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Ph.D.

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Schedule of Admission 2023 (A Batch)

Events	Tentative Dates
Last Date of submission of Application Form	8th February, 2023
Date of Entrance Test & Viva-voce	11th February, 2023 (11:00 am)
Mode of Entrance Examination	USTM Campus

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Chancellor Speaks

A University is the best place for Research and Development activities. University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) has been able to achieve tremendous growth within a very short span of time. This University is always striving to achieve excellence both in academics and research with its NAAC "A" Grade accreditation. Recently, USTM has also been ranked among the top 200 Universities in India by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)-2022. Now we are making our strategic plan to focus more on research and innovation which may facilitate the University to achieve excellence in the near future. We always seek advice from eminent academicians and try to follow the footsteps of institutions of excellence to grow further.

At present, USTM is running ten schools of study with all the necessary statutory approvals having an enrollment of more than 5000 students and till date 67 scholars had successfully completed their research and have been awarded with PhD Degrees. For putting more and more thrush on research, we have already entered into MoU with reputed Universities & Research Institutions such as JNU, Jamia Millia Islamia, IIT-G, Tezpur University, CSIR-NEIST, Gauhati University, NIT Silchar, University of Dhaka etc. for getting their expertise support.

The team USTM has charted out the roadmap to become one of the World class Universities by the year 2030. This can only be realized if we try to excel in quality research works and will be known to the greater world by achieving something unique in this field.

I appeal to all the research aspirants to put their hundred percent effort in whatever field they choose and to bring out commendable and worthy results which must be beneficial to the society rather than only getting the highest degree for their personal growth.

Wishing all the best.

Mahbubul Hoque
Chancellor, USTM

Message from the Vice Chancellor

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) is the highest academic title awarded by Universities and Institutions. Ph.D. usually covers all the programs of the entire academic range. Research graduates are required not only to demonstrate the competence and mastery of the subject, but also to give new academic contributions to a particular area of human knowledge through original research. Creating the best scholars who can think, innovate and invent with relevance to the society is the long term goal and all time driving force of USTM.

Students of this University are being taught and trained by experienced faculty and are exposed to the state of art laboratories and infrastructure. We are taking the research scholars in the areas under the supervision of experienced faculty members so that the scholars can get the opportunity to do the research in advanced topics of interest with proper in-depth study. The University also strictly monitors to complete the research work within the stipulated time frame.

Our country needs to invest in low cost innovative technologies. USTM calls upon teams of all disciplines to contribute towards this goal by encouraging the scholars to carry out their research on topics, which have social relevance in the long run.

I invite young minds who have zeal to innovate for the benefit of the society at large, to join this vibrant University.

Best wishes to all the aspirants.

Prof. G.D. Sharma
Vice Chancellor, USTM

ERD FOUNDATION-GUWAHATI

The promoter of USTM

Education Research and Development Foundation (ERDF) is one of the largest & fastest growing educational networks in the north-eastern region of India, catering education from KG to PG to Ph.D. Established in 2005, the Foundation set its objective as promoting technical education, research and developing leadership thereby producing required quality manpower to uplift the region and accelerate the nation-building process. Today, ERDF has emerged as the premier educational network of the North East. Under ERDF group of institutions, around 800 people are engaged while more than 7,500 students are studying in various disciplines.

In 2009, ERDF started a state of the art Engineering College namely Regional Institute of Science & Technology approved by AICTE, New Delhi and affiliated to NEHU, Shillong. ERDF has also set up two Central Public Schools, one at Patharkandi and the other at Badarpur in the Karimganj District which are affiliated to CBSE, New Delhi.

One of the most ambitious projects of ERDF, the University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM), was established in a picturesque landscape surrounded by tranquilled greenery in the Ri-Bhoi district of Meghalaya that began functioning since 2011. The Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Centre for Coaching and Guidance (FACC) and HOQUE-20 are two of the other initiatives of ERD Foundation towards capacity building of our young graduates aspiring for IAS, GATE, NET & other competitive examinations conducted by UPSC and other government agencies.

Khairun Nessa Begum Women's College (KBWC) started from the academic session 2015-16 at Badarpur and is affiliated to Assam University, Silchar. The college establishd for empowering women, especially the downtrodden rural women. The Allama T R College of Pharmacy established in 2020 affiliated to Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Health Science, Guwahati & Approved by PCI, New Delhi. However, the most ambitious project of ERDF in hand now is the proposed PA Sangma International Medical College and Hospital which will be established soon in USTM campus.

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY .....USTM

The University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) is the most emerging and first self-financed science and technology university in the entire north-eastern part of India, promoted by ERD Foundation, Guwahati. It has been established under the provision of an enactment made by the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly under Act No. 6 of 2008 notified vide Gazette Notification No. LL(B) 87/2008/21, dated 02.12.2008 of Government of Meghalaya. The University is empowered by the University Grants Commission to award degrees as specified under Section 22 of UGC Act, 1956. USTM has also received necessary approval from AICTE, New Delhi, BCI, PCI & NCTE, ERC, Bhubaneswar to run MBA, BALLB, LLB, B. Pharma and B.Ed. courses respectively. USTM is a Member of Association of Indian Universities and Member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities. USTM is located in picturesque landscape surrounded by tranquil greenery in the Assam-Meghalaya border, 6 kms from Dispur, the capital of Assam and 85 kms from Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya state and is well connected by road, rail and air transport.

