



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
KERALA VETERINARY AND ANIMAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY
Pookode, Wayanad – 673576**

(Abstract)

KVASU- DAR – Academics – Guidelines for engaging Ph.D. students to act as Research Assistant/Project Fellows/Junior or Senior Research Fellows in the existing vacancies of externally aided projects within the University – Approved – Orders issued

Directorate of Academics & Research

No. KVASU/DAR/Acad/A2/33702/2021(1) Dated, Pookode, 13/10/2023

- Read:-
1. Minutes of the 33rd meeting of Academic Council held on 08.06.2022 (32 .F. 1)
 2. Minutes of the 34th meeting of Academic Council held on 09.12.2022 (E.1)
 3. University Order No. KVASU/DAR/Acad/A2/33703/2021 dated 18.01.2023
 4. Minutes of the 36th meeting of Academic Council held on 18.08.2023 (36.OA. 1) & (36.H.2)

ORDER

As per the paper read as (2) above, the 34th meeting of the Academic Council approved the proposal for making provision for the Ph. D. students admitted in Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University to act as Research Assistant/Project Fellows/Junior or Senior Research Fellows in the existing vacancies of externally aided projects within the University and decided to constitute a committee for modifying the proposed guidelines.

Accordingly, the modified proposal recommended by the committee was laid before the 36th meeting of the Academic Council which approved the guidelines with modifications.

In consonance with the decisions of the 36th meeting of the Academic Council, the following orders are issued.

1. Sanction is hereby accorded to implement the guidelines for engaging the Doctoral students admitted in Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University as Research Assistant/Project Fellows/Junior or Senior Research Fellows in the existing vacancies of externally aided projects within the University.

2. The approved guidelines with modifications suggested by the Academic Council is furnished below:

- a. These guidelines shall be called as *guidelines to engage the Doctoral students admitted in KVASU as project fellows/senior research fellows or any other designation where MVSc/ MSc/ M. Tech in relevant subject is the eligibility criteria, in existing vacancies of externally aided projects within the University.*
- b. This provision is only applicable to the full-time doctoral students admitted in KVASU
- c. The students can be engaged only in an approved and ongoing externally aided research project in the same department and institution where the student got admission for doctoral programme.
- d. There should be budgetary provision for wages of Research Associate/ Research Fellow/ Junior or Senior Research fellow in the project concerned.
- e. The emoluments paid to the students from the projects should not exceed the approved rates for respective posts by ICAR or Government.
- f. The students joining such research projects shall register for a minimum of 12 research credits (out of total permissible credit load of 18 in each semester) during the period for which he/ she claims wages from the project. The remaining credits shall be registered for course work.
- g. The Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-Principal Investigator (with the consent of PI) of the project shall be the Chairman/ Major Advisor of the advisory committee of the students enrolled as project personnel.
- h. Principal Investigator of the project can notify the vacancies in the ongoing projects. Doctoral students of the same department may be given due weightage in the selection process.
- i. The doctoral research programme of the student shall be whole or part of the approved research project or a project which significantly contribute to the objectives of the externally aided research project
- j. Once selected, students shall start working in the project without prejudice to his/ her other academic requirements. The research credits registered by the student shall be utilized for the implementation of project to which he/ she is selected and research responsibilities assigned from the project in addition to the actual research work required for doctoral programme
- k. No extension of residential requirement is needed as the course credits per semester is distributed accordingly without affecting the course and research requirement.
- l. Student shall not be eligible for any other scholarship/ study grants/ fellowships during the period for which he/ she receives remuneration from the research project. An agreement shall be executed by the student with Principal Investigator of the project in this regard
- m. Students on deputation for PhD programme receiving salary from parent

department, are not eligible for working under externally aided project with wages

- n. The remuneration to students thus engaged shall be paid only till completion of minimum residential requirement of the concerned PhD programme or completion of the externally aided research project
 - o. The performance of the student shall be monitored by the advisory committee in every six months and the progress report may be forwarded to the Director of Academics and Research, KVASU through concerned Head of Institution
 - p. All such engagements will be subject to terms and conditions of funding agency and is liable to be terminated upon directions from such agencies
 - q. An agreement executed by the student for charging liquidation damages from the student, as fixed by the Academic Council, upon discontinuing from the project.
 - r. The Research Fellows in Externally Aided Projects shall be selected only from the list of students selected for Ph. D. The selection committee shall include Deans of Colleges, Professor (Academics), Head of Department of concerned subject and Major Advisor/Principal Investigator.
3. The above rules shall be made applicable to the Ph.D. students of KVASU from the date of 36th Academic Council meeting i.e, 18.08.2023.

(By Order of the Academic Council)

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