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1.1.1. External Evaluation of Ph.D. Dissertation

The Ph.D. Dissertation must be evaluated by:

a) At least two external experts who shall be:

    i. PhD faculty member from the world top 500 universities ranked by the Times Higher Education or QS World Ranking in the year corresponding to dissertation evaluation year OR

    ii. Pakistan-based Distinguished National Professors, Meritorious Professors from any national university; or professors from top universities ranked by HEC; or professors from any Pakistani University having a minimum H-Index 30 for Sciences and 15 for Social Sciences as determined by Web of Science.

    OR

b) At least one external expert qualifying any one of the conditions mentioned at 'a'

    i. Above if the PhD candidate publishes dissertation research in a peer reviewed journal that is classified by the HEC in category W for Sciences and X or above for Social Sciences.

    ii. The following general guidelines shall, at least, be observed while selecting external evaluator as per HEC's criteria:

        a) Relevance of Expertise: in the same or related fields as in the dissertation.

        b) No Conflict of Interest: in personal, financial, or professional stakes in a particular decision or outcome.

        c) Objectivity: capable of making unbiased evaluations.

        d) Diversity: in terms of geography, culture, professional backgrounds etc.

e) Reputation: must be good in the field, with a track record of fair and thorough evaluations.

f) Availability: should have the time and availability to review the dissertation.

g) Professionalism: capable of conducting themselves in a professional and respectful manner throughout the evaluation and defense process (if applicable).

h) Communication: capable of providing clear and constructive feedback on the dissertation.

i) Confidentiality: capable of maintaining confidentiality and protecting the intellectual property of the dissertation.

j) Compatibility: well-versed with the research methodology, approach, and theories used in the dissertation.