

REGIONAL CENTRE FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY

GUIDELINES FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS FOR EXTENSION BEYOND FIVE YEARS

The guidelines are applicable for PhD students who are nearing completion of a duration of five years in the doctoral programme.

As per Clause 8.2.2 of Ordinance 8

8.2.2 The PhD program shall be for a minimum of 3 years, including course work and a maximum of 6 years.

As per Clause 8.2.4 of Ordinance 8

8.2.4 The studentship beyond the 6 years period may be continued based on the recommendations of the SAC and approved by the Academic Committee. However the duration shall not be extended beyond a period of 8 years.

The Guidelines are as follows:

1. The PhD student will remain a doctoral student of RCB up to a duration of six years.
2. The PhD student will undergo an annual evaluation for the first three years. After three years, a six monthly evaluation will be required.
3. Beyond completion of four and half years, the Student Advisory Committee (SAC)/Equivalent will meet every six months to review the progress of the student, give a likely date of submission of thesis and recommend extension for a further period of six months with proper justification. The recommendation for extension will be done on the prescribed format by the Student Advisory Committee.
4. Any continuation beyond six years will require special permission with appropriate justification. Extension will be done only in exceptional cases.
5. No extension is permissible beyond eight years, after which registration will be cancelled.
6. A student may be allowed to deregister from PhD on the recommendation of SAC, only due to medical reasons. The medical condition must be supported by necessary documents. The student may re-register for submission of thesis within the PhD span period.
7. Beyond five years, a PhD student is permitted to take up a fellowship position (such as Project JRF or SRF, not Project Assistant or any other position below JRF) in an extramural research project while continuing PhD. The duration of completion of PhD degree will, however, remain the same.
8. No student will be allowed to take up a job for the duration of the doctoral programme. The registration of the student will be cancelled in such cases.
9. The recommendation for extension of PhD beyond five years by SAC will be subject to the approval of the Executive Director.