

# DON'T FALL FOR UNRECOGNISED ONLINE PHD COURSES: UGC

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The University Grants Commission (UGC) has warned students not to be misled by advertisements offering online PhD programmes by edtech companies in collaboration with foreign institutes.

The UGC said that such online PhD programmes were not recognised by it and asked students to verify the authenticity of the programmes as per the UGC regulations, 2016. The higher education regulatory body on Friday tweeted a public notice saying it was mandatory for all higher education institutions to follow UGC regulations and its amendments while awarding PhD degrees.

According to the UGC's dual-degree guidelines , students can pursue two full-time programmes simultaneously either at the same university or from different universities. But, PhD programmes do not fall under the guidelines.

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