

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

1. Research Project (up to 30 points):

- a) Candidates' ability to describe appropriately aims, objectives and research methodology of their proposed research and its expected outcomes (10 points)
- b) Originality and innovation of the proposed research (up to 10 points)
- c) Relevance of the proposed research topic to the Ph.D programme and its feasibility in 3 years (10 points)

2. Written Paper (up to 60 points)

- (a) Candidates' knowledge of the topic (20 points)
- (b) Candidates' ability to build an argument and to write their answer clearly and competently (20 points)
- (c) Candidates' ability to answer thoroughly and their knowledge of the updated bibliography relating to the proposed topic. (20 points)

3. Oral examination (max 30 points)

Candidates who score at least 40/60 for their written paper are admitted to the oral examination. They will be invited to discuss their paper as well as the research project they submitted. Examiners will also ascertain the candidates' competence in their chosen subject area and in the fundamental research tools necessary to carry out advanced research in their chosen subject area.

Candidates will pass their oral examination if they score at least 40/60 marks combining the marks awarded to their research project AND their oral examination.

The minimum score required to be admitted to the Ph.D programme is 80/120.