

## **EARLY CAREER RESEARCH GRANT**

### **Objective**

The objective of the Scheme is to support promising and highly-motivated young Mauritian researchers to advance their research careers.

### **Financial Provision**

A grant of a maximum value of MRU 300,000 per beneficiary to finance a research project which should be completed within a period of 3 years.

Four awards will be made annually.

### **Conditions/ Criteria**

Applicants must:

- Hold a PhD from a recognised institution.
- Be full-time academic staff on permanent and pensionable establishment in public Tertiary Education Institutions (TEIs) having obtained their PhD within the last two years (by the closing date).

### **Implementation Modalities**

- TEC to invite each public TEI to nominate 2 candidates and to rank them in order of priority on the basis of the strength of their research proposal. Their reports should be submitted confidentially to the Executive Director of TEC.
- Institutions to submit nominations together with a research proposal/ plan with time frame (detailed Gantt Chart), detailed budget and performance indicators to be able to report on progress on half yearly basis. The expected target to be achieved at the end of each year must be clearly stipulated in the research proposal.

### **Funding Mechanism**

Grant will be released in 3 instalments to the institution: 40 % at the beginning of first year, 25% will be released in the second and third year respectively upon receipt of the following evidence:

- Satisfactory annual progress report, including achievements against expected outcome/targets set for the research at the end of each year.
- Statement of expenditure certified by the institution.

The remaining 10% will be disbursed on receipt of a copy of the Final Report.

At the end of each year, progress made will be assessed by a Technical Committee at the level of the TEC.

**Note:** Disbursement of funds will be subject to satisfactory progress in relation with the plan. In case of poor or unsatisfactory progress, the Commission may at any point in time cease funding of the project.

### **At the end of the Grant**

- Submit a copy of the report.
- Disseminate the research outcome/findings.