

## Check List – Information Regarding PhD Studies

S/N o	Requirements/Information
1.	<b>PhD Duration:</b> Student have minimum 3 years and maximum 8 years to complete PhD studies.
2.	<b>Coursework:</b> Student have to complete minimum 18 credit hours coursework with CGPA 3.50 out of 4.0 with minimum 2 courses per semester.
3.	<b>Formation of GEC:</b> Student have to form Guidance and Examination Committee (GEC) as early as possible but not later than one month of the joining.
4.	<b>Qualifying Examination:</b> Student must pass Part A & Part B of qualifying examination, after completing coursework, Qualifying Exam (Part A&B) to be completed within 06 months after coursework.
5.	<b>Approval of Thesis Synopsis.</b> After passing PhD Qualifying Examination Part A, the student must prepare a written synopsis of intended topic of research and present the same alongwith researchplan at the beginning of Part B (the Oral Examination) of the Qualifying Exam for approval.
6.	<b>Research Work:</b> After passing the Qualifying Examination, the scholar shall complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of creative and original research, based on highly individualized, investigative and creative study minimum research period required after part B is one year.
7.	<b>Monitoring of PhD:</b> The PhD student research work is monitored by <b>Directorate of Advanced Studies &amp; Research Studies (DASR)</b> in every six monthly Progress Review Seminar. Each student presents his/her progress in front of his/her supervisor/HOD and Principal. Their performance is evaluated and observations are conveyed to their respective institution.
8.	<b>Approval of Thesis by GEC.</b> The student after completing research shall document research details and submit written copy to the supervisor & GEC. On approval by GEC and conduct of Plagiarism Test, request for selection of foreign and local external evaluators will be sent to DASR, Main Office NUST.
9.	<p><b>Publications.</b> Students have a minimum of two research publications, related to PhD researchwork, as 1<sup>st</sup> author fulfilling undermentioned to complete the publication requirements.</p> <p><b>Engineering / Sciences / Computer Sciences and related disciplines:</b></p> <p>Minimum two research papers published in Journals with WoS-JCR Impact Factor. Out of these publications at least one research paper should be in HEC W category journal or two research articles in X category journals (or higher). <b>OR</b> Minimum one research paper published in HEC W category Journals with WoS-JCR Impact Factor and one paper presented/published in Core A/A* ranked international conference.</p> <p><b>a. Social Sciences / Management Sciences:</b></p> <p>Minimum two papers published in journals of repute. Out of these publications at least one research paper should be in HEC “X” category or higher journal. <b>OR</b></p> <p>Minimum one paper published in journals of repute and one paper presented/published in international conference. Out of these publications at least one research paper should be in HEC “X” category or higher journal.</p>
10.	<b>Rights of Research</b> Material including paper publications / presentation /intellectual property lies with NUST. Student's supervisor will guide regarding publication /presentation in journal / conference.

11.	<p><b>Selection of Foreign/Local Evaluators:</b> <b>Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR)</b> will select at least two foreign, and two local external expert to whom the thesis will be sent for evaluation. Selection of evaluators will be subject to fulfilment of all necessary PhD requirements and selection of evaluators has to be done at least 6 month prior to time bar date.</p>
12.	<p><b>Thesis Defence.</b> After the thesis is accepted by at least 2 x foreign and 2 x local external evaluators,for a PhD degree, the student shall successfully defend his/her thesis before the Thesis Defence Committee. Prior approval from <b>Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR)</b> and Examinations Dte is mandatory. Defence will open to public and physical presence of complete GEC and both local Evaluators is Mandatory.</p>

**Undertaking:**

- a. It is certified that I am willing to join National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) in PhD Program.
- b. It is also certified that I will abide by all the rules and regulations of NUST (National University of Sciences & Technology) and will fulfill all requirements as stated vide admission letter and para 1- 06.

**Signature of the candidate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_