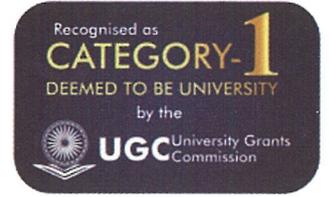
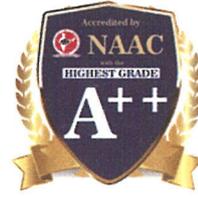




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**Norms for Submission of Panel of Subject Experts for
Ph.D. Viva-Voce Examination**

The following guidelines shall be **strictly adhered to by all Research Supervisors** while submitting the panel of subject experts for the conduct of the Ph.D. Viva-Voce Examination. The details provided below are **compiled from the existing regulations (as per Clause 19.1 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.

1. A **panel of three (3) subject experts** shall be submitted for the conduct of the Ph.D. Viva-Voce Examination.
2. **At least two (2) subject experts** shall be from **IITs / NITs / Central Government Institutions / State Government Institutions / Central Government Research Laboratories** such as **CSIR, DRDO, ISRO, ICAR**, etc., and the **remaining** shall be from an institution ranked within the **Top 100 of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)** in the immediately preceding year.
3. **All three (3) subject experts** shall hold the position of **Professor or Associate Professor** in the relevant discipline or research field.
4. **All three (3) subject experts shall be from different institutions**; more than one expert from the **same institution shall not be permitted**.
5. The subject experts may be drawn from **Tamil Nadu or other States**.

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

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