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NOTIFICATION

The Board of Management, Delhi Technological University vide agenda number 55.5 in its 55th meeting held on 27.05.2025 has approved the following **Guidelines for Posthumous Award of Ph.D. Degree in Delhi Technological University:**

A posthumous award of a Ph.D. degree refers to the conferral of academic doctorate upon an individual who passed away before the award of degree. Posthumous Ph.D. awards will allow the University to acknowledge and honour the intellectual contributions and scholarly achievements of individuals who passed away before completing the Ph.D program.

Guidelines on Posthumous Award of Ph.D. Degree

The guidelines ensure that the candidate's work is fairly evaluated and recognized if he/she was close to completing his/her Ph.D. program prior to his/her demise for the posthumous award of the Ph.D.

1. Eligibility for Posthumous Award:

- The candidate must have enrolled in a Ph.D. program and demonstrated significant progress towards completing the degree as per the six-month progress reports submitted by the student.
- The candidate must have completed the minimum criteria for the submission of Ph.D. thesis (as per the DTU Ph.D. ordinance) prior to his/her demise.
- The candidate's death must not be due to any academic misconduct or unethical practices.

2. Application for Posthumous Award:

- A request for the posthumous award of the Ph.D. must be made by the supervisor(s) and recommended by the Departmental Research Committee.
- The supervisor must provide the evidence that the candidate had fulfilled the minimum criteria for the submission of Ph.D. thesis (as per the DTU Ph.D. ordinance) prior to his/her demise and would likely to have completed the degree, if lived.

3. Evaluation of Research Work:

Recommendations for the posthumous award of a research degree can be made under following conditions:

- (a) The student has submitted the thesis for examination, but a viva has not been held:

- (i) DRC will recommend the two external examiners outside the university to assess the candidate's work and confirm that it meets the academic standards required for the award of a Ph.D. degree.
 - (ii) Prior information will be given to the external examiners regarding the posthumous award and no subsequent revisions or oral examination will be conducted.
- (b) The student has not submitted the thesis for examination:
- (i) In such cases, there must be verifiable evidence of the student's research work. This evidence should include progress reports from the supervisor on the student's work, and written material produced by the student in the form of draft chapters/published work.
 - (ii) The work produced by the student shall be of sufficient standard to indicate that the thesis conditions specified in the Ph.D ordinance would have been met by the student. The progress reports produced by the supervisor during the student's period of study shall also demonstrate that the student would have been able to meet the thesis conditions.
 - (iii) In addition to the written evidence described above, a report supporting the recommendation of award shall be provided by the supervisor.
 - (iv) The supervisor may be required to submit the thesis on behalf of the student.

OR

The supervisor may be required to provide supplementary or explanatory material to facilitate the Examiners' understanding of the student's research contribution.

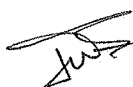
- (v) The supervisor shall also provide a statement indicating the work which they have undertaken on the student's behalf.
- (vi) DRC will recommend the two external examiners to assess the candidate's work and confirm that it meets the academic standards required for the award of a Ph.D. degree. (vii) Prior information will be given to the external examiners regarding the posthumous award and no subsequent revisions or oral examination will be conducted.

4. Viva Voce:

Typically, a viva voce (oral defence) is a mandatory requirement for the award of a Ph.D. degree. However, in the case of a posthumous award, there shall be no oral defence of the thesis.

5. Final Decision:

- After the evaluation of the candidate's research work and the approval of external examiners, the University will take the final decision regarding the posthumous award.
- The University's Academic Council or equivalent governing body must approve the posthumous award of the Ph.D. degree.
- Once approved, the degree will formally be awarded, and the degree certificate will be issued in the candidate's name.



6. Issuance of Degree:

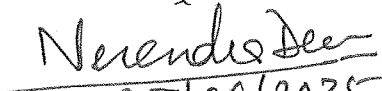
- The Ph.D. degree is awarded posthumously to the deceased candidate's family (usually a parent, spouse, or child), following the University's protocol.
- The certificate will typically indicate that it is a posthumous award to acknowledge the candidate's passing before the formal completion of the degree.

7. Honorary Nature:

- The posthumous Ph.D. award is seen as an honorary recognition of the deceased candidate's academic contributions and research potential.
- It is awarded based on the candidate's significant progress in the program and the likelihood that he/she would have completed the Ph.D. degree if he/she had lived.

8. Conclusion:

The process involves careful evaluation of the candidate's research progress and contributions, with a focus on fairness and academic rigor. The guidelines ensure that the posthumous degree reflects the candidate's achievements while also respecting the academic standards of the Ph.D. program.



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