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O/o. the Dean, Students' Welfare
Fellowships & Scholarships Section

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Sub: Guidelines for Selecting/Hosting Post-Doctoral Researchers (PDRs) – Reg.
Ref: Vice-Chancellor's approval dated 13.07.2025

The following revised guidelines are issued for the selection/hosting of Post-Doctoral Researchers (PDRs) who are supported through independent external fellowships (not supported through the research projects / internal funds).

- 1) Eligibility of Mentor: Only permanent faculty members who have guided a minimum of three Ph.D. scholars (whose degrees are awarded) are eligible to mentor PDRs.
- 2) Number of PDRs Allowed: A faculty member may mentor one PDR for every three Ph.D. scholars awarded degrees under their supervision.
- 3) Service Tenure Requirements: Faculty members who have superannuated or have less than three years of active service remaining are not eligible to mentor PDRs. However, those with less than three years of service may mentor a PDR only if a Co-Supervisor is identified, who has sufficient remaining service of more than three years to cover the full tenure of the Post-Doctoral Fellowship.
- 4) Verification and Compliance: The Dean/Head/Director of the respective School/Department/Centre must ensure that all eligibility conditions are met before issuing the Three-Member Evolution Committee Report. The report should only be issued when the proposed mentor fully satisfies the prescribed criteria.

These guidelines are issued with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor and are to be followed strictly with immediate effect.


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Deputy Dean, Students' Welfare

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- 1) All Deans of Schools – with a request to circulate among all faculty members
- 2) All Heads of Departments/Centres
- 3) All Directors/Coordinators
- 4) Dean, Students' Welfare
- 5) OSD to the Vice-Chancellor
- 6) PS to the Registrar
- 7) PS to the Finance Officer
- 8) PS to the Controller of Examinations