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All Academic Heads
University of Peshawar

Subject: **Discontinuation of MPhil leading PhD program**

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has discontinued M.Phil leading to PhD program with effect from fall 2015 in the Higher Education Institutions vide letter No. 1-4(MS/PhD)QAD/2017/GEC/64-241 dated 05.12.2017. The same has been notified by the Registrar Office; University of Peshawar vide letter No.7726-50/Acad-II dated 29.12.2017 for strict compliance. As per HEC policy, a candidate has to complete 30 credit hours course work or 24 credit hours course work plus 6 credit hours thesis research work for completion of MS/M.Phil degree program.

Looking to these MPhil leading to PhD students (enrolled in fall 2015 and onward) who are suffering after getting the decision of HEC and they may be further suffered with accreditation problem from HEC for their PhD degrees in the future. In order to solve these problems, the University of Peshawar has taken the following decisions:

Recommendation/decisions

1. Those scholars who suffered from this policy will be given options to take MS/M.Phil degree on completion of 30 credit hours of course work (course based degree) or 24 credit hours of course work + 6 credited hours research work and later be admitted in to PhD program by qualifying conversion/entry test and other requirements mentioned in HEC letter. The conversion/mover over to PhD test will be accepted as entry test for those scholars who have already qualified it.
2. The credit hours studied for PhD after move over will be considered by Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) and approval will be granted by ASRB after taking fresh admission in PhD program.
3. Those scholars who have not passed or appeared in the conversion/mover over test shall pass entry test for PhD admission.

All the academic heads are, therefore, requested to process the cases of these MPhil leading PhD students enrolled in fall 2015 and onward on urgent basis accordingly.

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