



ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY
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KARAIKUDI - 630 003



DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (D.Sc. / DOCTOR OF LETTERS (D.Litt.))

REGULATIONS

(Updated – April 2025)

1. ELIGIBILITY (D.Sc./D.Litt.)

Candidates seeking applications 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, Education and Management should have qualified for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from this University or from any other University recognised by University Grants Commission or any other recognised foreign university or research centre or research institute.

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

- a) The candidate should have been a regular employee in this University/affiliated colleges/ any other universities / research centre/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.
- b) In the case of Scientists, not less than **15** years R & D experience in any National research laboratories / Organizations / Institutions / Industrial establishment with in-house R & D department of commendable standard, after obtaining Ph.D. degree with consistent record in any of the above categories are eligible.

1.2 PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- a) For D.Sc. degree, the candidates should have (i) published at least 70 research publications in the Scopus / WoS indexed journals in which the candidate should have been a Corresponding Author or First Author in at least 35 research publications. (ii) The impact factor of each research publication of the 70 articles published in Scopus/WoS journals should be 2.0 and above. (iii) Awarded at least 10 Ph.D. Scholars. (iv) The Scopus 'h' index should be equal or greater than 25.

- b) For D.Sc. degree, the Scientists should have (i) published at least 70 research publications in the Scopus / WoS indexed journals in which the candidate should have been a Corresponding Author or First Author in at least 35 research publications. (ii) The impact factor of each research publication of the 70 articles published in Scopus/WoS journals should be 2.0 and above. (iii) At least 3 published Patents (iv) The Scopus 'h' index should be equal or greater than 25.
- c) For D.Litt. degree, the candidates should have (i) published at least 40 research publications in the Scopus / WoS indexed journals in which the candidate should have been a Corresponding Author or First Author in at least 20 research publications. OR Published at least 30 research publications in the Scopus / WoS indexed journals in which the candidate should have been a Corresponding Author or First Author in at least 20 research publications and at least 10 research books in the Scopus / WoS indexed publishers. (ii) Awarded at least 10 Ph.D. Scholars. (iii) The Scopus 'h' index should be equal or greater than 10.
- 1.3** The candidate should attach a Service Certificate along with the application.
- 1.4** 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 and shall not form part of research work which have been already considered for the award of any degree/diploma of this University or any of the above categories of institutions.
- 1.5** 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 1.4.

2. APPLICATION & REGISTRATION

- 2.1.** The Registration fee is Rs. 20,000/-
- 2.2.** The application form for registration for D.Sc./D.Litt. shall be downloaded from the University website **www.alagappauniversity.ac.in** and the duly filled in application shall be submitted to the Dean-Research, both in hard and soft copies (along with necessary registration fee.)
- 2.3.** The application form shall have reprints of publications (as per item 1.2) and required certificates.
- 2.4** The cover page of the application (as per the format given in *Annexure I*) shall be plain in white color without any design.

3. SUBMISSION OF THESIS

- 3.1** Thesis submission fee is Rs. 70,000/- and viva-voce examination fees is Rs.20,000/-.
Additional expenditure, if any, will be borne by the candidate.
- 3.2** 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, the introduction shall provide over view of the theme and rationale of the work. Whereas the conclusion shall present the findings and the impact.
- 3.3** The Candidate shall submit his/her thesis after a period of six months from the date of registration, but not later than 12 months. One extension of six months shall be given, provided the request comes at least one month prior to the date of expiry. The candidate shall be required to pay a fee of Rs.2000/-for extension.
- 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*) of the Thesis shall be plain in white color without any design.
 - 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 50 to 100 pages (in A4 size; Line space 2; Times New Roman Font 12) extracting the work carried out and the findings made in the enclosed publications as per item 1.2 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.
- 3.5** The candidate shall submit **FIVE** copies of the thesis to the office of the Dean-Research.
- 3.6** In addition, the candidate shall submit the soft copy (both in word file and PDF) of his/her thesis in a CD.

4. EVALUATION OF THESIS

- 4.1** The Dean Research in consultation with external expert shall submit the panel of examiners having D.Sc. or D.Litt. qualification/Professor with 70 publications in refereed journals in case of D.Sc. or 40 publications in case of D.Litt. for adjudication of thesis. The panel shall consist of six names from outside India and six from India, but outside Tamil Nadu. The

Vice-Chancellor shall appoint three examiners from the panel of examiners, two from abroad and one from India. The report of the examiner shall be in the prescribed format as given in *Annexure IV*.

- 4.2 All the three examiners shall submit detailed reports on the thesis with the final recommendation either as 'Recommended' or 'Not recommended'. The candidate should take a Public Viva-Voce Examination, if all the three examiners unanimously recommend the thesis for award. The Indian Examiner will be Viva-Voce Examiner.
- 4.3 The Academic Dean concerned will conduct the Public Viva-Voce Examination in the Alagappa University campus.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 The Thesis will be rejected, if two examiners do not recommend for the award of degree.
- 4.6 Such of those - whose thesis have been rejected, shall be eligible for after one year re-registration as either on the same theme or on the different theme and such thesis will be treated as new for processing.
- 4.7 After the due process of evaluation described above, the candidate shall be awarded D.Sc./D.Litt. Degree under the concerned discipline/subject in the faculty with the approval of the Syndicate of the University.

EXISTING FEE DETAILS

S.No.	Description	Approved Fee
1.	Registration Fee	20,000
2.	Extension Fees (For Six months only)	2,000
3.	Submission of Thesis	70,000
4.	Public viva-voce	20,000

HONORARIUM DETAILS

Item	Amount
Honorarium to the External Expert for obtaining Panel of Examiners	Rs.5,000
Honorarium to the Indian Examiner for thesis evaluation	Rs.5,000
Honorarium to the Foreign Examiner for thesis evaluation	US \$ 200
Honorarium to the Viva-Voce Examiner for conducting the Public Viva-Voce	Rs.5,000
Honorarium to the Academic Dean for convening the Public Viva-Voce	Rs.2,000

Annexure I

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

Title

APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY FOR THE DEGREE OF

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE / DOCTOR OF LETTERS

IN

(Name of the Subject / Discipline)

By

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Annexure II

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

Title of the Thesis

THESIS SUBMITTED TO ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY IN PARTIAL FULFILLMENT FOR
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Annexure III

DECLARATION

I, Dr..... hereby declare that this thesis entitled
“.....
.....”submitted to
Alagappa 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:

Annexure IV

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

1. Name of the candidate :
2. Title of the thesis :
3. Subject / Discipline :
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 given)

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the Examiner with Designation & Seal)