



SMU SIKKIM
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UNDERTAKING

To

The Secretary,
University Grants Commission (UGC),
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,
New Delhi – 110002.

Subject: Undertaking on Compliance with the Recommendations of the UGC Standing Committee (592nd Meeting, Item No. 2.09) dated 23.07.2025

Sir/Madam,

With reference to your letter No. F. 1-1/2023 (JKT-JS) dated: 08 August 2025, regarding the evaluation of Ph.D. degrees awarded by Sikkim Manipal University (SMU) during the years **2020 to 2024**, and the subsequent recommendations of the **UGC Standing Committee** considered and approved in the **592nd Meeting of the Commission held on 23.07.2025 (Item No. 2.09)**, this is to state that **Sikkim Manipal University** has taken all necessary actions to ensure full compliance with the said recommendations.

Accordingly, Sikkim Manipal University hereby submits the following **Undertaking**:

1. Adoption of UGC Ph.D. Regulations, 2022

Sikkim Manipal University confirms that it has **adopted and implemented the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for the Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022** across all departments and constituent institutes. All relevant internal regulations, policies, and procedural documents have been reviewed and aligned accordingly (Link: <https://smu.edu.in/phd-smu.php>)

2. Implementation of UGC Guidelines on Public Self-Disclosure, 2024

The University has implemented the **UGC Guidelines on Public Self-Disclosure by Higher Education Institutions, 2024**. Necessary disclosures relating to research, governance, and academic processes are being prominently displayed on the University website, (Link: <https://smu.edu.in/ugc-mandatory-disclosure.php>)

3. Uploading of Key Research Policies on the University Website

The following policies and documents have been prepared, approved, and uploaded on the official University website (Link: <https://smu.edu.in/research.php#>):

- i. Research Policy
- ii. Ph.D. Admission Policy and Procedure
- iii. Fellowship/Scholarship Policy for Ph.D. Scholars
- iv. Constitution of the **Ethics Board** to maintain research integrity
- v. Constitution of **Research Advisory Committee (RAC)** and **Doctoral Research Committee (DRC)** (aligned with UGC Regulations)
- vi. Policy for **Grievance Redress Mechanism of Research Scholars**
- vii. Details of currently enrolled Ph.D. scholars (Name, Department, Date of Entrance Test/Procedure, Date of Registration, Research Topic, Supervisor's Name and Qualification)



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4. Website Disclosure

The University confirms that all the above policies and information have been made **publicly accessible** on the University's official website homepage and under the **Research and Ph.D. section**, in compliance with UGC's self-disclosure mandate.

5. Undertaking on Compliance

Sikkim Manipal University undertakes that all measures mentioned herein have been implemented in spirit and substance, in line with the recommendations of the **UGC Standing Committee** and the **UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for the Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022**.

6. Future Compliance

The University assures that it will **continue to uphold the UGC norms and guidelines** in all academic and research activities and will periodically update policies and disclosures as per future UGC directives.

7. Submission

This undertaking is being submitted to the **University Grants Commission (UGC)** within the stipulated period of **three months** from the date of issue of the communication, and the same has been **uploaded on the homepage** of the University website for public record. SMU is extremely grateful to the UGC Standing Committee and their insightful feedback/suggestions.



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Registrar,
Sikkim Manipal University
Date: 31 October 2025
Place: Gangtok, Sikkim

