement of Pre-Ph.D. compulsory course work. The date of registration (after passing of 6 months Pre-Ph.D. compulsory course and submission of synopsis approved by Research Advisory Committee) shall be 1st March of the following year. The scholar will normally be required to submit synopsis duly approved by Research Advisory Committee by the end of June for registration from 1st March of the following year of entrance test. On cogent reasons, Vice Chancellor may give two months extension i.e. upto August for submission of approved synopsis, but in that case a fine of Rs.2000/- shall be charged and registration will be done w.e.f. 1st September of the following year of entrance test.
- 5.1.2 The candidates who have qualified UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/teacher fellowship holder will be allowed to appear for the interview directly without appearing in the written entrance test. However, the candidates who have qualified GATE will also be allowed to appear for the interview directly without appearing in the written entrance test subject to securing of 50 normalized marks (out of 100) in case of General candidates and 45 normalized marks (out of 100) in case of SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time, failing which they shall have to appear in the Entrance Test. However, such candidates will have to apply as per the procedure alongwith other candidates. They will have to provide marks-sheet of above exams along with their application form. The UGC/CSIR/GATE/NET exam should have been cleared by the applicant during previous two years from the last date of submission of the form in the University.
- 5.1.3 There will be no entrance test for the Foreign/overseas students. Their admission will be based on the existing Clause 5.8 of the Ph.D. ordinance
- 5.1.4 An in-service candidate other than the persons employed on a regular basis/on deputation at ICFRE institutes/Research Centers of FRI Deemed University shall be required to take leave to pursue Ph.D. for a minimum period of 2 years as minimum residential period from the date of commencement of Pre-Ph.D. compulsory course. The persons employed in ICFRE institutes/Research Centers of FRIDU shall be required to take study leave during the period when the regular classes for course work are being conducted in FRI Deemed University or its research centers.

The in-service candidate must have to submit his/her application through his/her employer. He/She will have to submit NOC from the current employer before registration letter is issued.

- 5.1.5 A candidate for the Ph.D. degree in Forestry must apply for registration to the Registrar FRI Deemed University or through Nodal Officers of the recognized centers of the FRI Deemed University on the prescribed form as given in Appendix-I along with the prescribed fee. The notification and application form will be made available on website sufficiently in advance.
- 5.1.6 The application form shall be accompanied by the documents as may be prescribed in the application form.

5.2 The vacancies shall be obtained in advance from all the research centres/Heads of Divisions of FRI. All the research centres shall:

- 5.2.1 Decide on an annual basis through their academic bodies a predetermined and manageable number of Ph.D. scholars to be admitted depending on the number of available Research Supervisors and other academic and physical facilities available, keeping in mind the norms regarding the scholar- teacher ratio (as indicated in Para 6.5), laboratory, library and such other facilities;
- 5.2.2 The vacancies shall be notified well in advance in the institutional website and through advertisement in at least two (2) national newspapers, of which at least one (1) shall be in the regional language, the number of seats for admission, subject/discipline-wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, procedure for admission, examination centre(s) where entrance test(s) shall be conducted and all other relevant information for the benefit of the candidates;

5.2.3 While granting admission to students to Ph.D. Programmes, the University will adhere to the National/State level Reservation Policy, as applicable

- (a) For implementing the Reservation policy, "Reservation Rosters (Direct Recruitment on All India Basis by Open Competition, dated 2.7.1997, Swamy's Hand Book) upto 200 points/positions or whichever will be applicable shall be implemented on the available vacancies for all the disciplines of all the research centres collectively. The name of disciplines and research centres shall be arranged alphabetically.
- (b) Out of the specified 200 points roster, 15%(30 points/positions) shall be for Scheduled Castes, 7.5%(15 points/positions) for Scheduled Tribes and 27% (54 points/positions) shall be for Other Backward Classes (non -creamy layer). The remaining 101 points will be unreserved. In case of applicability of other roster point like 120 points etc. the seats would be distributed following Swamy's Hand Book.
- (c) The seats reserved for the SC/ST shall be filled by the SC/ST candidates on merit prepared on the basis of marks of interview only. However in case of non-availability of the eligible candidates the reserved seats may be interchanged between the SC and ST. If still any seat remains unfilled, the same shall be left vacant.

If the seats reserved for the OBCs (Non-creamy layer) remain vacant, the said seats shall be filled with OBC students on the basis of marks of Interview. In case of non-availability of eligible OBC candidates the vacant OBC seats shall be converted to General Category seats in accordance with the admission schedule notified by the University.

(d) The roster shall not be carried forward for next year; it would be implemented only for that particular year and would automatically be lapsed after completion of admission process for that particular year. Every year separate/new model roster shall be prepared.

(e) Supernumerary seats:

- (i) Persons with Disabilities (PWD) 3% of total intake. 1% each for the persons with low vision or blindness, hearing impaired and loco motor disability or cerebral palsy (interchangeable in case of non-availability of candidates in the sub-categories). If sufficient candidates are not available in a sub-category then candidates from other sub-categories shall be considered in their place.
- 5.3 The admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the Institution, keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by the UGC and other statutory bodies concerned, and taking into account the reservation policy of the Central/State Government from time to time.

5.4 The University shall admit candidates by a two stage process through:

5.4.1 Guidelines for holding of the Entrance Test

- (i) An Entrance Test shall be qualifying with qualifying marks as 50% in case of General category candidates and 45% in case of SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time. The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% shall be subject specific. The Entrance Test shall be conducted at the Centre(s) notified in advance (changes of Test Centres, if any, also to be notified well in advance) at the level of the University
- (ii) The candidate must apply through the Research Centre where he/she want to carry out his/her research work. The applicant will be considered only for the centre concerned through which the application has been forwarded. In exceptional cases, the Director FRI may consider the change of research centre subject to availability of the vacancy.
- (iii) The question paper will have following sections and their proportional weightage may be as follows:

Section-A

1. Research Methodology: 100 questions (The questions will be based on Maths, Reasoning, Statistics and English)

Section-B

General Forestry:
 Subject/discipline specific:
 questions
 questions
 per the discipline applied for)

Sl. No.	Discipline applied for	Subject to be attempted compulsorily as per discipline applied for
1.	Silviculture/ Forest Seed Technology/ Forest	Forestry
	Management/ Non Wood Forest Products / Forestry	
	Extension.	
2.	Forest Genetics/Forest Botany/ Forest Pathology/	Life Sciences
	Forest Entomology/ Forest Ecology & Environment/	or
	Forest Biotechnology/ Environment Management/	Environmental Sciences
	Wildlife Science/Soil Science	
3.	Wood Science & Technology/ Forest Geo-informatics/	Forestry or Physics or Wood
	Forest Hydrology/Climate Change & Forest Influence	Science & Technology
4.	Chemistry of Forest Products/ Pulp & Paper	Chemistry or Pulp & Paper
	Technology.	Technology
5.	Forest Bio-informatics	Life Science or Mathematics

- (iv) The candidates securing minimum 30% and above marks in Section-B will only be considered for qualifying Entrance Test.
- (v) Overall the minimum qualifying marks in entrance examination for general candidate is 50% and for the SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time is 45%.

