

## **HEC Minimum Quality Criteria for M.Phil/Ph.D. Level Studies in Pakistani Universities/ Degree Awarding Institutions**

- 1) Sixteen years of schooling or 4 years education after F.A. / F.Sc. (130 credit hours) will be compulsory for admission in MPhil/ MS Programme leading to Ph.D.
- 2) A test equivalent to GRE test will be necessary for admission to MPhil./ MS leading to Ph.D.
- 3) Before moving into the Ph.D. Program, candidates will need to complete 30 credit hours out of which 24 credit hours will be reserved for course work, which may lead to the award of MPhil/ MS/ Equivalent Degree.
- 4) The minimum CGPA should be 3.00 or First Division in MS/ MPhil/ Equivalent Degree for admission into Ph.D.\*
- 5) In addition, the candidates must pass subject GRE (International) test for admission in Ph.D. In disciplines where this test is not available, the test will be developed locally.
- 6) Additional Ph.D. level course work of at least 18 credit hours followed by a Comprehensive Examination along with thesis defense will be essential for the award of Ph.D. degree.
- 7) Ph.D. dissertation must be evaluated by at least two experts from technologically advanced countries.
- 8) Acceptance /Publication of at least one research paper in an HEC approved journal is essential for the award of Ph.D. degree.
- 9) The maximum number of Ph.D. students under the supervision of a full time faculty member will normally be 5 which may be increased to eight under special circumstances in teaching departments. In research Institutes where the faculty is involved in full time research with low teaching work load, the number of Ph.D. students may be larger with approval of the Higher Education Commission.
- 10) There should be at least 3 Ph.D. Faculty members in a department to launch a Ph.D. program. However, in extraordinary cases, even one Ph.D. teacher could start a Ph.D. program if justified properly and approved by HEC.

\* For those subjects in which First Division is not very common e.g. Linguistics and Literatures; the selection will be made on the basis of top 25% of the coaching class in consultation with respective University.