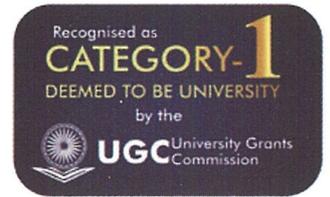
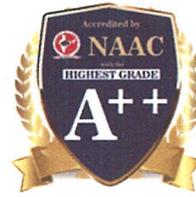




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Norms for Panel of Adjudicators to Evaluate Ph.D. Thesis

The following guidelines shall be **strictly adhered to** by all **Research Supervisors** while submitting the **panel of adjudicators for evaluation of Ph.D. thesis**. The details provided below are compiled from the **existing regulations (as per Clause 16.4 of Regulation 2025)** issued by the **Office of the Dean (Research Studies)**. These are **not new guidelines**, but a **consolidated summary issued for clarity and ease of reference**.

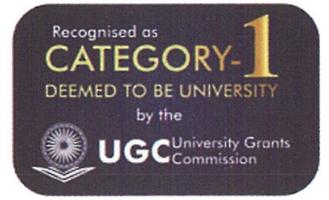
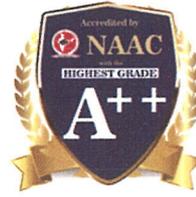
I. Indian Examiners

1. A panel of **four (4) examiners**, each from **different states in India**, shall be proposed.
2. Among the four (4) examiners:
 - At least **two (2)** shall be from **IITs / NITs / Central Government Institutions / State Government Institutions / Central Government Research Laboratories** such as CSIR, DRDO, ISRO, ICAR, etc.
 - The remaining shall be from institutions ranked within the **Top 100 of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)** in the immediately preceding year.
3. All four (4) examiners shall hold the position of **Professor or Associate Professor** in the relevant discipline or research field.
4. All examiners shall be active academicians with a **good record of scholarly publications** in the relevant field.

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II. Foreign Examiners

1. A panel of **four (4) examiners**, each from **different countries**, shall be proposed.
2. All four (4) examiners shall be from institutions ranked in the **Top QS World University Rankings** in the immediately preceding year and shall belong to countries with **strong research performance** and **well-established academic standards**.
3. All four (4) examiners shall hold the position of **Professor or Associate Professor** in the relevant discipline or research field.
4. All examiners shall be active academicians with a **good record of scholarly publications** in the relevant field.
5. Foreign examiners shall not be of **Indian origin (NRI – Non-Resident Indian)** preferably.

This may be brought to the notice of all Research Supervisors of the Institution for **strict compliance**.

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