

## RESEARCH ETHICS OF LNGC

### Research Policy of LNGC

To enhance awareness about the responsible conduct of research and academic activities, to promote academic integrity, and to prevent plagiarism. The institution insists on following the mechanism as recommended by the UGC and the regulations framed by the affiliating university, the University of Madras. [UGC UoM Research Code of Ethics](#)

### Research and Publication Ethics of LNGC

A two credits course entitled 'Research and Publication Ethics' as prescribed by the UGC, is prescribed by the University of Madras as part of the course work for PhD scholars from July 2020 onwards, to inculcate the research and publication ethics among the scholars.

### Research Advisory Committee of LNGC

All the research departments constituted a Research Advisory Committee, for each Ph.D. Research Scholar. The Research Supervisor of the scholar shall be the Convener of this Committee.

This Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research;
- To guide the research scholar to develop the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that he/she may have to do.
- To periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the research scholar.

A research scholar shall appear before the Research Advisory Committee once in six months to make a presentation of the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance. The progress reports shall be submitted by the Research Advisory Committee to the Institution/College with a copy to the research scholar.

In case the progress of the research scholar is unsatisfactory, the Research Advisory Committee shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the research scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the Research Advisory Committee may recommend to the college about specific reasons for the cancellation of the registration of the research scholar.

### Members of Research Advisory Committee of LNGC

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| Convener    | : | Dr. M.S.THILLAINAYAKI M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.,<br>Principal   |
| Coordinator | : | Dr. R. SAMUEL SELVARAJ, M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D.,<br>Associate Professor & Head, Dept. of Physics.,                       |
| Member      | : | Dr. SIVA. MURUGESAN, M.A., M.Phil., B.Ed., Ph.D., Dip. (SaivaSithanda & Hindi),<br>Assistant Professor, Dept. of Tamil |

## Evaluation and Assessment Methods for Ph.D. Program of LNGC

Upon satisfactory completion of course work, and obtaining the marks/grade as prescribed above, as the case may be, the Ph.D. Scholars shall be required to undertake research work and produce a draft thesis within a reasonable time, as stipulated by the Institution/University based on these Regulations.

Prior to the submission of the dissertation/thesis, the scholar shall make a presentation in the Department before the Research Advisory Committee of the Institution concerned which shall also be open to all faculty members and other research scholars. The feedback and comments obtained from them may be suitably incorporated into the draft dissertation/thesis in consultation with the Research Advisory Committee.

1. Ph.D. scholars shall present at least two (2) research papers in conferences/seminars, and publish 2 research papers in UGC listed journals before the submission of the dissertation/thesis for adjudication, and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificates and/or reprints.
2. The Academic Council (or its equivalent body) of the Institution shall evolve a mechanism using well-developed software and gadgets to detect plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty. While submitting for evaluation, the thesis shall have an undertaking from the research scholar and a certificate from the Research Supervisor attesting to the originality of the work, vouching that there is no plagiarism and that the work has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma of the same Institution where the work was carried out, or to any other Institution.
3. The Ph.D. dissertation submitted by a research scholar shall be evaluated by Indian and foreign examiner appointed by the university. The viva-voce examination, based among other things, on the critiques given in the evaluation report, shall be conducted by both of them together and shall be open to be attended by Members of the Research Advisory Committee, all faculty members of the Department, other research scholars and other interested experts/researchers.
4. The public viva-voce of the research scholar to defend the thesis shall be conducted only if the evaluation report(s) of the external examiner(s) on the thesis is/are satisfactory and include a specific recommendation for conducting the viva-voce examination. If the evaluation report of the external examiner is unsatisfactory and does not recommend viva-voce, the university shall send the thesis to another external examiner out of the approved panel of examiners and the viva-voce examination shall be held only if the report of the latest examiner is satisfactory. If the report of the latest examiner is also unsatisfactory, the thesis shall be rejected and the research scholar shall be declared ineligible for the award of the degree.

The university shall develop appropriate methods so as to complete the entire process of evaluation of Ph.D. dissertation thesis within the stipulated period from the date of submission of the dissertation/thesis.