

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 MUR 300,000 per beneficiary to finance a research project which should be completed within a period of 3 years.

Conditions/ Criteria

Applicants must:

- Hold a PhD from a recognised institution
- Have not more than 5 years of experience in the field following the award of the PhD qualification.
- Be a full-time academic staff on a permanent and pensionable establishment in public Tertiary Education Institutions (TEIs) and having obtained their PhD within the last 5 years (by the closing date).

Implementation Modalities

- Applications should be submitted directly to the Executive Director of TEC.
- The research proposal/ plan should include a proper time frame (i.e. detailed Gantt Chart), detailed budget and performance indicators which should be used to report progress on six monthly basis. The expected target to be achieved at the end of each year must be clearly stipulated in the research proposal.

Funding Mechanism

- Funds for the project will be disbursed through the institution.
- At the end of each year, progress made will be assessed by a Technical Committee at the level of TEC.
- Grant will be released annually to the institution based on their implementation/ expenditure plan and, satisfactory 6-monthly and annual progress reports respectively.
- Subsequent requests for funding will only be considered upon receipt of:
 - statement of expenditure duly certified by the institution;
 - satisfactory progress reports including achievements against expected outcomes/ targets set for the research at the end of each year budget forecasts for the forthcoming year.
 - Utilisation of at least 75% of the funds disbursed in the previous year.
- 10% of the budget for the final year of the project will be retained for disbursement upon receipt of a copy of the Final Report and at least one publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

Note:

- The proposed research must not currently be in receipt of significant funding from another source.
- Budget will be as initially submitted, except in exceptional cases, where clarification is sought. No further addition, will be accepted unless requested by the Commission or the Reviewer

- Funding will not cover the salaries/ stipends / allowances of the principal and co-researchers.
- In case of poor and unsatisfactory progress, the Commission may at any point in time cease funding of the project.

Expected Output/ Outcome

- Disseminate the research outcome/ findings, including participation in all events organised by the Commission such as the National Research Week;
- Publication in peer-reviewed journals.

At the end of the Grant

The Principal Researcher must:

- Submit a full report of the outcome of the research project, including a section on 'Benefits of Research to the Society', to the Commission through the Head of the Institution;
- Publication of at least one article in a peer-reviewed journal.