



1. Research Policy for Admission of International Ph.D. Scholars

The University welcomes International Scholars to pursue Regular - FULLTIME doctoral research and contribute to the global academic and research ecosystem. This policy establishes the framework for admission, registration, supervision, and academic requirements for International Ph.D. Scholars in accordance with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 and other applicable Government of India regulations and VMRF (DU) Regulation.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this policy are to:

1. Promote internationalization of research and higher education.
2. Facilitate global research collaborations and knowledge exchange.
3. Attract meritorious international candidates from reputed institutions worldwide.
4. Enhance interdisciplinary and industry-oriented research.
5. Strengthen the University's global academic visibility and rankings.

3. APPLICABILITY

This policy shall apply to:

- Foreign Nationals (FN)
- Persons of Indian Origin (PIO)
- Non-Resident Indians (NRI)

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A candidate shall possess any one of the following qualifications:

4.1 Master's Degree

A Master's Degree or equivalent qualification recognized by the competent authority in the respective country with:

- Minimum 55% marks or equivalent CGPA.
- Equivalent grading system certification wherever applicable as per VMRF Regulations.

4.2 Four-Year Bachelor's Degree with Research

- A four-year bachelor's degree with one year of Research, obtaining a minimum CGPA of 7.5 on a 10-point scale or equivalent.
- Equivalent grading system certification wherever applicable as per VMRF Regulations.

5. RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS

The University shall verify the equivalence of foreign qualifications through:

- As per UGC Regulations.



- Credential evaluation agencies.
- University Equivalence Committee.

The decision of the University regarding equivalence shall be final.

6. MODE OF ADMISSION

International candidates may be admitted through:

1. Direct Application.
2. International Academic Collaborations.
3. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) arrangements.

6.1 List of Mandate copies of the documents to be submitted along with the Application form

- a) 10th Standard / SSLC Certificate / “O” Level Certificate or equivalent
- b) 12th Standard / HSC / 10+2 Certificate / “A “ Level Certificate or equivalent
- c) UG & PG Degree Mark sheet (All Year / Semester)
- d) UG & PG Degree Certificate / Provisional Certificate
- e) Registration Certificates with the respective council(s) in the case of the faculties of MD / MDS / MS or equivalent if any
- f) Original Transfer Certificate & Migration Certificate from last studied Institution
- g) Numerical Conversion of Grades etc.
- h) Study cum Conduct Certificate / Character Certificate
- i) Equivalency Certificate obtained through the University Grants Commission, New Delhi portal: <https://equivalence.ugc.ac.in>
- j) Copy of Passport & Citizenship Card
- k) Ten Passport size Photographs

7. ENTRANCE REQUIREMENT

International applicants may be exempted from the University Research Entrance Examination. All candidates shall undergo an online or in-person Research Interview/Viva Voce.

8. INTERVIEW PROCESS

Only the candidates who meet the eligibility criteria will be called for the interview.

Interview Committee shall evaluate:

- Research aptitude.
- Academic preparedness.
- Quality and feasibility of research proposal.
- Availability of research facilities.
- Compatibility with supervisor expertise.
- English language proficiency.

The interview may be conducted through secure online platforms.

9. ALLOCATION OF RESEARCH SUPERVISOR

Upon selection, the Research Board shall allocate:



- Research Supervisor.
- Co-Supervisor, if required.
- Industry or International Co-Supervisor, where applicable.

Joint supervision arrangements may be permitted under approved collaboration agreements.

10. VISA AND IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

International scholars shall:

- Obtain a valid Student Visa/Research Visa as applicable.
- Comply with Government of India regulations.
- Maintain valid immigration status throughout the duration of study.

The University shall issue admission and registration documents required for visa processing.

11. COURSE WORK REQUIREMENTS

All international scholars shall complete the prescribed Ph.D. Course Work requirements of the University.

12. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

The University permits only **Full-Time Mode**. Mandatory physical presence as prescribed by University regulations.

13. FEES

International scholars shall pay fees as prescribed by the University from time to time. Separate fee structures may be notified for:

- SAARC Countries
- Non-SAARC Countries
- PIO Candidates
- Sponsored Candidates

14. SCHOLARSHIPS

International scholars may avail:

- Government of India Scholarships.
- ICCR Scholarships.
- Embassy-sponsored Fellowships.

15. RESEARCH ETHICS AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

All scholars shall comply with:



- UGC Academic Integrity Regulations.
- Anti-Ragging.
- Research Ethics Policy.
- Anti-Plagiarism Policy.
- Intellectual Property Rights Policy.

Completion of Research and Publication Ethics (RPE) course shall be mandatory.

16. THESIS SUBMISSION AND AWARD OF DEGREE

The award of the Ph.D. Degree shall be governed by the UGC Regulations and the University's Ph.D. Regulations in force at the time of submission of the thesis.

International scholars shall enjoy the same academic rights and obligations as domestic scholars.

17. POLICY REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed periodically by the Board of Studies (Research) and approved by the Academic Council and Executive Council.

In view of the above, it is proposed that the "**Policy for Admission of International Students to the Ph.D. Programme of Vinayaka Missions Research Foundation (Deemed to be University)**" be adopted and implemented with effect from the date approved by the Competent Authority. The policy shall be read in conjunction with the UGC Regulations, Government of India guidelines, statutory body norms, and the University's Regulations as amended from time to time.