With more than two years of focused study on the educational needs of the region by leading Academicians, Scientists and a group of Vice Chancellors and educational administrators of the region, USTM has started its systematic academic process in September 2011. The University is dedicated to the cause of high quality science and technology education and advanced research in frontier and cutting edge. Here innovation, invention and entrepreneurship remain the cardinal focus and thrust. Facilities are being offered with this long term goal with special focus on the Science and Technology needs of this region. Creating the best graduates who can think, innovate and invent would remain the all time driving force of USTM. The University would direct all its efforts to create the needed Science and Technology manpower to foster relentlessly the economic and social development of the region in an inclusive manner.

USTM offers varied and content rich programmes focused on the educational needs of the region and has a multi-disciplinary approach.

USTM offers Diploma, UG, PG and Ph.D courses under its different schools viz.

- School of Applied Sciences
- School of Allied Medical Sciences
- School of Biological Sciences
- School of Business Sciences
- School of Engineering & Technology
- School of Social Sciences & Humanities
- PQH School of Education
- University School of Law and Research
- School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- School of Language & Cultural

VISION

"To compete globally in making USTM as one of the best destinations of teaching learning community by 2030 through quality education and research"

MISSION

"Contribute to society by nurturing leaders and unlocking potential of youth through excellence in education, innovation and entrepreneurship"

CORE VALUES

- Competitive & Progressive
- Excellence & Creativity
- Compassion & Inclusivity

UNIQUE FEATURES AT USTM

- Largest Auditorium of North East
- Dedicated Medical and Health Care Centre
- CCTV in whole campus for monitoring
- Extensive personality improvement programmes.
- Advanced Research Center
- 24 hours power back-up
- Solar Power lighting system in the campus
- Solid Waste Management / Biogas plant
- Effluent Treatment & Waste Water Recycling Plant
- Well equipped Laboratories.
- Gymnasium cum Fitness centre
- In house publication cell
- Seminar Hall with Video Conferencing facility
- Day Care Centre
- Canteen Facility
- Rain Water Harvesting
- Amenity Centre
- Campus News
- ATM Facility
- Art Gallery
- Separate hostels for boys and girls with all modern amenities
- A total built-up area of more than 3,00,000 sq ft area with state of art Classrooms and Tutorial rooms equipped with modern teaching learning aids to facilitate technology enabled learning.
- Computerized Central Library facility with an estimated volume growth of up to 80,000 books, journals and periodicals.
- Computer Center equipped with 400 plus high end computing devices backed up with academic alliance from Microsoft, Oracle etc.
- Highly experienced, talented and energetic faculty and technical support staff.
- A strong Industry-R&D interaction through MOU with corporate sector.
- Continuous one to one mentoring between the students and teachers to nurture the latent talents and offer individual care.
- Course delivery framed to provide practical industry orientation over and above the prescribed syllabus of the University.
- A fleet of buses and other vehicles to facilitate the movement of student and faculty.
- In House Entrepreneurship Development Cell and Incubation Center.

Admission Policy

How to obtain Application Form & Prospectus

a) Candidate seeking admission to any Ph.D. courses at University of Science & Technology(USTM), during the academic session January 2017 may obtain the prescribed Application form along with prospectus from the Administrative Office of university campus at 9th Mile, Kling Road (Opposite CRPF Gate No. 2), Baridua and City office at ERDF Bhawan, Sijubari Road, Guwahati-780038. The cost of the form & prospectus Rs 2000/-.

b) Candidate may download the form & prospectus from university websitewww.ustm.ac.in. Fee of the form may be paid at the time of submission of the form in cash or DD.

c) Application may be submitted online through the university website. The page will connect entranceform.com where candidate may fill up application form in different steps and payment of form may be paid through online.

d) The Application form & Prospectus may also be obtained by sending a crossed Demand Draft(DD) of any nationalized bank with amount of Rs.2075/ drawn in favaour of "University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya" payable at Guwahati along with a self addressed envelope of 30 X 25 cm size. IPO/ Cheque/MO will not be accepted.

Submission of Application Form

The Complete filled up Application form along with self attested Xerox copy of all academic documents can be submitted to the Administrative office of the University at 9th Mile, Baridua or city office "ERD Foundation" located at Sijubari Road, Guwahati-780038. Candidates appearing in final year examination and waiting for result may also submit form provided they should submit the final marksheet & certificate at the time of admission.

Application may be sent by speed post/ general post/courier to campus office address as follows :
"The Registrar,
University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya
Technocity, 9th Mile, Kling Road, Baridua
Ri-Bhoi, Meghalaya-793101"

Admission

Admission will be based on the entrance Test & personal interview. The list of selected candidates will be given in the website and notice board of the university.

