

INCENTIVE SCHEME FOR MASTERS BY RESEARCH/ DOCTORAL COMPLETION

Objective

The objective of the scheme is to encourage public TEIs to increase their research output in respect of PhD, MPhil, MRes (Masters by Research) awards.

Financial Provision

The grant is limited to the tune of:

- MRU 50,000 per PhD, if completed within 3 years full-time equivalent.
- MRU 30,000, if completed in more than 3 years.
- MRU 20,000 per MRes/MPhil award.

Conditions/ Criteria

The above is subject to the following conditions:

- Payment will be made to the public TEIs upon submission of evidence of award of PhD/MPhil/MRes to a student of the institution. The awardee may be either full time or part time.
- The award should have been made during the previous financial year.
- The award must be made by the public TEI or in collaboration with another public TEI in Mauritius.
- The supervisor or the co-supervisor for the PhD/MPhil/MRes must be a full time faculty on permanent pensionable establishment at the institution concerned.

Implementation Modalities

- Call for Submission of evidence of awards of PhD/MPhil/MRes from public TEIs will be made at the start of each financial year by the Commission.
- Submission of a full list of awards of PhD/MRes for the last financial year (July 01 to June 30) by public TEIs together with supporting evidence, to the Executive Director, TEC.
- Evaluation of research proposal by a Committee at the level of the Commission.
- Grants will be disbursed subject to availability of funds.

Funding Mechanism

- The Commission makes a preliminary screening of all submissions.
- Once the approval of the TEC Board is obtained, the grant will be released to the institution.
- Each institution receiving the funds will be able to retain a maximum of 30% for administrative purposes. These amounts should be utilised to further boost the research agenda of each institution.
- The remaining 70% will be allocated to the full-time supervisor(s). The institution will set up for each supervisor a research fund in their names which can be utilised for any research related activity (e.g. conferences, buying equipment, hiring of research assistants, etc.). **No funds can be used as direct payment to the supervisors.**
- Where there is more than one local supervisor, the award shall be shared pro-rata. Where there is no full-time local supervisor, the totality of the grant shall go to the institution concerned.