



**BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY
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DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (D.Sc.)

and

DOCTOR OF LETTERS (D.Litt.)

Regulations applicable from Dec. 2018 onwards

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1. ELIGIBILITY

A candidate who has qualified for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) of this University or any other University recognized by University Grants Commission or any other recognised research institute or foreign university may apply for the Degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) / Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) the highest degrees of this University in the Faculty of Science, Arts, Languages and Management.

In addition, the following conditions should be fulfilled by the candidates:

- 1.1 He/She should have been a regular employee in this University / affiliated colleges / any other university / research institute for a period of not less than 15 years after obtaining his/her Ph.D. degree and should have carried out research work with consistent record in any of the above categories of institutions recognized for purpose of advanced research, located in India.
- 1.2 For D.Sc. degree, he/she should have published at least 50 research publications in SCI journals in which he/she should have been a Corresponding Author or First Author with the impact factor more than 1.0 or granted patents.
- 1.3 For D.Litt. degree, he/she should have published at least 50 research publications in SSCI journals with the impact factor more than 0.5 or 40 research publications in SSCI journals with the impact factor more than 0.5 and 5 books of research value by reputed publishers.
- 1.4 The h-index of the candidate should be greater than 20 and 10 for D.Sc. and D.Litt., respectively.
- 1.5 The publications or thesis submitted by him/her for consideration for the award of D.Sc. / D.Litt. are substantially from the result of the research work done after his/her Ph.D. degree.
- 1.6 A candidate already holding D.Sc. / D.Litt. degree in a particular Faculty is eligible to register for D.Sc. / D.Litt. in another faculty after two years, provided that he/she fulfils the conditions laid down in 1.1 to 1.5.

2 APPLICATION FORM AND REGISTRATION

- 2.1 The Registration fee is Rs. 20,000/- in favour of “Bharathidasan University”
- 2.2 The application form for registration for D.Sc. / D.Litt. (*Annexure I*) shall be downloaded from the University website “www.bdu.ac.in” and the duly filled-in

application shall be submitted to The Director-Research, both in hard and soft copies (along with necessary registration fee) at any time.

- 2.3 No objection certificate from the employer is required.
- 2.4 The application form shall have reprints / copies of publications (as per item 1.2 / 1.3) with the required certificates.
- 2.5 The registration shall be confirmed by the panel constituted by the Vice-Chancellor consisting of the respective Dean, HOD and an External Expert coordinated by The Director-Research.

3. SUBMISSION OF THESIS

- 3.1. Thesis submission fee is Rs. 40,000/- in favour of “Bharathidasan University”
- 3.2. The candidate shall submit his/her thesis after a period of 6 months from the date of registration, but not later than 12 months. One extension of 6 months shall be given with the payment of Rs. 7500/-, provided the request comes at least one month prior to the date of expiry. Beyond this period, the registration automatically stands cancelled.
- 3.3 An abstract of at least 1000 words in English should be submitted.
- 3.3 The D.Sc. / D.Litt. thesis shall be on the basis of the publications which shall be arranged sequentially and discussed by providing adequate linkages between the chapters. While the common theme shall form the title, introduction shall provide overview of the theme and rationale of the work. The findings and the impact shall form the conclusion.
- 3.4 The following format may be normally adopted for the D.Sc. / D.Litt. Thesis:
 - a. Cover page (as per the format given in *Annexure II*)
 - b. Declaration by the Candidate (as per the format given in *Annexure III*)
 - c. Contents
 - d. The main theme of the thesis shall be presented in 80 to 100 pages (in A4 size; Line space 2; Times New Roman Font 12/Standard Font, both sides printed) extracting the work carried out and the findings made in the enclosed publications as per item 1.2 / 1.3 along with logical explanations as how far the work is original and contributing to the advancement of knowledge.
 - e. Thesis shall have copies of all the reprints from which the thesis has been derived.

- f. Citations of the publications from which the thesis has been derived.
- g. h-index (Copy of proof should be enclosed)
- h. A personal profile of the candidate with photograph, not exceeding five pages.
- i. Copy of the service certificate
- j. The candidate shall submit FIVE copies of the thesis to the office of the Director-Research
- k. The candidate shall submit a CD having the soft copy of his/her thesis in PDF format

4. EVALUATION OF THESIS

- 4.1. The panel of examiners having D.Sc. / D.Litt. qualification or Professor with more than 100 publications in refereed journals in case of D.Sc. or 75 publications in case of D.Litt. for adjudication of thesis. The panel should consist of five subject experts from outside India and three from India, but outside Tamil Nadu. The panel of experts should be outstanding scholars (in service or superannuation) in the relevant area with minimum experience of 10 years as Professor.
- 4.2. The panel of experts for adjudication of D.Sc. / D.Litt. shall be obtained by the Vice-Chancellor from an expert in the specific area of the research.
- 4.3. The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint three examiners from the panel of experts, two from outside India and one from India, who will also be the Convener.
- 4.4. The report of the examiner shall be in the prescribed format as given in *Annexure IV*.
- 4.5. The candidate shall be awarded the Degree, only if all the three examiners unanimously recommend the thesis for the award. In case, even if one of the examiners does not recommend the award of the degree, the thesis will be sent to one more examiner in the respective panel. The Thesis will be rejected, if two examiners do not recommend for the award of Degree.
- 4.6. After the receipt of the consolidated reports from the Convener, the degree shall be awarded under the concerned discipline/subject in the faculty after getting the approval of the syndicate of the University.
- 4.8. A candidate shall be permitted to submit a thesis for the D.Litt. / D.Sc. Degree only once.

Annexure - II

(Model for cover page of thesis of the D.Sc. / D.Litt.)

Title of the Thesis

THESIS SUBMITTED TO BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY
FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE / DOCTOR OF LETTERS

in

(Name of the Faculty)

By

(Name of the candidate with address)

(Month and Year)

[Note: The items in Italics as such are not to be scripted, but only the appropriate details pertaining to them need to be in the space provided]

Annexure - III

DECLARATION

I, Dr. hereby declare that this thesis entitled
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submitted to Bharathidasan University for the award of the degree of Doctor of Science / Doctor of Letters of this University is a record of original and independent research work done by me and has not been submitted earlier for the award of any degree or diploma of this or any other University.

Date:

Signature of the Candidate

Place:

[Note: on your letterhead]

Annexure - IV

PROFORMA FOR ADJUDICATION OF THE D.Sc. / D.Litt. THESIS

- 1. Name of the candidate :
- 2. Title of the thesis :
- 3. Faculty :
- 4. Name and Address of the Examiner : -----

5. Recommendation of the Examiner :

(Please strike out those which are not applicable)

a) Thesis is “Recommended”

b) Thesis is “Not recommended”

(In either case, **detailed report** needs to be attached)

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the Examiner with Designation
& Seal)