5.4.2 Guidelines for holding Interview

- (i) The candidates qualifying the entrance test and those mentioned at clause 5.1.2 will be called for interview which will be conducted discipline-wise by the Head of Division concerned/Nodal Officer of respective research centres to discuss their research interest/area. The marks of candidates appeared in the interview will be sent to the Registrar, FRI Deemed University, who will prepare the list of selected candidates as per merit on the basis of marks obtained in interview applying reservation policy. The list prepared by the Registrar, FRIDU would be placed before Joint Admission Committee constituted by Vice Chancellor, FRIDU. The Joint Admission Commission shall examine the list of selected candidates keeping in view all aspects and shall approve the list and finally be approved by the Director, FRI/VC, FRIDU and would be uploaded on the website.
- (ii) The successful candidates shall be directed to report to the Registrar FRI Deemed University/Nodal Officers of research centres concerned for compulsory course work of six months duration as per Ph.D. Ordinance, which would be organized only once from the month of September of the year of Entrance Test and Interview.
- (iii) Merely qualifying the entrance test and interview does not mean that the candidate will be registered for Ph.D. Programme. The registration in the Ph. D. Programme shall be subject to the condition defined in Ordinance, submission of synopsis duly approved by Research Advisory Committee, availability of suitable supervisor and the approval of Director FRI/ Vice Chancellor FRI Deemed University
- **5.5** On successful completion of the course work the candidates shall prepare the synopsis (in the light of 5.1.1 above) of their research plan and present before Research Advisory Committee (RAC) concerned for approval. The Member Secretary/convener (Supervisor) shall conduct the meeting of the RAC for synopsis seminar and shall send the proceedings of the synopsis seminar (in Appendix-3) along with the approved synopsis (5 copies) duly signed by all the expert members of the RAC on the prescribed format as given in Appendix-II, to the Registrar FRI Deemed University for further action. In the Synopsis Seminar the RAC shall consider the following aspects, viz. whether:
- 5.5.1 the candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research;
- 5.5.2 the research work can be suitably undertaken at the Institution
- 5.5.3 the proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.
- 5.6 The University shall maintain the list of all the Ph.D. registered students on its website on year-wise basis. The list shall include the name of the registered candidate, topic of his/her research, name of his/her supervisor/co-supervisor, date of enrolment/registration.
- 5.7 The registration letter for the PhD. degree will be issued only after receipt of the prescribed fees to the FRI University.

	Fee (in Rs.)
Fee structure	, , ,
Fee to be deposited at the time of initial reporting	
Compulsory Course fee (to be paid to respective research centers)	2000.00
Library Fee	2000.00
Caution Money (Refundable) (to be paid to respective research centers)	2000.00
Fee to be deposited at the time of Registration after Synopsis	
Seminar	
Registration/Enrolment Fee	15000.00
Annual fee (to be deposited till submission of thesis)	10000.00

Cultural/Sports/Magazine	1500.00
Laboratory fee (to be charged by the research centers concerned annually	5000.00
for first two years of registration)	
Library fee per year (to be paid to respective research centers till	2000.00
submission of thesis)	
Late fee	500.00
Other fees	
Renewal of Registration fee	1000.00
Thesis fee (to be deposited at the time of submission of thesis)	15000.00
Revision of Thesis fee	2000.00
Viva-Voce exam fee (to be deposited at the time of submission of thesis)	2000.00
Provisional Degree Fee	100.00
Degree Fee	200.00

5.8 PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN CANDIDATES AS PH.D. RESEARCH SCHOLAR

Applications of foreign nationals nominated by the Government of India under scholarship scheme and self-financing foreign nationals will be entertained for registration as <u>Ph.D. Scholar</u> subject to the condition that they should fulfill the clause 3.4 above besides following conditions:

- (a) Must hold a master's degree and secured at least 55% marks.
- (b) The applications of scholarship holders (under various schemes) of foreign nationals for admission must be routed through Indian Council for Cultural Relations/Ministry of Human Resource Development (Dept. of Education), Govt. of India, New Delhi or Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, New Delhi or Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi
- (c) The foreign students under self-financing scheme should send their application directly to the Institute.
- (d) They must have valid students Visa at least for a period of two years.
- (e) The candidate must have a certificate to be verified by the Ministry/Agencies to the effect that the candidates had been subjected to AIDS test and found negative.
- (f) They should have adequate knowledge of English.
- (g) The Degree/Certificate of the candidates must have been approved by the Association of Indian Universities (A.I.U) or equivalent to the corresponding degrees/certificate of Indian Universities.
- (h) They are required to pay the following fees:

The scholars from the neighboring countries viz. Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Pakistan & Maldives may pay following fee. The sponsored candidates will have to pay 25% more for all the items.

Sl. No.	Items	Fee Structure for neighboring countries (in Indian Rupees)		
1.	Registration / Enrolment Fee	24000.00		
2.	Foreign Scholar Fee	5000.00		
3.	Cultural / Sports / Magazine	3000.00		
4.	Annual fee	10000.00		
	(till submission of thesis)			
5.	Laboratory fee	6000.00 p.a.		
	(to be charged annually for first two years of			
	registration and to be paid to respective research			
	centers)			
6.	Library fee (till submission of thesis)	2000.00 p.a.		
	(to be paid to respective research centers)			

7.	Caution Money (Refundable)	4000.00	
8.	Late fee	1000.00	
9.	Renewal of registration fee	2000.00	
10.	Thesis Fee	24000.00	
11.	Compulsory Course Fee	2000.00	
12.	Revision of thesis fee	4000.00	
13.	Viva-Voce exam fee	2000.00	

In order to encourage Forestry research in neighboring countries the DG, ICFRE/Chairman B.O.M. FRI University may exempt up to fifty percent of the total fee provided the candidates apply for such exemption as per the procedure prescribed by the university. The University shall also lay down the procedure for assessing the proficiency of the foreign scholar in English language so that there is no problem in integrating the scholar with the existing system. The exemption will be subject to performance and evaluation by the concerned Research Advisory Committee. For supporting such foreign students, the ICFRE may provide appropriate grant to the FRI University. There will be no exemption for the sponsored candidates. In case of scholars from other countries the university may register them at twice the above fee structure pending finalization of separate fee structure.

- 6. **Allocation of Research Supervisor**: Eligibility criteria to be a Research Supervisor, Co- Supervisor, Number of Ph.D. scholars permissible per Supervisor, etc.
- 6.1 Any regular Scientist E, F, G and any equivalent Forest Officer working in F.R.I (Deemed) University and its Research Centers and in ICFRE Headquarter in the relevant field with a Ph.D. degree, 2 years research experience and at least five research publications in refereed journals and any regular Scientist B, C & D and any equivalent Forest Officer with a Ph.D. degree, 2 years research experience and at least two research publications in refereed journals may be recognized as Research Supervisor/Co-Supervisor.

Provided that in areas/disciplines where there is no or only a limited number of refereed journals, the Institution may relax the above condition for recognition of a person as Research Supervisor with reasons recorded in writing.

- 6.2 Only a full time regular Scientist and Forest Officers of the FRI Deemed University and its Research Centers can act as a supervisor. The external supervisors are not allowed. However, Co-Supervisor can be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas from other departments of the same institute or from other related institutions with the approval of the Research Advisory Committee.
- 6.3 The allocation of the Research Supervisor for a selected scholar shall be decided by the Division/Research Centres concerned in a formal manner depending on the number of scholars per Research Supervisor, the available specialization among Supervisors, and research interests of the scholars as indicated by them at the time of interview/synopsis seminar. The Head of Division/Research Centre shall ensure that the available research scholars are evenly distributed among the available scientists as per their expertise as far as practicable.
- 6.4 In case of topics which are of inter-disciplinary nature where the Department concerned feels that the expertise in the Department has to be supplemented from outside, the Department may appoint a Research Supervisor from the Department itself, who shall be known as the Research Supervisor, and a Co-Supervisor from outside the Department/Faculty/College/Institution on such terms and conditions as may be specified and agreed upon by the consenting Institutions/Colleges.

