

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP SCHEME FOR ACADEMIC STAFF IN PUBLICLY FUNDED TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (TEIs)

Objective

The Scheme aims to provide part funding to academic staff of public TEIs in Mauritius to enable them to spend 8-12 weeks in a University/research institution overseas to advance their research. The fellowship is intended to assist local researchers to pursue and foster international research collaboration.

Financial Provision

The Scheme makes provision for an economy class return airfare (up to a maximum of MRU70,000) plus an allowance of MRU 2,000 per day towards meeting expenses overseas. A total of four fellowships will be made annually.

Conditions/ Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be employed as a full-time academic staff at Senior lecturer level or above in a public TEI.
- Hold a PhD.
- Provide evidence in form of an acceptance letter from the host institution overseas.
- Submit a detailed research plan.

Implementation Modalities

- TEC invites each public TEI to submit 3 nominations in order of priority based on the strength of the research proposal and in line with the institution's research agenda.
- Each application must be supported by an acceptance letter from the overseas host institution and the detailed research plan.
- The awardee should reach the overseas institution/research centre within three months from the date of award failing which the fellowship will lapse.

Funding Mechanism

The allowance will be credited to the awardee's bank account at the end of each month on a pro-rata basis, subject to the following document being submitted:

- Evidence from the host institution/principal investigator overseas confirming the awardee attachment, that is start and end date of the attachment.

Expected Output/ Outcome

- Establishing new linkages with local and international research groups and manage existing collaborations.
- Developing the research leadership skills of senior academics.
- Enhancing capabilities for managing and mentoring other research staff in the institution.
- Contributing to the research agenda of the host Faculty.
- Enhancing capability to tap external research funding.

At the end of the Fellowship

Awardee must submit a report to the Commission indicating the work undertaken overseas and expected outcome/impact on the institution including future collaborative arrangements.