



Tertiary Education Commission

TEC's Research Schemes

Guidelines on Funding Modalities

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) was set up in August 1988 (Act no. 9 of 1988) as a parastatal body to, inter alia, promote coordination among tertiary education institutions, in respect of the planning and implementation of research. In this context, the Commission operates a number of Research Schemes with a view to foster and promote a research culture in the TEIs.

This brochure provides further information to awardees with regard to funding of specific items in relation to their research projects being implemented by TEC.

1.1 TERMINOLOGIES

Research: Any activity which is a systematic, intensive study directed towards greater knowledge or understanding of the subject to be studied or a systematic study directed specifically towards applying new knowledge to meet a recognized award.

Provider Institution: The institution through which a research proposal is channeled and through which the research will be undertaken. It is normally the institution where the Principal Investigator (PI) is employed. The Head of the provider institution and the PI are signatories to the Agreement with the TEC and have responsibilities that are detailed in the section on General Conditions of Grant Administration.

Principal Investigator (PI): The PI is the single individual, designated by the provider institution in a grant application, who is responsible for the scientific and technical direction of the project.

2.0 CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GRANT

The conditions for funding for items, where applicable, for the research project under Research Schemes under the purview of TEC are as follows:

Travel

- Any overseas travelling should be in relation to the project and a maximum of three (3) trips, not exceeding MUR 125,000 each will be entertained.
- Airfare should be by economical class and the most economical route.

Transport

- In-land transportation (mileage) can be claimed up to a ceiling of MUR 6,000 annually.
- Other means of transport can be claimed, (e.g. boat) up to a maximum of MUR 4,000 per month and must not exceed MUR 16,000 within a period of 12 months.

MPhil/PhD Students

- Payment of tuition fees and monthly stipend for MPhil/PhD students should be aligned with TEC MPhil/PhD Scholarships Scheme. A maximum of two (2) students over a period of three (3) years is provided.

- Bench fees/ registration fees for overseas universities/ institutions are not covered.
- MPhil/PhD students cannot benefit from funding under two Schemes from TEC.

Postdoctoral Research Fellows

- Monthly stipend of Postdoctoral Research Fellows should be in line with TEC Postdoctoral Research Fellowships Scheme and cater for a maximum of one (1) over a maximum period of two (2) years.
- Bench fees/ registration fees for overseas universities/ institutions are not covered.

Staff Recruitment

- Recruitment, remuneration and allowance to be paid to research staff (e.g. Research Assistant/ technician) should be in line with established procedures and conditions of service in your institution.

Publication Fee for Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Publication fee is covered up to a maximum of USD100 per year, if needed. Currently the TEC does not recognize in its funding under the Research Publication Incentive Scheme, publication where a fee has been charged.

Conferences Attendance/ Workshop

- Conference/Workshop registration fee and per diem should be as per regulations in place at your institution.

Equipment/Supplies

- Finance for small items of equipment not to exceed a total of MUR 200,000.
- Ownership of equipment and software acquired under the project shall reside with the institution upon completion.
- Laptops, personal computers, printers, scanners and any other associated IT equipment will not be funded.

NB: The TEC reserves the right to revise and amend the terms and conditions laid down in this guideline as and when necessary

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