

**UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS**  
**DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.)**  
Revised Regulations effective from July 2008)

**1. PREAMBLE**

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) is awarded to a candidate who, as per these regulations, has submitted a thesis on the basis of original and independent research in any particular discipline or involving more than one discipline (inter-disciplinary), that makes a contribution to the advancement of knowledge, which is approved by Board of examiners as required.

**2. ELIGIBILITY**

For purposes of admission to the Ph.D. programme, a candidate should have obtained a Master's Degree with not less than a Second Class or an equivalent grade. In the case of examination, where classification does not exist, a minimum of 50% marks is needed in the qualifying examination.

Admissions for Ph.D. programme can be made four times in a year, i.e., January, April, July, and October. Candidates should submit their applications on or before the first working day of a quarter, viz., January, April, July and October. Registrations for Ph.D. may be done throughout the year.

**3. REGISTRATION FOR THE Ph.D. PROGRAMME**

There shall be the following categories of candidates registered for the Ph.D. programme:

- a. Full-time scholar (with or without stipend or fellowship)
- b. Part-time scholar (teacher or non-teacher, internal vis-à-vis external)
- c. Research fellows / Research Assistants / Technical Assistants / Project Assistants / Training Officers in extension departments approved by the University, appointed in the research projects funded by recognized agencies/Government are also eligible to register for Ph.D. on a full-time basis in the same department provided they satisfy the eligibility criteria laid below:

The candidates belonging to any of the above categories may register at University Departments, Affiliated Colleges, Research Institutions, or R & D Centres/Laboratories coming under these regulations.

**3.1. FULL-TIME**

The following candidates are eligible to register for the full-time Ph.D. programme. A candidate who has qualified for :

- a. Master's Degree in the faculties of Arts, Sciences, Fine Arts, Languages, Commerce, Education, Management Science of this University or equivalent thereto.

