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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

## Extension of tenure of PhD students for completion of thesis beyond prescribed period

The Senate at its 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting (held on October 16, 2017) approved provisions enabling extension of tenure of completion of PhD beyond six years on a case to case basis.

Applications from the students (through the Supervisor and AcSIR Coordinator) are to be made directly to the Associate Director (Academic) and must be accompanied by evidences/ documents reflecting the reasons or situation to be beyond the control of the candidate. It should also accompany due and convincing monthly plans of action for completion of experiments and submission of thesis. Each case will be considered based on its merit separately by the Associate Director (Academic) in consultation with the Dean of the concerned Faculty of Study. The Chairman, Senate will finally review the recommendation of the Associate Director and take the final decision.

Further, a relaxation upto 2 years in the maximum duration for women candidates and Persons with Disability (more than 40%) as per UGC guidelines 2016 (adopted in the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the AcSIR Senate) has been approved by the Senate. These two years of relaxation period for women candidates will include, if availed, Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave only once during the entire duration of PhD for up to 240 days.

The notification is being issued with approval of the competent authority.

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