Fee structure for the Session 2023 (A Batch)

Sl. No	Name of Course	Admission Fee	Course work Fee	Caution Deposit (Refundable)	Tuition Fee Per Semester	Thesis Submission Fee (at the time of submission of thesis)
01	Ph.D. (Other than Science & Computer Subjects)	60,000/-	8000/-	10,000/-	70,000/-	50,000/-
02	Ph.D. (Science & Computer Science Subjects)	60,000/-	8000/-	20,000/-	80,000/-	50,000/-

N.B. The Caution money is to be deposited at the time of Admission/ before commencement of course work.

Payment Schedule for the Session 2023 (A) Batch

Description	Date of Payment 2023 (A) Batch
Admission Fee	**On the day of Admission**
1st Semester Fee	On or before 10th June, 2023
2nd semester Fee	On or before 10th November, 2023
3rd semester Fee	On or before 10th June, 2024
4th semester Fee	On or before 10th November, 2024
5th semester Fee	On or before 10th June, 2025
6th semester Fee	On or before 9th November, 2025
Thesis Examination Fee at the time of submission of thesis	**50,000/-**
Hostel Fee (Optional)	To be paid on or before 15th of each month.
Bus Fee (Optional)	To be paid quarterly

N.B. If semester fee is not paid before the last date of payment, the registration will be cancelled for the next semester. In such case, to continue next semester one has to get readmission by paying admission fee. If the tenure of research extends beyond 3 years, semester fee will be applicable for extended period up to submission of thesis.

HOSTEL & ACCOMMODATIONS

Homely accommodations are provided for boys with all the modern amenities within the campus and separate decent accommodation for girls are provided in the adjoining city habitats with regular transport facilities.

Hostel Fees

Sl.No	Hostel	Admission Fee (Non refundable)	Caution Deposit	Mess Per Month Fee
01	Male	15,000/-	10,000/-	8,000/*
02	Female	15,000/-	10,000/-	8,000/*

**Additional GST @5% will be applicable on mess fee as per Govt. Rule.*

N.B.:

1. Fees are subject to change from time to time.
2. No boarder will be allowed to leave the hostel before completion of one academic year.
3. Hostel dues will not be subsidized during vacations/ breaks.
4. Final seat allotment will be at the discretion of the Management and as per availability.
5. The hostel fees must be cleared on or before 20th every current month or fine will be imposed as per rule.

Highlights of Rules and Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Introduction

Research at University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya aims to develop innovative solutions to the world's most daunting challenges. The university provides vibrant interdisciplinary research that will attract the best people from the country. This will creatively contribute in solving the economic, technological and social issues of the local as well as global human society. The university promotes active and vigorous leadership to the researchers in shaping their intellect for the achievement of common goals of humanity. For addressing needs of tomorrow, USTM's research efforts are enhanced through collaborations with leading research institutes and consortia around the world, where cutting-edge research is taking place.

Scholars seeking to pursue a doctorate degree will find a variety of specializations to choose from and qualified researchers to guide them. Scholars are encouraged to carry out interdisciplinary research under different schools. The research activities in the university are being performed in every academic frontiers and diverse fields in various schools. At present the School of Applied Sciences, School of Biological Sciences, School of Business Sciences, School of Engineering & Technology,School of Social Sciences & Humanities & Prof. Qoumrul Hoque School of Education provides facilities for quality research under renowned supervisors.

Regulatory Bodies

The Regulatory Bodies for Ph. D. Program are :

(a) Academic Council (As per the University Act)
(b) University Research Council (URC)
(c) School Research Committee (SRC)
(d) Departmental Research Committee (DRC)
(e) Ph.D. Entrance Test Committee.

Eligibility for Ph.D. Admission

A Candidate intending to enroll him/ her for the Ph.D. degree shall have following minimum qualification

Master Degree in Science/Arts/ Business Administration/ Humanities/Commerce/Engineering with at least 55% marks or equivalent CGPA from any recognized university.

The duration of Ph.D. Programs

Duration of the Ph.D. Programme is minimum of 3 years and maximum of 6 years.

Notification for Ph.D. admission

The Controller of Examinations & Admissions, USTM, shall notify Ph.D. admission notification through advertisements published in newspapers, social media, official WhatsApp group and the University website. The notification shall be made on obtaining information from each department about the actual number of available seats based on the internal Ph.D. supervisor of the department. The notification shall include the (i) last date of submission of application form, (ii) date and time of holding the entrance examination (iii) date of announcement of the result and (iv) date of admission v) Tentative date of start of Course Work and vi) Intake capacity. The application form shall be submitted through online, in prescribed format available in the office of the Controller of Examinations & Admissions payment of prescribed fees

Selection Procedures

The selection process to the Ph.D. programme at USTM shall include an Entrance Test (URET: University Research Entrance Test, followed by a Personal Interview to be conducted by the Ph.D. entrance test committee. Candidates having NET/SLET are exempted from written test; however, they should appear personal interview on the date of entrance test. A written test shall be held as per notification circulated by the Controller of Examinations & Admissions, USTM. The written test shall be of 100 marks for a duration of two hours. The syllabi of question paper shall be standard post graduate syllabus of any Indian Universities. The qualifying marks in written test shall be 50% or as per latest UGC rule. The final selection of candidate shall be made considering 50% weghtage from Academic Credentials of Master Degree and 50% from the performance in the Entrance Test.