6.5 For registering of Ph.D. Scholars **upto a** maximum number of research scholars under different level of scientists/Forest Officers at any time is as under:

Scientist-F&G or equivalent Forest officer	6
Scientist-E or equivalent Forest officer	5
Scientist-D or equivalent Forest officer	4
Scientist-C or equivalent Forest officer	3
Scientist-B or equivalent Forest officer	1

Provided

- a. That the name of research scholars, who have submitted the thesis, should not be counted for the purpose of fixing the quota of research scholars under a Supervisor.
- b. That the Head of Division certifies that the required laboratory facilities and other infrastructure is available in the Division for accommodating the research scholar
- 6.6 In case of relocation of an Ph.D. woman scholar due to marriage or otherwise, the research data shall be allowed to be transferred to the University to which the scholar intends to relocate provided all the other conditions in these regulations are followed in letter and spirit and the research work does not pertain to the project secured by the parent institution/ supervisor from any funding agency. The scholar will however give due credit to the parent guide and the institution for the part of research already done.

The transfer of Ph.D. woman scholar shall be subject to the conditions

- i. That the main Supervisor will not be changed, however, she may take another Supervisor/Co-Supervisor from the University where she wants transfer
- ii. That the transfer will be approved by the RDC FRIDU on the recommendation of RAC FRIDU and on production of NOC from Supervisor
- 6.7 No research scholar hereinafter should be registered under a Scientist/ Forest officer who is going to retire or whose tenure of deputation is going to expire within 2 years from the date of registration.
- 6.8 Persons who have registered themselves, as Ph.D. Scholars shall not act as Supervisor or Cosupervisor of any Ph.D. Scholar.
- 6.9 The change of Supervisor should not be allowed. However, in exceptional circumstances, the Academic Council will consider the change of supervisor on the recommendation of the Research Degree Committee.
- 6.10 To ensure academic prudence, Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Registrar of FRI Deemed University cannot be the Supervisor/Co-Supervisor of Ph.D. Scholar of FRI Deemed University. However, the Ph.D. scholars already registered with Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Registrar of FRI (Deemed) University shall not be effected from this clause and shall continue to work under their supervision.
- 7. Course Work: Credit Requirements, number, duration, syllabus, minimum standards for completion, etc.

7.1 The credit assigned to the Ph.D. course work shall be a minimum of 08 credits and a maximum of 16 credits.

7.2 It shall be made compulsory for all the Ph.D. Scholars to pursue the following courses for one semester (6 months) at F.R.I University or its Research Centres. The courses will be conducted by Registrar, FRI University/Nodal Officer concerned in a time bound manner and only once as mentioned in 5.1.1 above.

- i) Basic Forestry course as per syllabus vide Appendix-8
- ii) Computer application course as per syllabus vide Appendix -9
- iii) Statistics and Research Methods in Forestry course as per syllabus vide Appendix-10
- iv) Special problem to be given by Supervisor and presented in the form of review of literature/technical report in the related discipline/area of research. The Supervisor/Co-supervisor shall evaluate the report and if satisfied, may issue a certificate (to be attached in the report) and shall also given marks out of 100.

The scholar will have to pass above courses given in sl. no. (i), (ii) & (iii) and obtain satisfactory certificate for sl. no. (iv) so as to get registered as research scholar. The minimum pass marks for the above courses will be 55%. However for the candidates who have passed M.Sc. in Forestry/Wood Science & Technology, the course on Basic Forestry will be optional.

In all such cases, where research scholar may have pursued these courses as given in item no. (i) (ii) & (iii) above as a part of curriculum in any other course, the research scholar concerned shall be allowed to appear in the exam directly and be exempted to appear in the regular classes. The scholar will have to pass the exam as per the rules of the FRI University and a certificate to that effect will have to be issued by the research center concerned.

On successful completion of the **Compulsory** Course Work at the end of 6 months the candidate shall be allowed to submit the synopsis before the Research Advisory Committee in the synopsis seminar **and obtain its approval of the synopsis.**

7.3 The Structure of Compulsory Course work as per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) is as under

Sl.	Course code	Name of course	Credit for Theory	Credit for Practical
No.				
1	PBF 101	Basic Forestry	4	1
2	PCA 102	Computer application	0	2
3	PSR 103	Statistical and Research Methods in Forestry	2	2
4	PPW 104	Project work	3*	1**
*Report**Presentation Total credits = 15				

Marks distribution table for Examination

Sl.	Course code	Name of course	Theory	Practical	Total
No.					
1	PBF 101	Basic Forestry	75	25	100
2	PCA 102	Computer application	0	100	100
3	PSR 103	Statistical and Research Methods in Forestry	50	50	100
4	PPW 104	Project work	150*	50**	200
*Report **Presentation					

<u>Note: -</u> The candidate has to complete all four courses and has to obtain minimum 55% passing marks in each course in aggregate.

PPW 104

Project work Credits (3+1)

Learning objective: The basic aim of the course is to train the scholars to identify research problem, reviewing literature, experimental set up, data collection and its analysis with the research process and conclude the work independently.

- Students will be required to do experimental work/review of literature for three months on the subject of student's choice selected for PhD under the supervision of his/her guide and submit the report and also present the project work in front of the Departmental Committee through power point presentation.
- **7.**4 The Department where the scholar pursues his/her research shall prescribe the course(s) to him/her based on the recommendations of the Research Advisory Committee, as stipulated under sub-Clause 8.1 below, of the research scholar.
- 7.5 All candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programme shall be required to complete the Compulsory course work as mentioned in 5.1.1 above.
- 7.6 Candidates already holding M. Phil. degree and admitted to the Ph.D. programme, or those who have already completed the course work in M.Phil. and have been permitted to proceed to the Ph.D. in integrated course, may be exempted by the Department from the Ph.D. course work. All other candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programme shall be required to complete the Ph.D. course work prescribed by the Department.
- 7.7 Grades in the course work, including research methodology courses shall be finalized after a combined assessment by the Research Advisory Committee and the Department and the final grades shall be communicated to the Institution/College.
- **7.8** A Ph.D. scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade/CGPA in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit the dissertation/thesis.

8. Research Advisory Committee and its functions:

8.1 There shall be a standing Research Advisory Committee, or an equivalent body for similar purpose for Ph.D. scholars. The standing **RAC** for the Ph.D. Scholars for each discipline (as mentioned in clause 3.3) shall be constituted by the Director, FRI /Director of the Research Centers concerned. The Research Supervisor of the scholar shall be the Convener of this Committee.

The RAC shall be constituted as under:-

- (a) Chairman
- (b) Two experts from outside the division/institute.
- (c) One expert from the division (if Supervisor/Co-Supervisor is the divisional expert, in that case, the Supervisor/Convener may take approval from the DRI to appoint another expert from division concerned)
- (d) One Statistician/Research Methodology Expert
- (e) Head of the Division/Co-supervisor-Ex-officio Member
- (f) Member Secretary/Convener Supervisor

In addition to above, the Director FRI/Vice Chancellor FRI Deemed University shall be vested with the power to appoint any other additional subject expert into RAC of concerned discipline at anytime.

The standing RAC shall be constituted for a period of two years. The member secretary/Convener may convene the meeting of RAC in consultation with the chairman and the other members as and when necessary. In case if, under category 'c' the Supervisor/Co-Supervisor (under whom the candidate has completed the course work on research problem) is the expert from the division, the Supervisor with the approval of VC, FRIDU/Director of the Institute may appoint any other expert from Division.

