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## RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ITS FUNCTIONS

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### RAC (Research Advisory Committee)

Each Ph.D. scholar shall have a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) (or equivalent body as per the institution) to monitor the progress, guide the research, and give periodic feedback.

The Research Supervisor of the Ph.D. scholar acts as the Convener of the RAC.

The RAC has several responsibilities:

- Review and finalize the research proposal and topic.
- Guide the scholar in study design, methodology, and selection of coursework.
- Periodically review progress (presentations, reports) and submit recommendations to the institution.
- If progress is unsatisfactory, RAC may suggest remedial measures; and if not improved, may recommend cancellation of registration. Prior to thesis submission, the scholar must make a presentation before the RAC; the RAC gives its recommendation for thesis submission.

### RAC (Research Advisory Committee) composition

Research Supervisor (Convener)

Co-supervisor (if any)

Two or more other faculty members (from same or related departments)

An external expert (internal to the institution but from another department)



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## DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE AND ITS FUNCTIONS

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### DRC (Departmental Research Committee)

DRC will function at a departmental level, especially before admission, for approving proposals, selecting candidates, etc.

Roles and functions of DRC in university practice

- Review and vetting of PhD candidate applications / admission proposals
- Approval / recommendation of the research topic / supervisor assignment
- Overseeing departmental-level research matters (seminars, resource allocation)
- Ensuring that the candidate meets all departmental requirements before registration
- Sending candidate lists / approvals to higher authorities

### **DRC (Departmental Research Committee) composition:**

Head of Department	Department Chair
Supervisor(s)	faculty in subject
Senior faculty	from the department or allied departments
Subject expert	(external)