

MSc Research General Guidelines

1. A 6 credit hour research has to be conducted in fourth semester of MSc program; however, to ease the timely process of completion, research supervisors are allocated by the mid of third semester to each student of MSc III.
2. A more detailed and thorough orientation about MSc research rules, practices, and guidelines are elaborated to the students by the MSc research coordinator in research orientation which is imparted at the end of third semester.
3. In order to keep the progress timeline constant for all students, NIP designed research monitoring guidelines which are shared with students at the start of fourth semester. Students are required to comply these research monitoring progress targets and supervisors facilitate their students to achieve the required targets.
4. Coordinator of MSc research gauged the research progress by conducting monitoring meetings on intermittent basis and on receiving two consecutive unsatisfactory reports written explanation is required to be sent to the student by Director, NIP.
5. For any problematic cases the Director can also be invited for progress monitoring meeting.
6. Submission is mostly demanded a week before the thesis is to be submitted in university.
7. Students are stringently required to address the ethical issues during the process of conducting research.
8. NIP strongly discourages plagiarism and practiced HEC policy of similarity index criteria which must be submitted by the students at the time of submitting thesis to university for external evaluation. A copy of TURITIN Report signed by supervisor must be attached in the appendices of the research report.
9. NIP stringently expects students to follow APA manual VI for report writing.
10. MSc research supervisors may verify the quality of data collected by the students.
11. Supervisors do not sign the thesis certificate if quality of research report does not meet the bear minimum level of acceptance.

12. Students are required to acquire permission for using instruments from Test Resource Centre (of NIP) and /or respective authors which must be attached in the appendices of the thesis.
13. Consent form of the parents or school administration while collecting data from children and consent form of the organizational authorities if data was collected from any organization is essentially required to be attached in the appendices along with a copy of consent form signed by participants.
14. Evaluation is purely based on the research report submitted for viva voce examination, not on expected corrections to be made. NIP strongly discourages students not to bring anything along them, during viva that they have forgotten to incorporate in research report while submitting.
15. Corrections in the research report, after viva voce examination, must be made during the 15-days time period. Only then supervisors would sign the Certificate of Submission after making sure that all changes have been made as suggested by the external examiner. Research Coordinator also verify the changes randomly before final submission.
16. CD (soft copy) of complete thesis is to be submitted to NIP Library on submitting final hard copy of the thesis.
17. A soft copy of complete data and research must be submitted to the supervisor before viva voce examination (at the time of submission to Quaid-i-Azam University).
18. Appendices related to instruments to be deposited to Test Resource Centre, NIP on submitting final hard copy.
19. Clearance certificate has to be signed by supervisors, Library incharge, and Research Coordinator prior to qualify to get the results of viva voce exams.
20. Any journal / conference paper to be drafted by the student based on MSc research is a joint intellectual piece of work shared by both the student and the supervisor. Therefore, it is mandatory to include the name of the supervisor in any scholarly publication and / or conference presentation. Similarly, initial permission and consent of the supervisor must be acquired by the student prior to proceeding with any such consideration.

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