

## **Research Journey @ BAOU**

### **(PhD Programme)**

***In accordance with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 and its amendments.***

***Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University (BAOU) follows a structured and transparent process for admission, coursework, research progress, and award of the PhD degree. The stepwise Research Journey is outlined below for the benefit of research scholars and aspirants.***

#### **Stepwise Process of the PhD Research Journey**

- 1. Advertisement and Application:** Eligible candidates are required to apply online in response to the PhD admission advertisement released by BAOU (normally twice a year – February and August) and pay the prescribed registration fees.
- 2. PhD Entrance Test:** Applicants must appear for the PhD Entrance Test conducted by the University. (*Candidates with M.Phil./NET/GSET/JRF qualifications are exempted, as per UGC norms.*)
- 3. Interview and Research Proposal Presentation:** Eligible candidates are required to appear for an interview, during which they must present their proposed research proposal.
- 4. Provisional Admission:** Candidates who successfully clear the interview process shall pay the application fees, first semester fees, and coursework fees to obtain provisional admission.
- 5. Issue of Provisional Admission and Research Supervisor Allocation:** Provisional Admission Letter and Research Supervisor Allocation Letter shall be issued by the University.
- 6. Completion of Coursework:** Research scholars must complete 12 credits of coursework within a minimum of one semester and a maximum of two semesters, as per regulations.
- 7. Seminar / Viva and Title Approval:** A seminar and viva voce of 2 credits, as part of the coursework, shall be conducted along with the research title approval.
- 8. Issue of Coursework Grade Sheet:** Upon successful completion of coursework, the grade sheet shall be issued to the research scholar.
- 9. Confirmation of Admission:** Admission Confirmation Letter and University Identity Card (I-Card) shall be issued.
- 10. Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Meetings:** A minimum of four Research Advisory Committee meetings shall be conducted semester-wise. Research scholars must present their progress and pay semester-wise fees.

**11. Submission of Pre-Synopsis:** The research scholar shall submit the Pre-Synopsis in spiral binding (three copies).

**12. Pre-Synopsis Viva Voce:** The Pre-Synopsis Viva Voce examination shall be conducted as per university norms.

**13. Submission of Thesis (Spiral Binding) and Plagiarism Check:** The thesis shall be submitted in spiral binding (three copies) along with payment of the prescribed fees. The plagiarism report shall be verified by the Research & Development Cell (RDC).

**14. Final Thesis Submission & Viva-Voce Exam:** The final thesis shall be submitted in hard bound (four copies), followed by the Open Defence Final Viva Voce Examination and issuance of notification.

**15. Award of Degree and Convocation:** Upon successful completion of all requirements, the PhD degree shall be awarded during the Convocation ceremony, subject to payment of convocation fees.

#### **Note**

- All stages of the PhD programme shall be governed by UGC PhD Regulations, 2022 and University norms in force from time to time.
- Timelines, fees, and procedures are subject to revision as per statutory requirements.