The RAC shall have the following responsibilities:

- 8.1.1To review the research proposal (Synopsis) and finalize the topic of research; and shall hold a synopsis seminar in which all the Forest Officers/ Scientists/RAC/Research Scholars of the concerned Division/Research Center shall participate. The suggestions made in the seminar by RAC may be incorporated in the proposed synopsis by the candidate. The RAC after holding the synopsis seminar shall recommend appropriate topic for registration and approve the synopsis after necessary revision/correction/modification as per the Ph.D. Ordinance. The recommendation of RAC should come in the Performa as given in Appendix-3;
- 8.1.2 To guide the research scholar to develop the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that he/she may have to do.
- 8.1.3 To periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the research scholar.
- 8.2 A research scholar shall appear before the Research Advisory Committee 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 Research Advisory Committee to the Institution/College with a copy to the research scholar.
- 8.3 In case the progress of the research scholar is unsatisfactory, the Research Advisory Committee shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the research scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the Research Advisory Committee may recommend to the Institution/College with specific reasons for cancellation of the registration of the research scholar.
- 8.4 To Recommend supervisor/co-supervisor as per clause 6 of the Ph.D. Ordinance.
- 8.5 To Examine the eligibility of the Supervisor <u>as per clause 6 of these ordinances</u> and will ensure that the supervisor/co-supervisor is qualified to guide research scholar in the concerned field of research.
- 8.6 Recommend, if necessary, in consultation with the Supervisor/Co-Supervisor for constitution of an Advisory Committee consisting of the Scientist/Teacher/Forest officer concerning the field of research of the Research Scholar. The Advisory Committee shall help/guide the Research Scholar in his/her research work in consultation with and overall supervision of the Supervisor;
- 8.7 To Examine the application of the Research Scholar for extension of his/her term of registration beyond the period of registration and recommend to the RDC for extension of his/her term of registration for a maximum period of one year (as per clause 4 above).
- 8.8 Recommend, if necessary, in consultation with the Supervisor/Co-Supervisor for transfer of woman Ph.D. Scholar under clause 6.6 of the Ph.D. Ordinance.
- 8.9 To hold pre-thesis submission seminar of a Research Scholar who has completed his/her research work at least 3 months before the expiry of term of registration and recommend a panel of eight examiners (other than the members of the RAC) giving brief bio-data and indicating major areas of research/expertise of the examiners.

While making their recommendations the RAC shall see that the recommendations are made in conformity with the ordinance and such other directives as may be issued from time to time by the Academic Council in regard to matters connected with Ph.D. research.

9. Evaluation and Assessment Methods, minimum standards/credits for award of the degree, etc.:

9.1 & 9.2 Upon satisfactory completion of course work, and obtaining the marks/grade prescribed in sub-clauses 7.2 above, completion of research work as per the synopsis approved by the RAC, as the case may be, the Ph.D. scholar shall be required produce a draft thesis within a reasonable time before RAC, as stipulated by the Institution based on these Regulations.

- 9.3 Prior to the submission of the thesis but at least 3 months before the expiry of term of registration, the scholar shall make a presentation in the Department before the Research Advisory Committee of the Institution concerned in Pre-thesis Submission Seminar which shall also be open to all faculty members and other research scholars. The feedback and comments obtained from them may be suitably incorporated into the draft thesis in consultation with the Research Advisory Committee. The Supervisor shall organize a pre-thesis submission seminar for the candidate, in consultation with the Head of Division under the auspices of the RAC
- 9.4 Ph.D. scholars must publish at least one (1) research paper in refereed journal and make two paper presentations in conferences/seminars before the submission of the thesis for adjudication, and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificates and/or reprints.
- 9.5 The Academic Council (or its equivalent body) of the Institution shall evolve a mechanism using well developed software and gadgets to detect plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty. While submitting for evaluation, the thesis shall have an undertaking from the research scholar and a certificate from the Research Supervisor attesting to the originality of the work, vouching that there is no plagiarism and that the work has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma of the same Institution where the work was carried out, or to any other Institution. ICFRE Plagiarism Policy is already in place and shall be consulted.
- 9.6 When the Ph.D. Scholar has completed his/her pre-thesis seminar, the concerned RAC shall recommend to the Registrar a panel of at least eight examiners who are not in employment of the Institution/who are not members of the said RAC duly signed by them giving brief bio-data and indicating major areas of research/expertise of the examiners. The scholar shall submit five copies of summary of the thesis work along with the thesis. The panel of examiners shall be submitted by the Registrar to the Director, FRI University for appointment of three examiners at least one of them should be from outside the State where research has been carried out. However, the Director, FRI/VC FRI Deemed University may appoint any other experts as examiner beyond the names recommended by the RAC. After appointment of the examiners by the Director FRI/VC FRI Deemed University, the Registrar shall get in touch with each examiner with a copy of the summary to secure acceptance of the examiner ship.
- 9.6.1 An examiner shall ordinarily be required to accept the appointment offered by the F.R.I. University within the time indicated by the Registrar in the appointment letter. If, however, no information is received from an examiner within a reasonable time from the date of issue of the letter of appointment his appointment shall stand cancelled and another examiner shall be appointed.
- 9.6.2 On receipt of the acceptance of any examiner, the Registrar shall forward the copy of the thesis to him and take all action to get the report of the examiner expeditiously.
- 9.6.3 The examiner shall be requested to submit their individual reports within two months on the receipt of the thesis.
- 9.6.4 The examiner shall categorically recommend in the prescribed Performa acceptance or rejection or revision of the thesis and also give their detailed comments and examiners shall state if the thesis complies with the following conditions in case they recommend the award of the degree.
 - a)It is a piece of research work characterized either by discovery of facts or by a fresh approach towards interpretation of facts.
 - b) The thesis evinces the Research Scholar's capacity for critical examination and sound judgment.
 - c) It is satisfactorily in point of language and presentation of such matter.
- 9.6.5 The examiner shall return the copy of the thesis along with thesis evaluation eport or soon after submission of the evaluation report

- **9.6.7** (a) In case all the three examiners accept the thesis the same shall be accepted.
- (b) In case all the examiners reject the thesis or two of them reject the thesis and third accept the thesis or two of them rejecting and the third recommending revision such thesis shall be rejected. The candidate may however be allowed to resubmit the thesis at least after 12 months and not later than 24 months, provided the title of the thesis remains unchanged. Normal procedure will be followed for the evaluation of the resubmitted thesis. In case of resubmission of the thesis, a fresh fee for the examination shall be paid by the candidate. No candidate shall be allowed to resubmit the same thesis more than once.
- 9.6.8 If two examiners accept the thesis and the third examiner recommends for revision or two recommending revision and third one recommending acceptance or if all the three recommend for revision, in all such conditions the thesis will be returned to the scholar for revision and the research scholar shall have to resubmit the thesis after revision in the light of examiner's observations. The revised thesis shall be sent to those examiners once again for re-evaluation who have recommended for revision and in such case there shall be only two options for the examiner 1. Accepted 2. Revision, in the format of re-evaluation report. In case any of the examiners recommend for revision for the second time, the candidate will be invited for viva where he/she will also defend/justified his/her work in the light of the examiner's comments in evaluation and re-evaluation reports.
- 9.6.9 If two examiners accept the thesis and the third reject the thesis or in case one accepts the thesis, one recommends revision and the third rejects the thesis in such case the Director, FRI/VC, FRIDU shall appoint the fourth examiner for evaluation of the thesis. The opinion of the fourth examiner shall be final and binding on the scholar. If fourth examiner also recommends for rejection of the thesis then such thesis shall be rejected. However, the scholar be allowed to re-submit the thesis at least after 12 months and not later than 24 months, provided the title of the thesis remains unchanged. Normal procedure will be followed for the evaluation of the resubmitted thesis. In case of re-submission of the thesis, a fresh fee for the examination shall be paid by the candidate. No candidate shall be allowed to resubmit the same title more than once.
- 9.6.10 If the examiners recommend that the candidate be asked to revise his/her thesis, the Director shall permit the candidate to resubmit his/her thesis not later than Twelve months, the period being counted from the date of issue of letter to him/her. He/She shall have to pay a fresh fee of Rs.2000/- at the time of resubmitting his/her thesis. But it shall not be necessary for him/her to reproduce any certificate of further attendance at the institution/research center at which he/she had carried his/her work. In exceptional cases, the Director FRI/VC FRIDU may allow a scholar to submit the revised thesis after the prescribed period and in that case additional penalty to be decided by Director FRI/VC FRIDU would be charged from the candidate.
- 9.7 The re-submitted thesis shall be examined as far as possible by the old set of examiners.
- 9.8 As per the above sub clauses if the thesis is accepted then the research scholar shall be called upon to appear for an examination before the following Viva-Voce Board:-
 - 1. External examiner Chairman.

