

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 MUR 70,000) plus an allowance of MUR 2,000 per day towards meeting expenses overseas;
- Funding will be subject to availability of funds.

Conditions/ Criteria

Applicants must:

- Hold a PhD;
- Be employed as a full-time academic staff at lecturer level or above in a Public TEI with 5 years teaching experience in HE sector;
- Provide evidence in form of a letter from their institution supporting the research fellowship programme overseas;
- Provide evidence in form of an acceptance letter from the host institution overseas; and
- 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;
- Applications must be made at least 4 months prior to taking up the fellowship;
- 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 submission of evidence from the host institution/principal investigator overseas confirming the awardee's attachment, that is the 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; and
- Enhancing capability to tap external research funding.

At the end of the Fellowship

Awardee must:

- submit a report through the Head of Institution to the Commission indicating the work undertaken overseas and expected outcome/impact on the institution including future collaborative arrangements; and
- Disseminate the research outcome/ findings, including participation in all events organised by the Commission including the National Research Week.