

## **Individual Research Support Scheme**

### **Objective**

The objective of the Scheme is to promote the research of individual faculty as well as their academic and professional development.

### **Financial Provision**

The Scheme will cover financial assistance for the research up to a maximum of MRU 300,000 and a period of not more than 3 years. The grant must be used for funding the operating expenses directly related to carrying out the research project.

### **Eligibility**

Full-time academic staff on permanent and pensionable establishment having at least a Master's degree Research to have institutional endorsement

### **Conditions/ Criteria**

Proposals must be endorsed by the Institution, reflect the personal vision of the applicant and demonstrate compelling competence in the research design. They will be assessed on:

- The quality, including the breadth, depth and novelty of the proposal
- The likely outcomes of the project and anticipated benefits to the institution
- The capacity of the researcher to deliver the anticipated outcomes
- The ability of the project to build new capability areas in the institution
- The extent of publications expected in internationally-refereed journals

### **Implementation Modalities**

- TEC will launch Call for Proposal inviting each public TEI through the Head of Institution to submit their research proposals ranked in order of priority on the basis of the strength of the proposals
- Each research proposal must be approved at the level of the Faculty/ School/ Institution and be supported by 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 be able to report progress as and when required.

- The proposals should be submitted confidentially to the Executive Director, TEC through the Head of Institution
- Selection will be carried out by a Technical Committee at the level of the Commission and will be subject to the availability of fund. All decisions made by the Committee are final.

### **Funding Mechanism**

Seed money equivalent to 25% of the value of the research project will be disbursed at the start of the research. Additional 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 as at date as well as budget forecasts for the forthcoming period. The last 20% instalment of the fund will be released towards the end of the project upon submission of evidence of at least one publication.

Project funding may be used for the following:

- Research material, supplies and analysis fees
- Production, publishing and printing costs
- Travel/ Conferences
- Purchase of small equipment\* (less than MRU 20,000)
- Dissemination of research results to the public

### Note:

- Funds for the project will be disbursed through the institution.
- The proposed project must not currently be in receipt of significant funding from another source
- Project 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 Outcome**

- Leverage for the university
- New capability areas in the university
- Recognition by the research community
- Involvement of university students from all cycles and postdoctoral trainees

**Mandatory outcome**

- At least one publication in a peer reviewed journal;
- Dissemination of research results to the public at large

**At the End of the Research**

- Submit a full report of output/ outcome of the research project through the Head of the Institution (principal investigator) to the Commission.