**Guidelines for Supervisor Allocation**

The following guidelines will be adhered to for the allocation of supervisors to postgraduate students:

* Students can only be assigned to faculty members who meet the minimum requirements outlined in the HEC Graduate Education Policy-2023 (Since Winter 2023).
* Supervisor allocation process shall start from taking consent form students by the Chairperson/Director of the department on the attached Performa, in which students can express their preferences (a template of this form is attached below).
* In case number of preferences are exceeded than number of faculty members in a research group, then the selection of students shall be based on the mutual consent of the supervisor and the students. However, to ensure a balanced distribution of students in alignment with faculty members' designations, the case will be discussed in departmental meetings.
* In specific cases, mutual exchange of supervisors upon students' requests and recommendations by the supervisor may be accommodated. This may relate to student employment in a research project, research relevance/background, and area of specialization/research.
* During the allocation of supervisors, the Conflict-of-Interest policy will be strictly adhered to.
* As per HEC policy, only teaching staff/ adjunct faculty will be eligible to supervise. However, faculty appointed in the offices of ORIC, QEC and DGS as additional charge shall also be eligible for supervision provided the fulfilment of minimum HEC criteria for supervision.
* Supervisor must be from the same university and preferably from the same department in which students secured admission except the multidisciplinary degree programs. However, faculty serving in two departments (Agronomy and Climate Change, Seed Science and Agronomy or any such case) can supervise students of respective department/s in which students secured admission and the allocation of a supervisor in these respective departments should be relevant to the field of research in which the student intends to conduct research.
* The allocation of supervisors will be completed before the mid-term examination of the first semester, and notifications will be promptly shared with the DGS office via email.

**Supervisor Allocation Consent Form**

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| Dear Students, The allocation of supervisors will depend on the availability of faculty members, your preferences, and your academic merit. You can choose from the following faculty members to be your supervisor, and please provide us with your preferences. |

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| **Research Groups** | **Research Area (For example)** |
| Group-I | Epidemiology |
| Group-II | Parasitology |
| Group-III | Microbiology |
| Group-IV | Parasitology |
| Group-V | Communicable & non-communicable diseases |
| Group-VI | One Health |
| Group-VII | Pharmacology & Health system |
| Group-VIII | Health Policy |

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