The student, who qualifies in the selection process, will be eligible for admission to Ph.D. Programmes of the University. Mere qualifying in the selection process does not give the right for admission. Actual admission will be subject to availability of seats in each department at the time of allocation of supervisor.

Admission of selected candidates

Candidates will furnish following documents during the time of admission:

(a) Attested copies of Mark Sheets/ Certificates from 10th Class onwards.
(b) Four copies of passport sized colored photographs
(c) No Objection Certificate (NOC) (if employed)
(d) Prescribed admission fee in form of Cash/ Demand Draft drawn in favour of University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya, payable at Guwahati.

Orientation: Admitted students shall be required to attend the Orientation programme organized within 7 days from the Last Date of Admission.

Allocation of Guide: SRC in consultation with the HOD/Chairperson DRC of the department concerned shall decide upon appropriate allocation of supervisor to the respective candidates. Depending upon the nature of research work the SRC may recommend allocation of Co-Supervisor(s) to the candidate from amongst the recognized guides of relevant departments/ schools. The School Research Committee shall facilitate an interaction between the Guide and the Scholar within a stipulated period. The scholar in consultation with the supervisor/co-supervisor shall submit a concept note (within 500 words) within three months from the date of commencement of course work.

Course Work

All Admitted Candidate shall undergo a Course Work equivalent to a minimum of 16 credits in four papers as per UGC guidelines. Total marks in each paper shall be 100 (30 IA and 70 end semester examination)

(i) Paper I – Research methodology-I

(ii) Paper II- Research methodology-II.

(iii) Paper III – Recent Development in respective discipline

(iv) Paper IV – Review of Literature.

Three Sessional tests may be conducted during the period of Course Work. Candidate shall have to secure a minimum of 55% of marks in the Examination conducted to qualify in the course work examination. After successful completion of the Course Work by the candidate the Controller of Examination shall issue a Certificate indicating that the student has completed the course work and he/ she is qualified for proceeding with the research works.

Candidates who have passed full time M.Phil. degree with Course work from recognized university may be exempted from such course work.

Those Scholars working in Government and Corporate sectors with five years experience in their respective fields, are exempted from attending course work. But must have 60days (Two months) of contact in the semester with their respective supervisor which must be highlighted in the attendance Register maintained by the Supervisor. However, it is mandatory for them to appear in the Sessional examination as well as the Course work final examination.

A Ph.D. scholar will be eligible to present synopsis of his/her research work after successful completion of the Ph.D. Course work. Candidate will be given maximum of three chances to clear the Course Work Examination failing of which the admission will be cancelled. A candidate may apply for re-evaluation in a prescribed form along with an original mark sheet and necessary fee (Rs. 1000/-) per paper within 30 days from the date of the declaration of the result.

Scholars'-Guides' Meet

The university organises the Scholars'-Guides' Meet twice in a year (on the month of January and July) to review the activities/performances of the scholar and then planning for next course of action. The purpose of the meeting is to review the progress of the research work and to sort out any problem related to it and also suggestion/advice from the guides if any. In the same meeting, scholars may give their presentation as a part of six monthly progress reports.

Registration

On successful completion of the course works, the scholar will prepare the synopsis on the approved research area within the next semester (following the completion of course works) on the basis of review and critical analysis of available literature on the broad topic. The synopsis (5 hard copies) duly signed by the supervisor(s) shall be routed through DRC to SRC. The research scholar shall present the synopsis (After 15 days from the submission of synopsis/Research Proposal) before the DRC and defend it before an open seminar to be attended by all faculties, research scholars and post graduate students of the department. If found suitable, the SRC will recommend the scholar for to continue the research work on the topic. In case of deficiency noted by SRC, the scholar shall be asked to revise Research Proposal under the guidance of supervisor within a specified time. In case, the scholar fails to get the synopsis cleared by SRC even within the extended time, he/she shall apply for extension of the normal duration of respective Ph.D. Programme. The grant of such extension shall be given by URC on recommendation from SRC.

If the Synopsis/Research Proposal is accepted by SRC, an acceptance letter will be issued to the scholar by the Academic Registrar with copy to Supervisor/Co-supervisor and other concerns officers of the University. The scholar should present minimum four progress report in four consecutive semester after acceptance of synopsis before Pre-thesis seminar presentation. A scholar can submit final thesis after acceptance of pres-thesis seminar by the concern SRC. Research tenure will be counted from the date of admission to the date of submission of thesis. The fee will be applicable for the complete tenure of research. If any scholar is not able to clear the course work examinations/delay in submission synopsis/research proposal, his/her tenure will be extended and fee will also be applicable from admission to extended period.

