

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH SUPPORT SCHEME

Objective

The objective of the scheme is to promote the research conducted by individual faculty and to enhance their academic and professional development.

Financial Provision

The Scheme covers financial assistance up to a maximum of MUR 300,000 over a period of not more than 3 years.

Eligibility

Full-time academic staff on permanent and pensionable establishment having at least a Master's degree.

Conditions/ Criteria

- The letter of endorsement of the proposal by the institution.
- Applications should be made directly to the Executive Director, TEC.
- The proposal will be assessed on:
 - quality, including the breadth, depth and novelty of the research,
 - likely outcomes of the research and anticipated benefits to the institution,
 - capacity of the researcher to deliver the anticipated outcomes,
 - ability of the project to build new capability areas in the institution,
 - extent of publications expected in internationally-refereed journals

Implementation Modalities

- Public TEIs will be invited through Call for Proposals at the start of the Financial Year.
- The proposals should be submitted directly to the Executive Director, TEC
- The proposal must be supported by:
 - ❖ Evidence of being on a permanent and pensionable establishment and having at least a Master's degree
 - ❖ a clear and detailed description of the issue at stake;
 - ❖ the methodology to be adopted;
 - ❖ timetable/Gantt Chart;
 - ❖ research implementation plans including targets, budget and performance indicators to report progress as and when required.

Funding Mechanism

- Seed money to fund the first year of the research as per the project plan will be disbursed at the start of the project.
- Requests for fund will only be considered upon receipt of:
 - statement of expenditure duly certified by the faculty/institution;
 - satisfactory progress reports including achievements against expected outcomes/ targets set for the research;
- The last 10% of the final instalment of the fund will be released towards the end of the project upon submission of evidence of at least one publication.

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. Funds for the project will be disbursed through the institution.

Expected Output/Outcome

- Leverage for the university.
- New capability areas.
- Dissemination of research findings including participation in the NRW and other TEC event.
- At least one publication in a peer-reviewed journal.
- Adding further knowledge to the Research Community .Involvement of university students.

At the end of the research

The Principal Investigator 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;
- Disseminate the research outcome/ findings, including participation in all events organised by the Commission including the National Research Week; and
- Publication of at least one article in a peer-reviewed journal.