

Subject: Urgent & Kind Attention: Clarification regarding clause 6.5 of PU Ph.D. Guidelines

Dear Faculty Colleagues,

Hope you are enjoying good health and taking care of yourself.

I am writing this to draw your kind attention to an issue pertaining to the allotment of Ph.D. candidate to a Supervisor under the provision of 'Supernumerary Seat', under clause 6.5 of the Panjab University Ph.D. Guidelines, 2017 in accordance with the U.G.C. Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of M.Phil./Ph.D. degree Regulations 2016, over which a lot of confusion had erupted recently.

In order to have the correct and adequate interpretation of the provisions covered under the above clause, a committee, specifically constituted for the purpose, has removed the ambiguity and the final outcome shall be communication to you soon. However, all Chairpersons/Coordinators/Directors and faculty members are requested to keep the following in mind while deciding about the registration/allotment of any candidate under Clause 6.5:

1. Minutes of JAAC should clearly mention the number of candidates already registered with the concerned Supervisor and that the new candidate is being recommended under clause 6.5 ('Supernumerary Seat'). As per the above said Guidelines,

'the Chairperson of the department concerned should keep record of the number of scholars/students working under a Supervisor, in his/her department and before recommending the name of research scholars working under that supervisor is within the limit laid down. A seat with Research Supervisor will be considered vacant immediately on the submission of the Ph.D. thesis of the candidate';

2. The particular provision within clause 6.5 under which the recommendation is being made, must be clearly specified in the Minutes of JAAC;

3. Minutes of the JAAC also must carry the status of the candidate being recommended under clause 6.5, i.e.,

- a) the Name of the Fellowship held by the candidate;
- b) details of the Project under which the candidate is working.

4. Before asking the candidate to deposit the registration fees, the JAAC must ensure that the concerned candidate is eligible under the provisions of Clause 6.5, for the supernumerary seat;

5. The registration form of the candidate must be adequately signed by the proposed Supervisor, with his/her designation and the number of candidates already allotted to him/her, etc.

Your cooperation in this regard will help in streamlining the whole process, ultimately expediting the approval of such cases.

This office will be highly obliged for your support.

With sincere regards,

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