Re-Registration

For the Research Scholars whose registration has lapsed due to expiry of minimum allowed time period but wish to complete their research work then they must apply for registration within one year of the date when the registration has lapsed. Such a Scholar on recommendation by the concerned Research Bodies may be permitted to re-register as a candidate for the degree. After re-registration the Scholar has to pay the semester fees as per the Academic Year and submit his/her thesis at any time within the two years from the day of re -registration, but not later.

Participation

It is also advisable to attend/join all the events of USTM especially seminar/conference/workshop etc conducting during the events like NEGC, NCPC, NETC, JCPM etc. Due weightage/credit will be given to the scholar during evaluation process.

Progress Report

An admitted scholar shall submit through his/her supervisor the semester wise progress report of his/her work. The report shall be submitted after end of a semester to the Academic Registrar for making arrangement of presentation in front of concern DRC/SRC. Scholar shall have to give such six monthly progress report at every end of the six months with a minimum of 4 (four) in number. Then the progress report will be sent to SRC for recommendation for grant of permission for enrolment of the scholar for the next semester. In case of any adverse comment on the progress report, the presentation may be given again with requisite amount of fee. It is mandatory for each scholar to physically submit his progress report in each semester. His/her irregularity of submission of progress reports or semester fees may lead to cancellation of his/her registration. The scholar may also apply for discontinuation through Supervisor to the Dean of the School who will recommend the case to URC for a decision. For all the progress report presentations experienced experts from different reputed Universities shall be present.

Seminar/Workshop

A Ph.D. scholar is expected to attend nine national/international seminar/conferences and it is mandatory to attend at least six seminars to become eligible for thesis submission.

Publications :

It is mandatory for all Research scholars to Publish atleast One Research Paper every semester in UGC Care Listed Journal (having good impact factor) only, during the Ph.D. programme before submission of the Pre-thesis acknowledging the University with the name of the supervisor as one of the author. He/she must produce the evidence of the same in the form of acceptance letter or the reprint of the research paper.

Modification of Title:

A scholar may be allowed by the URC/SRC on the recommendation of DRC to modify his/her research title until submission of Pre-thesis. During modification of the title, the basic thrust or contention of the research work should not be altered. In this case, a fresh feasibility report on the revised topic shall be necessary and the matter shall be processed through the DRC.

Presentation of Pre Thesis Submission:

After fourth progress report presentation, Scholar can apply for Pre-thesis submission seminar. After 15 days from the submission of Application along with abstracts, the research scholar will be called for a power point presentation of the abstract before the SRC and defend it before an open seminar to be attended by all faculties, research scholars and post graduate students of the departments under the concern Schools.

After the acceptance of the Pre-thesis by the SRC, the Academic Registrar will issue a certificate of final registration of title of the thesis to allow the scholar to write the thesis as per the format (Annexure I) to be issued along with the certificate.

Submission of Thesis

The final form of complete research work (Ph.D. Thesis) shall be submitted after registration of title of the thesis approved by SRC along with Thesis Submission Fee as prescribed by competent authority time to time. Candidate shall submit six copies of his/ her thesis (soft binding) along with a soft copy in PDF format. The copies shall be bound in accordance with the standard specifications of the University for Different Schools. Thesis shall be printed in English (except literature discipline). The thesis shall include a certificate from the supervisor(s) to the effect the results and findings incorporated into it have not been submitted to any other institutes for award of any degree or diploma. All the copies of the thesis shall be submitted to the Controller of Examinations & Admissions through DRC , SRC and Academic Registrar for necessary actions.

Conduct of Viva-voce:

The thesis shall be examined by 3 (three) examiners, i.e. the supervisor(s) as internal and two externals examiners. The viva will be conducted after receiving examiners's comments on the thesis. If any examiner suggests modifying the thesis without recommending the award of Ph.D. degree, the scholar have submit modify thesis as per suggestion with a requisite amount of re-submission fee and same will be sent to the examiners again. The Viva-Voce will be conducted by a Committee comprising the DRC and a nominee from Vice Chancellor, Dean of School or his nominee and at least one examiner (out the two external examiners of the thesis). In addition to these members of the committee, the Chancellor will nominate one expert (Observer) to attend the presentation and give his views during the presentation and Viva Voce. It shall be an open viva voce in which Faculty members, research scholars and interested students of the concerned departments/Schools/Allied Departments may present. An open notice to be given in the university, with at least 15 days in advance.

The attendance of all the participants present during the presentation must be taken as per the format given in Annexure and the same format may be used for other presentations like synopsis, progress report etc.

Ph.D. Award Notification:

The Viva Voce committee shall forward its recommendation to Dean of the respective School for onward transmission to Controller of Examinations & Admissions for further processing and Approval. If any recommendation or modifications are given by the SRC, External Examiners, Expert (Observer) nominated by the Chancellor, it has to be corrected or modified as per recommendations before the declaration of Result. After viva- voce, three hard bind thesis to be submitted to COEA with a PDF copy to the Librarian of the Central Library of the University. Upon the ratification, the Controller of Examinations shall notify the result in the University Notice Board and upload it in the University website.

