

GUIDELINE TIAC Ph.D / POST-DOC RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AT UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA UNDER TIAC UNIT

1. Introduction

- The TIAC Research Fellowship is a scheme under the patronage of TIAC, at the Faculty of Business and Economics (FBEC), Universiti Malaya. This scheme, an initiative under the TIAC Unit was established on 19th August 2020 at the Faculty of Economics and Administration (FEA)¹. The purpose of the scheme is to enlarge the pool of well-trained postgraduate students in the field of monetary and financial economics.
- The scheme provides support to researchers in the effort to promote knowledge in monetary and financial economics in ways that findings and ideas can have real-world impact.
- The scheme is to provide researchers the exposure to new thinking in monetary and financial economics in order to respond to current policy issues, to engage in our TIAC blog, as well as to work with prominent economists, honorary TIAC Fellows and policymakers.

2. Objectives

- The objectives of this scheme are to:
 - Building a strong foundation in the field of monetary and financial economics amongst the next generation of Malaysian economic graduates.
 - Enhancing the knowledge and expertise in the field of monetary and financial economics for practical purpose such as responding to policy issues.
 - Sharing new thinking in monetary and financial economics with the local banking and financial community.

3. Prioritized Fields of Research for TIAC Research Fellowship Scheme

- Areas that have been identified by the TIAC as prioritized research clusters are as follows:
 - Monetary Economics
 - Financial Economics

4. Applicant Eligibility Requirements

- **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) Fellowship**

- Applications are open to Malaysians.
- Successfully enrolled applicants should identify supervisor(s) in the field of research before submitting the application.
- Have proof of proficiency in the English Language (a minimum score of 600 on the TOEFL or Band 6.5 in the IELTS).
- Applicants must have a good level of health and free from any infectious and chronic diseases.
- TIAC Ph.D Research Fellowship covers only the tuition fees.

- **Post-Doctoral Fellowship**

- Applications are open to Malaysians and non-citizens.
- Have obtained a Ph.D degree with valid certificate within the last 5 years and have attended and passed the viva-voce (please provide a Senate Letter from your institution to attest to this);
- Have proof of proficiency in the English language (a minimum score of 600 on the TOEFL or Band 6.5 in the IELTS) for candidates whose Ph.D thesis was written in languages other than English;
- Have an excellent track record in publication, must demonstrate ability in producing publications;
- Have experience in carrying out research and have published in reviewed journals at either the national or the international level.
- Applicants should identify supervisors in the field of research before submitting the application.
- Applicants must have a good level of health and free from any infectious and chronic diseases.

5. Application

- Applications must use the **TIAC Research Fellowship Scheme Application Form** together which can be downloaded from the TIAC website at <https://tiac.um.edu.my/> with attached the following documents:
 - Completed and signed application forms
 - One (1) copy of a passport-sized photograph with a white background
 - Curriculum Vitae
 - Copies of academic qualifications
 - Description of Ph.D thesis/dissertation
 - The first page of publications
 - Referee's Report

- Completed application must be submitted together with the curriculum vitae, checklist, and all relevant documents to the TIAC Unit, Faculty of Business & Economics, Universiti Malaya, 50603 Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.
- Email the softcopy of the completed application form, curriculum vitae, checklist, and all relevant documents (PDF) in one (1) file to tiac@um.edu.my.
- Deadline for Post-Doc application will be announced in the official website. Only selected candidates will be notified.
- The application must be submitted within one (1) month before the committee convened. An incomplete application will not be processed.

6. Job and Responsibility

The candidate is responsible to TIAC Unit to perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- Conduct research on identified projects.
- Prepare research proposal(s) for possible research grant(s).
- Candidate assigned to carry out certain research work are required to submit his/her findings and research results.
- Publish publication papers in citation index journal (CIJ).
- All publications issued by the candidate must carry the name of TIAC Unit, supervisor(s) & the Universiti Malaya's affiliation.

Additional responsibilities for candidates to the TIAC Secretariat include:

- Assist TIAC Secretariat in obtaining research collaboration networks with outsiders.
- Assist TIAC Secretariat in organizing events (workshops & seminars).
- Duties and responsibilities of the candidate are in accordance with performance indicators currently set.

7. Databases Sharing

- TIAC has the right to retain and share the datasets compiled by the candidate.
- Any public comments made is subject to the consent of Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM).

8. Performance Indicators

- The candidate shall conduct such research in accordance to the schedule as proposed.
- Candidate must achieve the performance indicators outlined in the contract:
 - Prepare research proposal(s) for possible research grant(s).
 - Number of publications published in citation index journal (CIJ): 1 to 2
- The performance indicator report must be submitted 6 weeks before the expiration of the candidate's service contract.
- The performance indicator report is a measurement used for reappointment consideration.
- Candidates are encouraged to participate in relevant seminars and conferences.

9. Appointment Status (Applicable to Post-Doc only)

- Appointments are given contract status. (For International candidates, the conditions of appointment are subject to the National rules, regulations, and conditions applicable to foreign workers, as well as current policies enforced).
- The first appointment is a minimum of not more than 12 months for local candidates and a minimum of 12 months for international candidates (to meet visa requirements).
- An extension may be considered subject to the progress report, the achievement of Key Performance Indicator (KPI), and the recommendation of the Coordinator of the TIAC Unit and Principle Investigator (PI).
- Candidate placement is at the Faculty.

10. Salary and Termination (Applicable to Post-Doc only)

- Salary is RM5,500 per month.
- Issuance of termination notice is one-month salary payment and allowances in lieu of notice for both parties.

Only selected candidates will be notified through emails.