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NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of the resolution passed by the Executive Council at its meeting held on 03/10/2026 **vide Resolution No. EC-8-07 as adopted in 3rd October 2026.**

It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that **Malla Reddy Vishwavidyapeeth**, has published the **"Ph.D. Regulations"** for information to all concerned. The **Ph.D. Regulations Document** mainly comprises the following parts:

- **Eligibility, Duration and Admission**
- **Research Supervisors and Coursework**
- **Research Advisory Committee**
- **Thesis Submission, Evaluation and Award**

The **Ph.D. Regulations Document** will serve as detailed guidelines and will be useful to all concerned. It will come into force with immediate effect.

Registrar

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1 Title and Commencement

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programme at MRV is governed by the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of PhD Degree) Regulations, 2022, and aims to promote high-quality multidisciplinary research. Admission is based on merit and UGC guidelines. PhD regulations of other statutory bodies (NMC, DCI, PCI, etc.) may be considered and implemented as required.

2 Eligibility for Admission

a. A 1-year/2-semester master's degree after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree, or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree after a 3-year bachelor's degree, or an equivalent qualification recognised by the corresponding statutory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or an equivalent grade.

b. Candidates seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree require a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or equivalent grade.

c. MPhil holders with at least 55% marks, or equivalent foreign qualifications from duly accredited institutions, are eligible.

d. Faculty-wise eligibility: Medicine – MD/MS (NMC-recognised); Dentistry – MDS; Allied and Health Sciences, Public Health, Digital Health, Management – master's degree in a relevant discipline; Pharmaceutical Sciences – MPharm/PharmD; Engineering and Technology – ME/MTech; each with a minimum of 55% marks.

3 Duration

a. Full-time PhD: minimum three years, maximum six years including coursework, from the date of registration.

b. An extension of up to two further years may be granted through re-registration with proper joint justification; total duration shall not exceed eight years from admission.

c. Part-time PhD: minimum four years, maximum eight years including coursework.

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d. Female scholars may be granted maternity or childcare leave as per MRV norms; relocation provisions for women scholars follow UGC Regulations.

4 Selection and Admission

a. Applications are made in the prescribed form following public notification, with attested certificates and a summary of the proposed research.

b. Admission is through a two-stage process: an entrance examination (50% research methodology and current affairs, 50% subject-specific) followed by an interview; a minimum of 50% marks in the entrance test qualifies a candidate for interview.

c. UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar national fellowship qualifiers are exempt from the entrance examination.

d. A 5% relaxation in the entrance examination applies to SC/ST/OBC, differently-abled, EWS, and other notified categories.

e. A University committee evaluates applications, entrance and interview outcomes, and research proposals, and recommends admission; the list of supervisors and admitted scholars is published on the MRV website.

5 Research Supervisors

a. Professors/Associate Professors with at least five research publications in peer-reviewed journals, and Assistant Professors with a PhD and at least three such publications, may be recognised as Research Supervisors with Board of Studies approval.

b. A Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor may guide up to 8/6/4 PhD scholars respectively at any given time, inclusive of national and international candidates; each supervisor may additionally guide up to two international scholars on a supernumerary basis within the cadre ceiling.

c. PG-department professors without a doctorate may be recognised as supervisors with 10 years of post-master's teaching experience (five at PG level) and at least four original indexed publications.

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d. Co-supervisors may be appointed for interdisciplinary research from other departments, institutions, industry, or R&D organisations; adjunct faculty may serve only as co-supervisors.

e. Change of supervisor is permitted only in exceptional cases with NOC from the current supervisor and endorsement of the Head of the Institution, following due committee process.

f. Faculty with less than three years to superannuation shall not take new scholars; they may continue existing scholars until superannuation and serve as co-supervisor thereafter, but not beyond age 70.

6 Coursework

PhD scholars must complete a minimum of 12 credits of coursework within 12–18 months of registration, including a Research and Publication Ethics course (as notified by UGC) and a research methodology course, securing at least 55% (or equivalent grade on the UGC 10-point scale) to continue in the programme:

S. No.	Course	Credits	Mode of evaluation
1	Research &Publication Ethics	2	Online (SWAYAM); Satisfactory/Not satisfactory
2	Research Methodology and Statistics	4	Written test and seminar/presentation; Satisfactory/Not satisfactory
3	Theoretical Foundation & Core Subject	3/4	Online/offline, MOOC/SWAYAM/Coursera, approved by RAC
4	Literature Review and Research Proposal	3/4	Online/offline, MOOC/SWAYAM/Coursera, approved by RAC

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All scholars shall train in teaching/education/pedagogy/writing related to their PhD subject and may be assigned 4–6 hours per week of teaching/research assistantship.

7 Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

An RAC is formed for each candidate, consisting of the Head of the Department/Institution, the Guide (Convenor), Co-Guide(s), and one or two external experts. The RAC evaluates and approves the research proposal; reviews progress every six months with a presentation and written report by the scholar; records reasons and corrective measures where progress is unsatisfactory (and may recommend cancellation of registration if corrective measures are not implemented); evaluates the pre-submission synopsis; and approves the final thesis for submission.

8 Evaluation, Thesis Submission, and Award

a. Before submission, the scholar makes an open synopsis presentation before the RAC; feedback is incorporated in consultation with RAC members.

b. Scholars must publish at least two original research papers as first author in Scopus/WoS-indexed journals and make at least two conference presentations before thesis submission, with documentary evidence.

c. The application and final summary, signed by supervisor and co-supervisor(s), must reach the Controller of Examinations (COE) through the Dean at least three months before thesis submission.

d. A plagiarism-check certificate endorsed by the supervisor(s) accompanies the final thesis; similarity shall not exceed 10%.

e. Three hard copies and a soft copy of the thesis, with no-due certificates, are submitted to the COE; the thesis is evaluated by at least two external examiners (one from outside India).

f. The viva voce board comprises the supervisor and at least one external examiner; the defence is open and may be conducted online. The entire evaluation, including declaration of the viva result, shall be completed within six months of submission.

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g. Part-time candidates require a No Objection Certificate from their employer confirming permission, adequate time for research, and relief for coursework if required.

h. A provisional certificate shall be issued stating that the degree is awarded in accordance with UGC Regulations, and an electronic copy of the thesis shall be deposited with INFLIBNET before the award is announced.

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