Depository with UGC

Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and announcement of the award of Ph.D., the Controller of Examinations & Admissions/Librarian will submit a soft copy of the Ph.D. thesis to the UGC within a period of thirty days for hosting the same in INFLIBNET, accessible to all Institutions/Universities. Along with the degree, University shall issue a provisional Certificate certifying to the effect that the degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions to the regulations of UGC.

News Paper publication

The scholar must publish the award of the Ph.D. degree in English daily published from Meghalaya and English daily published from the state where the scholar belongs to. The publicity and other cost will be borne by the scholar. The draft of the publication of the award will be prepared by the university research section with authentic data. The news paper cutting to be submitted to COEA office before convocation.

Research Scholars selected for Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) Fellowship

Ms. Trishnakhee Baruah
(Ph.D-19A-384)

Ms. Tamara R Marak
(Ph.D-19B-449)

Ms. Samikshya Madhukullya
(Ph.D-19A-420)

Ms. Lipika Sarmah
(Ph.D-18B-322)

Mr. Kumar Roshan Dusad
(Ph.D-22A-681)

Mr. Krishanu Paul Choudhury
(Ph.D-21A-489)

List of Supervisor for 2023 A Batch

Department of Chemistry

Sl No	Name of the Supervisor	Specialization
1	Dr. Enamul Karim E-mail ID: ekarim2404@yahoo.com Ph. No.: 9436100644	Organic Chemistry
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3	Dr. Manash Das Gupta E-mail ID: manashdg2011@gmail.com Ph. No.: 9436103373	Inorganic Chemistry
4	Dr. Prasanta Baishya E-mail ID: baishya.prasanta@gmail.com Ph. No.: 9854148995	Physical Chmistry
5	Dr. Mitali Paul E-mail ID: bemitali@gmail.com Ph. No.: 9804508062	Inorganic Chemistry
6	Dr. Samiyara Begum E-mail ID: samiyara786@gmail.com Ph. No.: 8298677719	Physical Chemistry
7	Dr. Azmol Hussain Barbhuiya E-mail ID: barbhuiyaajmal@gmail.com Ph. No.: 7002943146	Organic Chemistry, Polymer Chemistry, Material Science
8	Dr. Durlov Saikia E-mail ID: durlovsaikia13@gmail.com Ph. No.: 9864623771	Inorganic Chemistry
9	Dr. Arabinda Chandra Nath E-mail ID: arabindacnath@rediffmail.com Ph. No.: 7086762379	Organic Chemistry
10	Dr. Sarifuddin Gazi E-mail ID: gazisarifuddin@gmail.com Ph. No.: 8016953847	Organic Chemistry (Catalysis)

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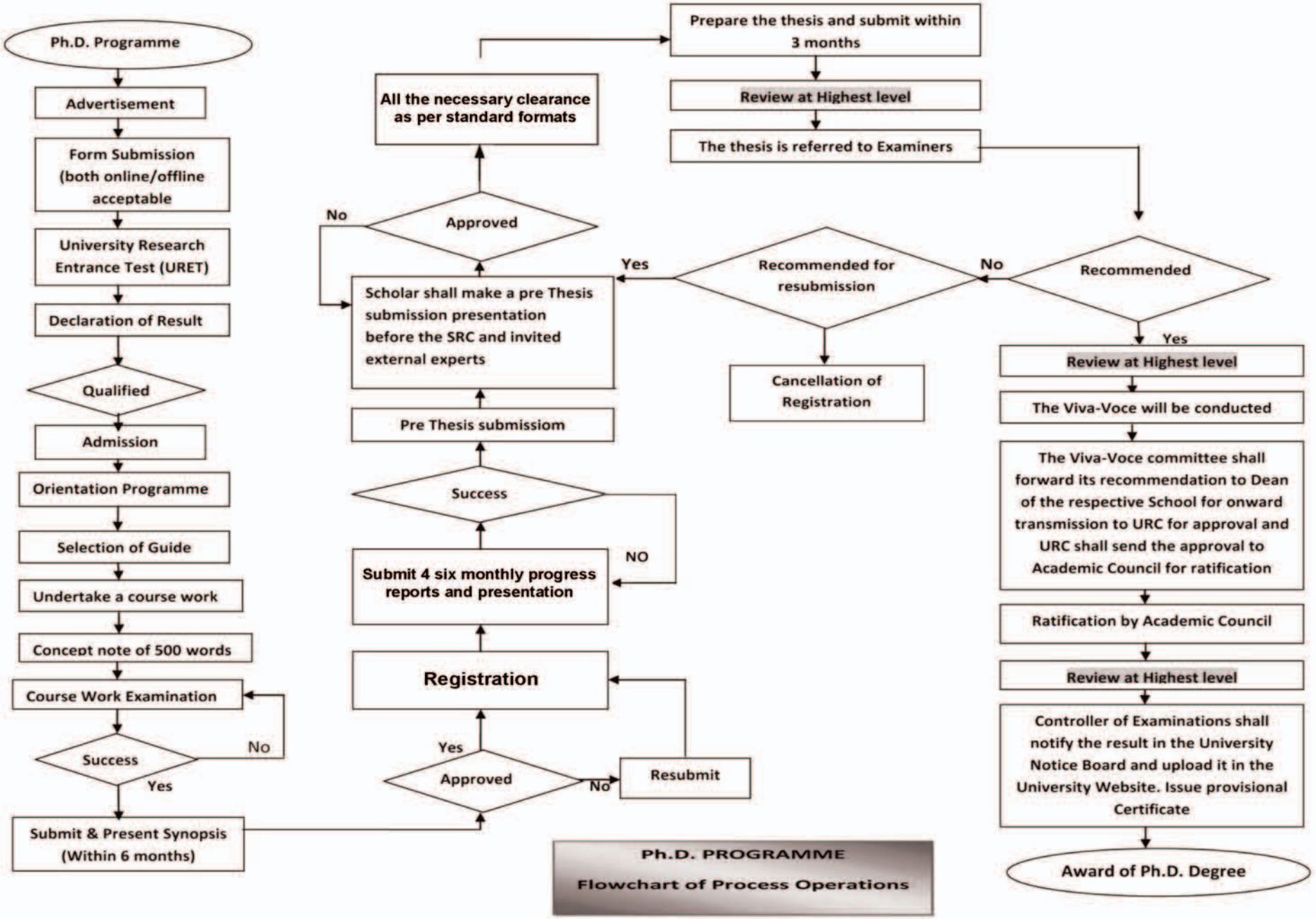


