



CENTER FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY DOCTORAL AND POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH (CIDPR)

D.SC. & D.LIT. DEGREES

A D.Sc. (Doctor of Science) or D.Litt. (Doctor of Literature) is a higher doctoral degree awarded for exceptional and sustained contributions to a field of study, recognized internationally for its originality and significance. Unlike a Ph.D., which is a training degree, the D.Sc. or D.Litt. is an earned recognition of a lifetime of scholarly excellence. This process is highly selective and rigorous, similar to those followed by top international universities.

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS

To be considered for admission, a candidate must meet the following strict criteria:

- **Prior Doctoral Degree:** The candidate must hold a Ph.D. degree from a recognized university.
- **Professional Experience:** A minimum of five years of research and/or professional experience after the award of the Ph.D. degree is mandatory. Those who have ten years' professional experience after post-graduation and awarded PhD degree are also eligible to apply.
- **Published Body of Work:** The candidate must have a substantial and coherent body of work that demonstrates a significant, original, and sustained contribution to their field. This must be in the form of peer-reviewed books, articles, patents, or creative works. The work should show a clear theme and intellectual trajectory.
- **International Recognition:** The body of work should have received a degree of national or international recognition, as evidenced by citations, reviews, or awards.

2. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The admission process is a two-stage procedure designed to thoroughly evaluate the candidate's scholarly contributions.

Stage 1: Initial Submission Candidates must submit the following documents to the CIDPR office:

- A formal application form.
- A comprehensive Curriculum Vitae (CV) detailing academic qualifications, professional experience, publications, and awards.
- A copy of their Ph.D. thesis.
- A list of all publications and creative works, categorized by type (e.g., books, journal articles, conference papers).
- **A Statement of Coherence (2,000 words max)** explaining how the submitted works constitute a single, sustained, and original contribution to their field.
- **Registration Fee:** A non-refundable **Registration Fee of INR 10,000** must be paid at the time of application submission.

Stage 2: Portfolio & Viva Voce Upon successful preliminary review of the documents, the candidate will be invited to proceed to the full evaluation. They will be required to:

- Submit **three hard copies** of the full portfolio of their research work (books, articles, etc.).
- Pay the **Annual Fee of INR 1,00,000**. This fee is payable at the start of each year of the two-year program duration. Annual fee may be paid semester-wise also: Rs. 55,000/- per semester.
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3. EVALUATION PROCESS

The evaluation is conducted by a committee of at least three distinguished experts, with a majority of them being from international universities or research institutions, and with established expertise in the candidate's field.

Portfolio Assessment: The committee will meticulously review the submitted body of work, focusing on:

- The **originality and significance** of the contribution to knowledge.
- The **intellectual rigor** and sustained nature of the research.
- The **impact** of the work on the field.

Viva Voce (Oral Defense): Upon a positive assessment of the portfolio, the candidate will be invited for a **formal viva voce**. This is a closed-door session where the candidate will:

- Give a formal presentation (approx. 30 minutes) summarizing the core contribution of their work.
- Answer detailed questions from the committee members regarding their research, its methodologies, and its impact.

The entire process, from initial submission to final viva voce, has a duration of two years. The committee's decision is based on a collective judgment of the candidate's exceptional scholarly merit.



4. COURSE DURATION AND FEES

- **Course Duration:** The program duration is fixed at two years.
- **Registration Fee: INR 10,000** (non-refundable, paid at initial application).
- **Annual Fee: INR 1,00,000** (non-refundable, paid at the start of each academic year, for a total of INR 2,00,000). Annual fee may be paid semester-wise also: Rs. 55,000/- per semester. Additional fee for Nursing Rs. 30,000/- and for Clinical Psychology Rs. 50,000/- as clinical fee.



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