(Nominated by the Director, FRI out of the examiners who have evaluated the thesis.)

2. Internal examiner - Member (Supervisor/Co-supervisor)

On satisfaction of the Viva-Voce Board the chairman may write a detailed report in his/her own hand in the prescribed Performa on the viva-voce presentation by the scholar and may recommend him/her for award of Ph.D. Degree by FRI University. **Provided** that if a Viva-Voce board is not in a position to conduct the Viva-Voce examination, the Director may look into the special circumstances of the case and may appoint alternative Viva-Voce examiner/examiners.

Such cases whom the Viva-Voce board recommend for award of Ph.D. Degree shall be submitted to the RDC for consideration of the award of Ph.D. degree. On approval of the RDC the degree will be deemed to be awarded from the date of viva voce. The Board of Management shall award the final degree on passing of grace.

9.9 The Institution shall develop appropriate methods so as to complete the entire process of evaluation of Ph.D. thesis within a period of six months from the date of submission of the thesis.

10. Academic, administrative and infrastructure requirement to be fulfilled by Institutions for getting recognition for offering Ph.D. programmes:

- 10.1 Colleges/ may be considered eligible to offer Ph .D programmes only if they satisfy the availability of eligible Research Supervisors, required infrastructure and supporting administrative and research promotion facilities as per these Regulations.
- 10.2 Post-graduate Departments of Colleges, Research laboratories of Government of India/State Government with at least two Ph.D. qualified teachers/scientists/other academic staff in the Department concerned along with required infrastructure, supporting administrative and research promotion facilities as per these Regulations, stipulated under sub-clause 10.3, shall be considered eligible to offer Ph.D. programmes Colleges should additionally have the necessary recognition by the Institution under which they operate to offer M.Phil/Ph.D. programme.
- 10.3 Colleges with adequate facilities for research as mentioned below alone shall offer M.Phil./Ph. D. programmes:
- 10.3.1 In case of science and technology disciplines, exclusive research laboratories with sophisticated equipment as specified by the Institution concerned with provision for adequate space per research scholar along with computer facilities and essential software, and uninterrupted power and water supply;
- 10.3.2 Earmarked library resources including latest books, Indian and International journals, e-journals, extended working hours for all disciplines, adequate space for research scholars in the Department/ library for reading, writing and storing study and research materials;
- 10.3.3 Colleges may also access the required facilities of the neighbouring Institutions/Colleges, or of those Institutions/Colleges/R&D laboratories/Organizations which have the required facilities.

11. Treatment of Ph.D through Distance Mode/Part-time:

11.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations or any other Rule or Regulation, for the time being in force, the FRI Deemed University; shall not conduct Ph.D. Programmes through distance education mode.

The evaluation procedure/viva-voce examination shall be conducted in the FRI (Deemed) University Dehradun only. The meetings of the Research Advisory Committees shall be only in the research centre concerned.

- 11.2 No Ph.D. Scholar shall accept during the period of research any paid assignment apart from Research Fellowships, Research Assistantship etc. unless in the opinion of the RAC such an assignment will not interfere with his/her research work.
- 12. Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. degrees prior to Notification of these Regulations, or degrees awarded by foreign Universities:
- 12.1 Award of degrees to candidates registered for the Ph.D. programme on or after July 11, 2009 till the date of Notification of these Regulations shall be governed by the provisions of the UGC (Minimum Standards and procedure for Awards of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulation, 2009.

12.2 If the Ph.D. degree is awarded by a Foreign University, the Indian Institution considering such a degree shall refer the issue to a Standing Committee constituted by the concerned institution for the purpose of determining the equivalence of the degree awarded by the foreign University.

13. SUPPLICATION OF THESIS

- 13.1 On completion of the research work for Ph.D. by the candidate, the Supervisor shall organize, in consultation with the Head of Division under the auspices of the RAC a pre-thesis submission seminar by the candidate to present his/her progress and achievements and to receive suggestions for further improvement of the thesis.
- 13.2 After the pre-thesis submission seminar, the Supervisor shall forward the application of the candidate for supplication of the thesis along-with the minutes of the pre-thesis submission seminar, Panel of Examiners (as per clause 9.6 of Ph.D. Ordinance) and a certificate that the corrections/suggestions given by the RAC members in the pre-thesis submission seminar have been incorporated. The Supervisor shall also provide a certificate of attendance of scholar as per clause of these ordinances and that the scholar was not engaged in any paid assignment (as per clause 14.6 of these ordinances) unless permitted by the RAC.
- 13.3 A Ph.D. Scholar shall ordinarily supplicate the Ph.D. thesis within six months from the date of his/her pre-thesis seminar or till completion of term of registration whichever is earlier through the Supervisor and the Head of Division. The supervisor shall forward therewith four spirally bound printed copies of the Ph.D. Thesis and 5 copies of summary of the thesis to the Registrar.

13.4 The thesis shall comply with the following conditions

- i) It must be a piece of research work characterized either by the discovery of facts or by a fresh approach towards the interpretation of facts. In either case, it should evince the candidate's capacity for critical examination and sound judgment.
- ii) It shall be satisfactory in point of language and presentation of subject matter.

13.5 The thesis shall be accompanied by:-

- 1. A declaration from the Ph.D. scholar attesting to the originality that the thesis embodies the result of his/her own work and observations and in that respects the investigation appears to advance knowledge in the subject_and vouching that there is no plagiarism and that the work has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma of the same Institution where the work was carried out, or to any other Institution.
- 2. A certificate from the Supervisor and Co-Supervisor stating:
 - i. That thesis embodies the work of the Ph.D. Scholar himself/herself
 - ii. That in the opinion of the Supervisor/(Co-supervisor, if any), the thesis fulfills the requirements of the Ordinance governing award of Ph.D. Degree of F.R.I. University
 - iii. That there is no plagiarism and that the work has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma of the same Institution where the work was carried out, or to any other Institution.
- 3. A certificate from RAC to be obtained at the time of pre thesis seminar in the given format at Appendix -7.
- 4. Registration letter.
- 5. Publications/Presentations/Letter of acceptance

The documents specified above shall be bound in the beginning of the thesis strictly in the above sequence.

13.6 FORMAT OF THESIS

The entire thesis submitted to the FRI (Deemed) University shall be in following format.