Ph.D. PROGRAMME

Flowchart of Process Operations

Memorandum of Understanding

To initiate Research & Development activities, University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya has signed Memorandum of Understanding with several National and International Universities, Research Institutions & Organizations. The MoUs provides scope for research scholars of USTM to opt for Joint Supervision/Co-Guide from any these Institutions & Organisations. The following are the names of the institutions and universities with whom USTM has MoU's and collaboration.

USTM Signs MoU with University of Dhaka

A MoU has been signed between the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (UDB) and the University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) on May 12, 2016 at UDB campus. The MoU was signed by the Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique on behalf of University of Dhaka and Dr P G Rao on behalf of University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya, in presence of Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM & other high officail of both the University

USTM Signs MoU with Jamia Millia Islimia, New Delhi

A MoU has been signed between Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi (JMI) and the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM). The MoU was signed by Prof. Talat Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor, JMI on behalf of Jamia Milia Islamia University and Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM, on behalf of University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya in the Office of the Vice Chancellor JMI, New Delhi on May, 5th 2016

USTM Signs MoU with Tezpur University

A MoU has been signed between Tezpur University and the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) on December 13, 2014. The MoU was signed by Prof. Amarjyoti Choudhury, Pro- Vice Chancellor, TU, on behalf Tezpur University and Dr P G Rao, Vice Chancellor, USTM, on behalf of University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya in presence of high officials of both the universities. Tezpur University recently begged the "Visitor's Best University Award" and ranked 5th among all Indian Universities in NIRF ranking by Ministry of HRD Govt. of India.

USTM Signs MoU with JNU, New Delhi

A MoU has been signed between Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) in New Delhi. The MoU was signed by Prof. S. K. Sopory, Vice-Chancellor, JNU, New Delhi on behalf of Jawaharlal Nehru University and Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM, on behalf of University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya in presence of high officials of JNU & Prof Akhtar Siddique, former Chairman, NCTE in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, JNU on the 25th of January, 2016.

USTM Signs MoU with IIT-Gauhati

A MoU has been signed between IIT-Gauhati, and the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM). The MoU was signed by Prof. Gautam Biswas, Director, IIT-Guwahati and Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM, on behalf of University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya in presence of faculties, High Officials of IIT-G & USTM on 3rd March, 2018.

USTM Signs MoU with Gauhati University

A MoU has been signed between Gauhati University (GU), the oldest state University in the North East region of India and the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM). The MoU was signed by Dr. Mridul Hazarika, Vice-Chancellor, Gauhati University on behalf of Gauhati University and Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM, on behalf of University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya in the Office of the Registrar, Gauhati University on April, 7th 2016.

Memorandum of Understanding

USTM Signs MoU with Aligarh Muslim University

MoU has been signed between Aligarh Muslim University(AMU), and the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM). The MoU was signed by Prof. Tariq Mansoor, VC, AMU and Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM, on behalf of University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya in presence of faculties, High Officials of AMU & USTM on 15th October, 2018.

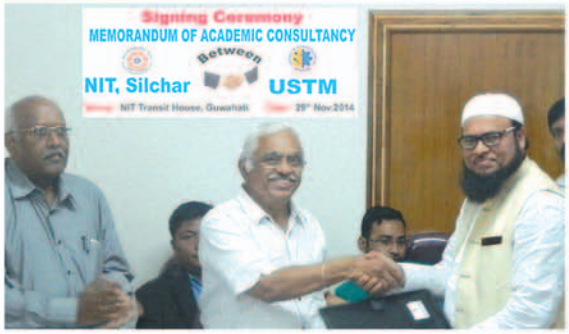
MoU Signing :Prof. Liaqat Ali, VC Bangladesh University of Health Sciences & Mr. M Hoque, Chancellor USTM

Prof. Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC Bangladesh & Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM signing the MoU

MoU signed with Dr. A. C Katoki, Director BBCI, Ghy and Dr. R.K. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, USTM

MoU Signing : Dr. S Gangopadhyay, Director, CSIR-CRRI & Mr. M. Hoque, Chancellor, USTM.

