

# **RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP SCHEME FOR ACADEMIC STAFF IN PUBLICLY-FUNDED TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (TEIs)**

## **Objective**

The Scheme aims to provide part funding to academic staff of public TEIs in Mauritius to enable them to spend 8-12 weeks in a University/research institution overseas to advance their research. The fellowship is intended to assist local researchers to pursue and foster international research collaboration.

## **Financial Provision**

The Scheme makes provision for an economy class return airfare (up to a maximum of MRU 70,000) plus an allowance of MRU 2,000 per day towards meeting expenses overseas. A total of four fellowships will be made annually.

## **Conditions/ Criteria**

Applicants must:

- Hold a PhD.
- Be employed as a full-time academic staff at Senior lecturer level or above in a public TEI.
- Provide evidence in form of an acceptance letter from the host institution overseas.
- Submit a detailed research plan.

## **Implementation Modalities**

- TEC invites applicants to submit their research proposal which must be in line with the institution's research agenda.
- Each application must be supported by an acceptance letter from the overseas host institution and the detailed research plan.
- The awardee should reach the overseas institution/research centre within three months from the date of award failing which the fellowship will lapse.

## **Funding Mechanism**

The allowance will be credited to the awardee's bank account at the end of each month on a pro-rata basis, subject to the following document being submitted:

- Evidence from the host institution/principal investigator overseas confirming the awardee attachment, that is start and end date of the attachment.

## **Expected Output/ Outcome**

- Establishing new linkages with local and international research groups and manage existing collaborations.
- Developing the research leadership skills of senior academics.

- Enhancing capabilities for managing and mentoring other research staff in the institution.
- Contributing to the research agenda of the host Faculty.
- Enhancing capability to tap external research funding.

**At the end of the Fellowship**

Awardee must submit a report to the Commission indicating the work undertaken overseas and expected outcome/impact on the institution including future collaborative arrangements.