(i) The thesis cover page should be printed in the under mentioned format:

Title of the thesis

THESIS

SUBMITTED TO THE

FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE (DEEMED) UNIVERSITY DEHRA DUN, UTTARAKHAND

For

THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN FORESTRY

(Name of Discipline should be printed here)



By

Name of the Research Scholar

Name of the Division/Research Center

Year

(ii) The following should be printed on the side of the thesis (at the time of submitting hard bound thesis):

Name of the scholar

Title of the thesis

Year of submission of the thesis

(ii) The cover should be either green or black in colour. The colour of the letters printed on the cover should be golden and the thesis cover should be laminated. (at the time of submitting hard bound thesis)

4. GENERAL PROCEDURAL GUIDANCE

- 14.1 Each RAC shall send a copy of the minutes of Synopsis seminar along-with the application of the candidate to the Registrar who shall issue letter of admission to the candidate recommended by the RAC after proper scrutiny and approval of the Director.
- 14.2 On receipt of the communication regarding the registration, the candidate shall pay the requisite fees to the Registrar within a month of date of issue of fee letter, **failing which with a prescribed** late fee.
- 14.3 Ph.D. Scholars shall be required to be present in the research centre concerned for a minimum period of two years from the date of registration. Their presence shall be duly recorded and maintained in the research centre concerned.
- 14.4 A record of the progress of every Ph.D. Scholar shall be kept by his/her Supervisor. The Supervisor shall conduct meeting of RAC preferable during the months of September/October for the six months period from March to August and during the months of March/April for the six monthly reports of the period from September to February for presentation of six monthly progress report by the candidate. The RAC shall consider the progress reports and supervisor shall forward the same with recommendations and comments of the RAC, if any, to the Registrar.
- 14.5 Registration of a Ph.D. Scholar is liable to be cancelled by the Director at any time if:-
- i) Two consecutive six monthly progress reports are not submitted at all or are not satisfactory as per recommendations/comments of RAC.
 - However, the research scholar is required to submit the six monthly progress reports till the work is presented in the pre-thesis submission seminar and is approved by the committee for submission of thesis.
 - The initial 4 progress reports may come through Chairman and Member Secretary R.A.C. The rest can come through Head of Division and Supervisor concerned.
- ii) The attendance in case of Research Scholar should not be less than 75% in any term.
- 14.6 No Ph.D. Scholar shall accept during the period of research any paid assignment apart from Research Fellowships, Research Assistantship etc. unless in the opinion of the RAC such an assignment will not interfere with his/her research work.
- 14.7 A Ph.D. Scholar shall not be permitted to take any other degree course, but may be permitted by the RAC to take part-time Diploma or Certificate course(s) not affecting the scholar's research work adversely.
- 14.8 The Research Scholar may **not later than three months from** the date of issue of registration letter, modify the scheme of the research work or nature or scope of the subject, on the recommendation of the Supervisor and RAC, with the approval of Director.
- 14.9 A Ph.D. Scholar shall be permitted to submit his thesis not earlier than thirty months from the date of his/her registration Academic Council.

15 CONCLUSION

- 15.1 From the date when these Ordinances come into operation all previous Ordinance on the subject shall cease to have effect.
 - Provided that this revocation shall not affect the previous ordinance so revoked or anything done or suffered under any previous ordinance so revoked or affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, arrived or incurred under any ordinance so revoked.
- 15.2 Notwithstanding anything contained in these ordinances, any question, which is not covered by these ordinances, or any difficulty arising out of these ordinances shall be dealt with by the Academic Council.
- 15.3 The legal disputes if any with respect to the process of award of any degree/diploma/certificate by this University shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the competent Courts under the Honorable High Court of Uttarakhand State.

The following are the established Research Centres of F.R.I. (Deemed) University:

- 1. Indian Institute of Forest Management, Nehru Nagar, P.O. 357, Bhopal, M.P.- 462 003
- 2. Tropical Forest Research Institute, P.O. R.F.R.C., Jabalpur-482 021
- 3. Arid Forest Research Institute, P.O. Krishi Mandi, New Pali Road, Jodhpur 342-005
- 4. Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Conifer campus, Pathaghati, Shimla 171 009
- 5. Institute of Wood Science & Technology, P.O. Malleswaram, Bangalore- 560 022
- 6. Institute of Rain & Moist Deciduous Forest Research, Jorhat, Assam
- 7. Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding, Coimbatore 641 002
- 8. Institute of Forest Productivity, Main Road, Hinoo, Ranchi 834 002
- 9. Forest Research Institute, P.O. New Forest, DehraDun 248 006
- 10. Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi 680 653, Thrissur Distt., Kerala State
- 11. Wildlife Institute of India, P.O. 18, Chandrabani, Dehra Dun 248 001
- 12. Indian Plywood Industries Research & Training Institute, P.O.:2273, Tumkur Road, Bangalore-560022
- 13. Forest Survey of India, P.O: I.P.E., Kaulagarh Road, Dehra Dun 248 195
- 14. UP Forest Research Institute, Kanpur 24
- 15. Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, (NRSA), 4th, Kalidas Road, Dehra Dun
- G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development, Kosi- Katarmal, Distt. Almora – 263 643.
- 17. Central Pulp & Paper Research Institute, P.O. Box 174, Star Paper Mill Road, Himmat Nagar, Saharanpur- 247001 (U.P.)
- 18. Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Dulapally, P.O. Kompally, Hyderabad-500100

*GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING Ph.D. SYNOPSIS

1. **Cover page** should have title of the proposed work with name of the Research Scholar and Supervisor in a format as depicted below: -

Format :	Example:	
(Title of the proposed research plan)	Bamboo – endomycorrhiza: Ecology, growth and macroproliferation.	
Synopsis of the proposed research plan	Synopsis of the proposed research plan	
Submitted for the degree of	Submitted for the degree of	
Doctor of Philosophy in Forestry (Name of Discipline) Of Forest Research Institute	Doctor of Philosophy in Forestry (Name of Discipline) Of Forest Research Institute	
(Deemed) University	(Deemed) University	
Ву	Ву	
Name of the Scholar	XYZ	
Under the Supervision of	Under the Supervision of	
Name and address of Supervisor	XYZ	
	Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun	

^{* 7} copies of the synopsis are to be submitted to the Member Secretary/Convener (Supervisor), Research Advisory Committee by the candidate. The Member Secretary will send one copy to each member of R.A.C. for perusal.

2. Second page should have details of Research Scholars, Supervisor and place of work where Research Scholar intends to conduct studies with signature of Research Scholar and Guide both. **After synopsis seminar, names of R.A.C. members may also be indicated on this page.** These information be **formatted** as below:-

** Synopsis of proposed research plan approved by the Research Advisory Committee for the degree of Ph.D. submitted to the F.R.I. (Deemed) University, Dehradun

Topic of Research:
(approved by the RAC)

Name of the Research Scholar:

Name and Designation of Supervisor:

Name and Designation of Co-Sup:

Place of work:

***Name of Expert Members of RAC:

Signature
(Name)
Supervisor/Convener&Co-supervisor if any

Signature (Name)

Research Scholar

*** Signature (Name) Chairman RAC *** Signature
(Name)
Head of Division
(Ex-officio Member)

- ** Synopsis to be revised after the R.A.C. meeting (synopsis seminar) as per the comments/recommendations of R.A.C.
- *** Names of the R.A.C. members should be mentioned in the synopsis approved by the RAC and the same should be signed by the Chairman and Member Secretary.
- **3. Introduction:** Species/organism/theme/aspect of research should be introduced with background information indicating its importance and relevance with over all objectivity and concept of forestry.
- 4. **Review of literature:** Review of literature should be comprehensive covering various aspects of the proposed work but it must be precise with recent information. Detailed review at this stage is not required.

- 5. **Methodology:** Techniques in brief should be given in respect of specific experiments/observations only. Methods of routine nature need not be described.
- 6. **Proposed plan of work:** This part of the synopsis is very important. Different aspects of the proposed plan of work should be given into separate components/chapters/sub-projects. Each component/sub-project should have detailed titles of various experiments proposed to be performed. Wherever possible area of research be mentioned indicating whether studies would be performed in the laboratory or in some specific filed conditions.
- 7. **Expected Conclusions:** Researcher may indicate the conclusions, which are expected to be drawn from the proposed studies.
- 8. **References:** References should be listed alphabetically author wise. In the text, the reference should be quoted as Sen-Sarma (1980) or Sen-Sarma and Thakur, (1981) or Sen-Sarma et al. (1982) for single, two and more than two authors, respectively. Papers by the same author in the same year should be distinguished by letters, a, b, c, etc. For references, following pattern should be followed.