MoU Signing : MoU signed with Dr. S. Sudhakar, Director, NESAC and Dr. R.K. Sharma, Pro Vice Chancellor, USTM



MoU Signing : Mr. M Hoque, Chancellor USTM & Prof. N V Deshpande, Director of NIT, Silchar in presence of Dr. P G Rao, VC, USTM

MoU signed with CSIR-North East Institute of Sciecne & Technology, Jorhat

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam at USTM

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam addressing College Principals at North East College Principal's Conclave at USTM

ISRO Chairman Shri A. S. Kiran Kumar at USTM

Shri A. S. Kiran Kumar addressing 1st Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Lecture on India in Space at USTM.

Director of BARC, Mumbai Dr. B.S. Tomar at USTM

Dr. B.S. Tomar addressing 2nd Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Lecture on Atoms in the Service of Mankind at USTM.

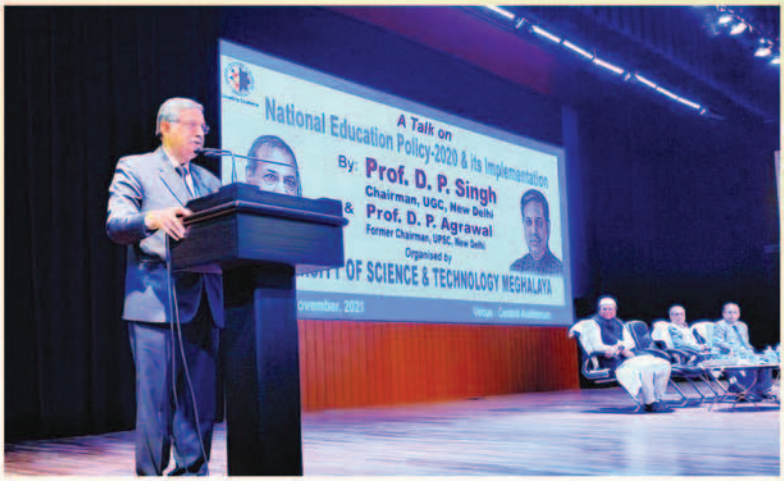
UGC Chairman of Bangladesh at USTM

Prof. Abdul Mannan addressing 3rd Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Lecture on Dr. Kalam's Contribution in Igniting Global Minds at USTM.

UGC Chairman Prof. Ved Prakash at USTM

The Hon'ble Chairman of University Grants Commission, New Delhi, Prof Ved Prakash addressed the Vice-Chancellors of Central, State as well as Private Universities and Principal of few Prominent Colleges of North East Region at USTM on 11th March 2016.

UGC Chairman at USTM



The essence of the new National Education Policy is to groom students as global citizens by providing choice based education with focus on skill development and value based learning in a holistic way, and here in the North East India the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) can act as a catalyst to transform the education scenario. This was stated by Prof D P Singh, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) as he delivered a talk on "National Education Policy-2020 and its implementation" here today. Prof Singh also unveiled a statue of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam apart from inaugurating the new Block-I at the university. The programme was organized by USTM and was also participated by Prof D P Agrawal, Former Chairman, UPSC who addressed the students, teachers and staff and lectured on the new education policy.

Rank 'A' award to USTM by NAAC is a Significant Milestone: Meghalaya CM

As the first private university from the North East India have been ranked Grade 'A' by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), the Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma has visited the University of Science & Technology Meghalaya (USTM) today to congratulate and address the students, teachers and the university fraternity stating that "Grade 'A' accreditation by NAAC in the lst cycle is a significant milestone for the faculty & the University". On the same occasion, Sangma has also unveiled a statue of Mahatma Gandhi in the USTM premises. The programme was also graced by Dr S P Aggarwal, Director, NESAC, Dept of Space, Govt. of India and Prof Prabha Kr Shukla, Vice Chancellor, NEHU, apart from others.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Conrad Sangma said, "It is the leadership and teamwork at USTM that has gone to achieve such big success as Grade 'A'. With commitment and dedication, 'A++' is not far away for USTM." Congratulating and terming Chancellor Hoque as a "risk taker", he said that the university is the future of the new age, and that the future of the nation is in responsible hands. He said that institutions like USTM have a big role to play in research and development which will further contribute to policy making of the nation. The Chief Minister also visited the Central Instrumentation Centre in PA Sangma International Block at USTM.

Snap Shots

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Late Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
11th President of India

Shri Satya Pal Malik
Governor of Meghalaya

Shri Jagdish Mukhi
Hon'ble Governor of Assam

Shri Tathagata Roy
Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya

Shri R.S. Mooshahary
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Sri Ganga Prasad,
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Shri Conrad K. Sangma
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Hon'ble CM, Assam

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