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Subject: **Pre-requisite for PhD Programs.**

Following comments are offered in terms of proposed admission requirement of the Institute in the light of current HEC admission criteria:

- (a) MS/MPhil/Equivalent 18 year Educational background is in line with HEC policy
- (b) CGPA of 3.0/4.0 in MS/MPhil/Equivalent program is the minimum requirement.
- (c) Since the departments may decide to complete their MS/MPhil/Equivalent programs either through course work of 30 credit hours or 24 credit hour course work + 6 credit hour research thesis, both categories of graduates are eligible for admission in PhD. However, a university is at liberty to decide that it will admit or not the students that had MS/MPhil/Equivalent program without research thesis option.

It is further highlighted that the HEC guidelines are the minimum conditions which universities need to meet. However, they can make the criteria more stringent.

With regards,


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