FOR RESEARCH PAPERS:

Ahmad, M. 1987. Relative resistance of different clones of Tectona grandis to teak defoliator, Hyblaea puera Cram. (lepidoptera: Hyblaedae) in South India. Indian Forester, 113(4): 281-286.

COMPLETE BOOKS:

Beeson, C.F.C. 1941. The Ecology and Control of the Forest Insects of India and the Neighbouring Countries. Vasant Press, Dehra Dun, ii + 1007 pp.

FOR A CHAPTER IN EDITED BOOK:

Heather, W.A. and Griffin, D.M. 1984. The potential for epidemic disease, 143-154: In Eucalyptus for Wood Production, Hills, W.E. and Brown, A.G. (eds.) CSIRO/Academic Press, Sydney.

CITATION FROM NEWSPAPERS:

Hanumantha Rao, C.H. and Singh Padam, 1986. Fertilizers strategy of diffusion. The Economics Times (Bombay), Jan. 29, 25(327): I-II (Suppl.).

THESES AND DISSERTATIONS:

Mehra, M.S. 1984, Litterfall and nutrient return in certain forest ecosystems of Kumaun Himalaya, Ph.D. thesis, Kumaun University, Nainital: 274 pp.

FOR ANNUAL REPORT:

Annual report, 1989-90. Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, New Delhi 67-70

IN CASE OF PROCEEDING/CONFERENCE:

Khan. M. 1987. NGOs and Agroforestry. In Professional Education I Agroforestry, 209-215: Easter Zulbert, E. (ed.) Proceedings of an International Workshop, 5-10 December, 1982, ICIPE Training Centre, Dudville, Nairobi, Kenya.

IN CASE OF BULLETINS/RECORDS:

Byant, M.S. 1951. bibliographic style, USDA. Bib. Bull. 6:30 pp.

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Performa of the minutes of meeting of RAC for Synopsis Seminar

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vii)	Supervisor's name:			
viii)	Co-Supervisor's name:			
ix)	Member Secretary/Convener (Supervisor):			
x)	Suggestions/comments made by the RAC:			
	(Please attach the details duly signed by all the members)			
xi)	Topic recommended by R.A.C.:			
xii)	Name of Discipline for which registration is recommended:			
	(Which will be recorded in the Degree certificate as per clause 3.3 of the Ph.D.			
	Ordinance. The decision of the office of the FRI (Deemed) University shall be final)			
xiii)	Courses recommended:			
xiv)	Recommendation of RAC whether to be registered as PhD Scholar:			

Signatures of the Members of the RAC

(The proceedings should be neatly typed and the signature of the members of the RAC should be on the same page)

APPENDIX-4

Format of Progress Report

1.	Name of the scholar	:				
2.	Registration Number	:				
3.	Name of Discipline & Topic of Research	:				
4.	Name of Supervisor	:				
5.	Name of Co Supervisor	:				
6.	Name of Research Center/ Institute	:				
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9.	Period of Progress report	:				
(Detailed progress report should be attached compulsorily)						
	Remarks if any of the supervisor:					
	Remarks of Chairman/Expert Members of R.A.C.:					

Signature of the Supervisor and members of the R.A.C. should be at the last page of the report also

Performa of the minutes of meeting of RAC for extension of term

i)	Name of Ph.D Scholar:
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iii)	Date of meeting:
iv)	Topic :
v)	Institute's name:
vi)	Discipline (as per clause 3.3 of the Ph.D. ordinance)
vii)	Chairman's Name:
viii)	Expert member's names: (1) (2) (3) (4)
ix)	Supervisor's/Convener of RAC name:
x)	Co-Supervisor's name:
xi)	Head of Division (Ex-officio Member)
xii)	Recommendation of RAC reg. Extension giving specific reason: (the RAC should clearly state the reason for grant of extension and the duration of extension

Performa of the minutes of meeting of RAC for Pre-thesis submission seminar

(i) Name of Ph.D. Scholar:

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(x) Co-Supervisor's name:					
(xi) Head of Division (Ex-officio Member):					
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Syllabus for Basic Forestry (PBF 101) Course

Credits (Th-4+Pr.1)

<u>Learning objectives</u>: The course is designed to provide exposure of basic forestry and its allied fields to the scholar.

MODULE I: Overview of Forestry in India

History of Forest management in India, Forest policies and law, Tangible/Intangible benefits, forestry resources.
 Lecture session – 2

MODULE II: Forest Ecology

• Basic principles and concept of forest ecology, Major abiotic and biotic components, food webs, ecological pyramids and energy flow, ecological successions, forest community concepts; Forest types in India, Conservation of forest ecosystems.

Lecture session – 6

MODULE III: Systematic Forest Botany and Ethnobotany

Importance of Systematic botany in forestry; concept of species, genus; dendrological approach on classification of forest species; herbarium, arboretum; Ethno botany of forest flora of economic importance; plant nomenclature; Identification of species.

Lecture session – 6

MODULE IV: Soil Science and Soil Conservation

- Forests Soils, classification, factors affecting soil formation; physical, chemical and biological properties. Soil reaction soil pH and its relation to nutrient availability.
- Soil conservation definition, causes for erosion; types wind and water erosion; conservation and management of eroded soils/areas, wind breaks, shelter belts; Role of forests in conserving soils.

 Lecture session-6

MODULE V: Forest Hydrology and Watershed Management

- Introduction, Hydrological cycle, Rainfall-runoff process, Interception, forest & water, run-off, water holding capacity of soils, free water, field capacity, capillary water, hygroscopic water, ground water.
- Watershed Management approach and concepts of watershed; watershed management, its
 objectives.

Lecture session-4

MODULE VI: Silvicultural Practices

• Definition of silvics and silviculture, Study of locality factors, Forest regeneration (natural and artificial), Plantation forests and mixed regeneration; methods of propagation, grafting techniques; site factors; nursery and planting techniques-nursery beds, polybags and maintenance,

- water budgeting, grading and hardening of seedlings, pruning and lopping. Thinning- thinning of irregular corps, increments felling, improvement felling.
- Silvicultural system definition, classification and detailed study of the following systems: Clear felling system; uniform system; the group system; coppice with standard system
- Quality seed production through seed production area and seed orchards. Establishment and management of seed orchards. Essentials of seed testing, seed quality evaluation, seed dormancy, seed storage, seed classification and seed certification.

Lecture session-8

MODULE VII: Forest Management, Mensuration and Remote Sensing

- Forest Management: Objective and principles; techniques; management of forest plantations.
- Forest Mensuration: Introduction definition, objectives and scope. Measurement of single tree object, place of measurement, Methods of measuring diameter, girth, height, crown and volume of trees; form-factor; volume estimation of stand, current annual increment
- Remote Sensing: Introduction definition, objectives and scope. Forest cover monitoring, Geographic Information Systems for management and modeling.

Lecture session-6

MODULE VIII: Forest Protection and Economics

- Agencies causing forest damage viz. man, fire, cattle, wildlife, insects and pathogens nature of their damages, cause, prevention, remedial measures and benefits. General forest protection against fire, equipment and methods, controlled use of fire. Grazing regulations; effect of wild animals on forest regeneration. Basic knowledge of forest pathology and forest entomology – definition, scope and damage.
- Forest Economics: fundamental principles, cost-benefit analyses; estimation of demand and supply; Socio-economic analyses of forest productivity and attitudes; valuation of forest goods and service.

