

## 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.
- Have not more than 5 years experience in the field.
- 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

- Applications should be submitted directly to the Executive Director of TEC.
- The research proposal/plan should include proper time frame (Gantt Chart), detailed budget and performance indicators and should be used to report 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/ plan.

### Funding Mechanism

- 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, 4-monthly and annual progress reports respectively.
- 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.

**Note:** Disbursement of funds will be subject to satisfactory progress in relation to 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.
- At least one publication in an international refereed journal