

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

An amount of MRU 1.0 m will be budgeted annually.

Conditions/Criteria

The grant is limited to the tune of MRU 50,000* per PhD, if completed within 3 years full-time equivalent and MRU 30,000, if completed in more than 3 years; and MRU 20,000* per MRes/MPhil award and 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 from a local public TEI or in a joint-degree with the 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

- TEC launches Call for Submission of evidence of awards of PhD/MPhil/MRes from public TEIs at the start of each financial year.

- Public TEIs should submit a full list of awards of PhD/MRes supplemented by evidence for the last financial year (July 01 to June 30) to the Executive Director, TEC.
- The Technical Committee at the level of the Commission will evaluate all submissions and, subject to availability of fund, make recommendations to the TEC Board for approval. All decisions of the TEC Board are final.
- Grants will be disbursed subject to the availability of funds under the scheme.

Funding Mechanism

- The Commission makes a preliminary screening of all submissions.
- The Technical Committee assesses each application and makes recommendation to the TEC Board for approval.
- 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 at each institution.
- The remaining 70% will be distributed to the full-time supervisor(s). The institution will set up for each supervisor a research fund in their names. The funds in the account 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.

Expected Outcome

- An increase in research output in terms of MRes, MPhil and PhDs produced
- Shorter time frame for transfer from MPhil to PhD
- Improved on-time completion rate of PhDs
- Enhanced research supervision

* Funding could be varied by Committee to a higher amount