Lecture session-8

MODULE IX: Wood Science

• Anatomical structure of wood, defects and abnormalities of wood, timber identification - general principles. Different types of Wood seasoning and Preservation; Pulp-paper and rayon; Wood substitution.

Lecture session-4

MODULE X: Non-Wood Forest Products

- NWFP Definition, Importance, Diversity / Types, their distribution, Role in rural livelihood and industry, present utilization and future scope.
- Introduction about natural products chemistry; General procedures for isolation of extractives, and other secondary metabolites from wood and NWFP; Value addition chemical from forest plants.

Lecture session-4

MODULE XI: Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation

 Forest Biodiversity, its protection, components and principles of conservation, Climate Change, Clean development Mechanism, Carbon Trading, Pollution types, global warming, green house effects, ozone layer depletion, Forest and environment impact assessment and control measures. National conservation strategies. Indian Forest Act. Overview on national strategies and international conventions related to forest conservation and management (CBD, UNFCCC, NBA, CITES etc.)

Lecture session-6

MODULE XII: Forest Genetics and Tree Improvement

- Forest Biotechnology: Aims and objectives of Tissue Culture for genetic improvement through clonal propagation, production of in vitro variability, transgenics, somaclonal variation, genetic fusion of cells
- Forest Genetics and its applications. Concept of tree improvement, methods and techniques. Variation and its use, provenance trials. Genetic testing through progeny tests. Selection and breeding for resistance to diseases, insects and adverse environment; the genetic base, forest genetic resources and gene conservation in situ and ex-situ.

Lecture session-8

MODULE XIII: Extension Forestry

• Extension Education - meaning, definition, objectives, principles and characteristics. Extension programmes of ICFRE. Major elements involved in forest extension.

Lecture session-2

MODULE XIV: Agroforestry

• Agroforestry - scope and necessity; Agro forestry systems under different agro ecological zones. Role of agroforestry in livelihood support and rural economy

Lecture session-2

PRACTICAL Practical session-10

- 1. Excursions Forest types, Botanical Garden, Field Research station (ICAR), Agroforestry farm
- 2. Soil Analysis-physical & chemical properties
- 3. Seed testing
- 4. Nursery practices & visit
- 5. Forest Mensuration Height, girth, volume of standing tree & felled material
- 6. Exposure to ERDAS and ARC-GIS
- 7. Visit to insectary and pathology lab
- 8. Timber Identification
- 9. Isolation of medicinal plants extractives
- 10. Tissue culture & clonal propagation

Syllabus for Computer Application (PCA 102) Course

PCA 102 COMPUTER APPLICATION

Credits (Th-0+Pr.2)

Learning objectives: The objective of course is to enrich the scholars' skill to use different programmes of computer for research purpose.

MODULE I: Fundamentals of computer

Definition of Computers, History and generation of computers, Classifications of computers, Block diagram of a computer, CPU, ALU, Control unit, Computer Memory i.e. RAM, ROM, Input/output devices, computer peripherals, (Discussion / Practical)

Lecture session- 4

MODULE II: Windows 8.1

• Introduction to Windows 8.1 and its installation, File Explorer, Windows 8.1 Settings, Control Panel Settings, Desktop Management, Using Apps in Windows 8.1, Downloading Apps from the Windows Store, Internet Explorer properties, Creating Documents, Drawing Pictures, Using the Internet, Printing Information Practical Test, Internet, www, Email, About virus and its protection

Lecture session- 5

MODULE III: MS Office 2010

• Beginning to Use Microsoft Word 2010, Basic Editing, Formatting, Templates, Working With Graphics and Pictures, Tables, Desktop Publishing, Long Documents, Technical Documents, Mail Merge, Proofing, Printing, and Publishing, Comparing, Merging, and Protecting Documents, Customizing and Expanding Word, Introduction to MS Excel 2010, Worksheets and Workbooks, Entering Information into MS Excel 2010, Formatting a Worksheet, Adding Elements to a Workbook, Charts, Formulas and Calculations, Excel Forms, Tables, Developing a Workbook, Sharing Worksheets and Workbooks, Advanced Skills: PowerPoint: Activating PowerPoint and Getting Started, Using Themes and Layouts, Inserting Text and Using WordArt, Inserting Graphics (Tables, Charts, Shapes, Clip-Art), Working With Videos, Movie-Clips, Animations, and Transitions, Sounds, Creating Photo Albums, Reviewing and Adding Comments to the Presentation, Editing, Saving, Printing and Publishing Tools, Help

Lecture session- 15

MODULE IV: Adobe Page Maker

 Page Maker's Introduction/ Palettes/ Creating & Opening Publications/ Publication from Templates/ Naming & Saving Publications/ Closing Publications/ Printing Publications/ Page Maker's Introduction/ Creating Text objects/ Text frames & blocks/ Text flow/ Jump lines/ Formatting text/ Guides/Drawing objects & Graphics/Grouping & Ungrouping/ Adding colours/Cropping Graphics/ Arranging text & graphics/ Non- printing objects/ Layers/ Format characters/ Control character spacing/ Format paragraphs

Lecture session- 6

MODULE V: Latest trends in Information Technology

• Cyber security and applications, Plagiarism check softwares and their use, Online research library e.g. INFLIBNET, Shodhganga etc., MOOCS (Massive Open Online Course) and uses.

Lecture session- 5

(Practical-35)

Syllabus for Statistical and Research Methods in Forestry(PSR 103) Course

Credits (Th-2+Pr.2)

Objective: To elucidate the PhD scholars with the concepts of research methods and various statistical techniques and their application in forestry research.

Module I: Introduction to Research

Meaning and types of research; Criteria of a good research; identification and formulation of research problem; Elements of research (objective, review of literature, hypothesis formulation, scientific writing), Ethics in research; Plagiarism in research.

Lecture Session:15

Module II: Elementary Statistical Methods –I

Introduction of Statistics; Type of data; Forestry variables; Classification, tabulation and graphical representation of data; Measure of central tendency; Measure of dispersion; Measure of Skewness and Kurtosis; Theory of probability; Probability distributions (Binomial, Poisson, Normal distributions and their application).

Lecture Session:20

Module III Elementary Statistical Methods -II

Correlation (simple and rank) and regression (simple and multiple); Concept of sampling distributions $-\chi^2$, t, F and its application; Concept related to testing of hypothesis; Tests of significance based on one sample, two sample and multiple sample tests for comparison of means and attribute test; Non-parametric Tests – Sign test, Wilcoxon test, Mann-Whitney U-test, Run test, Mann-Kendall test, Krushal-Wallis test; introduction to multivariate analysis.

Lecture Session:20

Module IV: Elementary Design of Experiments

Analysis of variance (one way and two way classification); Basic principles of design of experiments; Completely randomized design (CRD); Randomized block design (RBD); Latin square design (LSD); Missing plot techniques and its application to RBD and LSD; Factorial experiments; Concept of confounding, split and strip plot designs; Transformation of data; Normality test based on skewness and kurtosis.

Lecture Session:25

Module V: Elementary Sampling Techniques

Concept of sampling; Sample vs. complete enumeration; Simple random sampling (with and without replacement); Stratified random sampling; Systematic sampling; Cluster sampling; Multistage sampling; Area sampling (plot size and shape);Determination of sample size; Sampling and non-Sampling errors; Non-probability Sampling.

Lecture Session:20

Practical: Practical exercise will be conducted based on the theory with the use of MS-Excel and other relevant software available.

Note: Mathematical derivations in statistical theory, if any, should be omitted/avoided.

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Note:- For appointment of Supervisor/Co-supervisor please read clause 5 of the Ph..D. Ordinance of FRI University carefully.