

BRITISH NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF QUEEN MARY

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Degree of Doctor of Letters (D.Litt) / Doctor of Science (D.Sc)

REVISED REGULATIONS

Eligibility:

A candidate who has qualified for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) Degree of this University or any other degree recognized as equivalent thereto from any other University may present for the Degree of Doctor of Letters (D.Litt) / Doctor of Science (D.Sc), the highest degrees of this University in the Faculties of Arts, Languages, Science, Engineering, Technology & Management provided,

- The candidate who has done Post-Doctoral research work for a minimum period of 15 years in a Department of this University or an affiliated college or an Institution recognized for purpose of advanced research, located in any research centre.
- The publications submitted by the candidate for consideration for the award of D.Litt / D.Sc Degree are substantially the result of Post-Doctoral research work carried out during this period.
- For D.Litt candidates atleast 50 publications should be of good quality and in reputed journals or by reputed publishers in case of books. For D.Sc candidates atleast 50 publications in the SCI journals with total impact factor value of 50 and above.

Registration:

The application for D.Litt / D.Sc shall be submitted to the Registrar, British National University of Queen Mary. The candidate shall state in the application for Registration for D.Litt / D.Sc degree, the discipline and specific area of Post Doctoral research upon which the D.Litt /D.Sc thesis will be based. The candidate shall also submit along with the application, material evidence for active postdoctoral research, in the form of published research articles / books / reports. The registration shall be confirmed by the panel constituted by the Vice-Chancellor consisting of the respective Dean and an External Expert coordinated by the Director. The initial registration fee is \$ 20,000.

Submission of Thesis:

The application and the thesis must be submitted with the prescribed fee (thesis evaluation) of \$ 20,000 so as to reach the Registrar after a minimum period of 1 year from the date of confirmation of Registration upto a maximum period of 3 years. The period may be extended for a maximum period of two years with 6 months interval with the prescribed fee of \$ 5,000 per extension. Beyond this period, the registration automatically stands cancelled. The candidate shall also reimburse the actual postal expenses incurred in connection with the evaluation of the thesis. The candidate shall submit 6 copies of thesis along with soft copy. In

addition, an abstract of atleast 1000 words should be submitted. The D.Litt / D.Sc 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.

The following format may be normally adopted for the D.Litt / D.Sc Thesis:

- Cover page
- Declaration by the candidate stating that it is an original contribution to the field of research.
- Contents (The main theme of the thesis shall be presented not exceeding 200 pages)
- All the relevant papers on the specific theme of the thesis shall be submitted in the form of scanned/soft copy along with the thesis.

Evaluation and Award of Thesis:

- A panel of experts for adjudication of D.Litt / D.Sc shall be obtained by the Vice-Chancellor from an expert in the specific area of the research.
- The panel should consist of five subject experts from outside the University and three from the University. The panel of experts should be outstanding scholars (in service or superannuation) in the relevant area with minimum experience of 10 years as Professor.
- The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint three examiners from the panel of experts, two from outside the University and one from the University, who will also be the Convener.
- The candidate shall be awarded the Degree, only if all the three examiners unanimously recommend the thesis for the award.
- The candidate shall be asked to defend the thesis at a public vivavoce examination by offline or online.
- The Convener of the panel or a nominee of the University shall conduct the public viva-voce examination by offline or online.
- After the receipt of the reports from the panel on the thesis and the public viva-voce examination, the degree shall be awarded after getting the approval of the syndicate.
- A candidate shall be permitted to submit a thesis for the D.Litt / D.Sc Degree only once.