



TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR NATIONAL RESEARCH CHAIRS TENABLE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS AND/OR UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, MAURITIUS

The Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) is calling for proposals for National Research Chairs at the University of Mauritius and/or University of Technology, Mauritius. The Chairs, tenable on a contract of five years subject to satisfactory performance review, should have a PhD qualification recognised by TEC and have reached full Professorship in a recognised university with a proven track record.

The call is open to **qualified Mauritian and non-Mauritian nationals** who can submit a research plan in one of the following thematic programme areas:

- Information and Communication Technologies in the emerging global information society.
- Social and Economic Policy in the fields of economic growth, poverty and inequality; health policies and systems; peace, conflict and development; and women's rights and citizenship.
- Environment and Natural Resource Management including work on environment-health issues, environmental challenges associated with poverty in rural and urban settings, adaptation to climate change, and environmental economics.
- Innovation, Policy and Science emphasising research on systems of innovation, the impact of science, technology and innovation policies on development challenges; and enhancing social inclusion and multi-stakeholder participation in decision-making related to science and technology.

The Research Chairs are intended to:

- (i) attract established researchers from abroad and nationally, and/or to retain those already in the Higher Education system of Mauritius, in order to train and supervise the next generation of researchers and supervisors in the thematic programme areas.
- (ii) increase the number of specialists in the Higher Education system in the thematic programme areas.

The incumbents will be expected to pilot significant research and supervise the same in the thematic programme areas.

The proposals will be peer-reviewed by three external reviewers, consisting of experts outside Mauritius. The reviewers will assess each proposal and will rank them. The reviewers will make recommendations whether to fund the position. Such a review will also be conducted on a yearly basis to assess performance.

The criteria used to assess the applications are:

- (i) Quality of the National Research Chair Applicant

The applicant should demonstrate:

- evidence of contribution to advancing a discipline or leadership in one of the thematic area in terms of number of peer-reviewed publications in scholarly journals of international repute and patents filed
- strong potential to attract students and/or strong track record of attracting and supervising MPhil/PhD students in terms of successful capacity building (number of MPhil and PhD successfully completed)
- strong potential to obtain external funding and grants;

- (ii) Quality of the proposed research plan

The research plan should show:

- originality, innovation and quality of proposed research
- strong rationale for collaborative research
- feasibility of implementing the research programme: appropriate methodological framework for proposed work, research management plan

- strong rationale for budget allocations, logistical arrangements, research partnership considerations.
- (iii) Relevance of the proposal to Mauritius;
The research plan should demonstrate:
- relevance of the research programme to advancing the objectives of one or more the thematic research areas
 - alignment of the proposed programme of research with university priorities and/or wider societal challenges
- (iv) Commitment by involved universities and stakeholders.
The research plan should show:
- an ability of the host university to create an enabling environment for the research programme
 - capacity and willingness of the host university to collaborate and commit to developing an institutional relationship
 - the research collaboration developed beneficial to the host university and the nation through the development of niche areas with potential for economic development in the thematic areas.

Terms and Conditions of the National Research Chairs

1. The funding of the National Research Chairs will be from the budget of the UoM or UTM and comprise his/her salary and be tenable for 5 years.
2. The funding will be subject to external review on a yearly basis to assess performance.
3. The applicant should have reached full Professor rank with a proven track record and be acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to lead research in the thematic areas.
4. The Chairs may be authorised to engage in some paid teaching in thematic areas not exceeding 45 hours per year.
5. The host university will provide the office space and logistical support for the National Research Chairs.

Salary scheme

The post of National Research Chair will carry a flat salary of Rs 75,000/- together with approved extra remuneration as per the PRB Report 2008 and an adhoc allowance of Rs 13,000 per month.

Benefits

Other benefits attached to the post will be:

- (i) Passage benefits at the rate of 5% of annual salary.
- (ii) Book allowance of Rs 12,000/- per annum (conditions apply).
- (iii) Allowance of Rs 1360/- per month for the use of internet at place of residence.
- (iv) Mobile phone and calls up to Rs 2,000/- monthly.
- (v) Monthly fuel allowance of either Rs 9,755/- (petrol) or Rs 8,365/- (diesel).
- (vi) Duty free car, leave and other benefits as per the PRB Report 2008 available for contract officers.

Application

The application should be made on-line from the TEC website <http://www.tec.mu>. Applicants should also submit on-line a detailed Curriculum Vitae and a research plan.

For further information on the Call for proposals you may contact

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The closing date is **05 June 2012**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Requirements for Online Application

General Information

Surname :

Other Names :

Maiden Name (if any) :

Date of Birth :

Nationality/Citizenship :

Marital Status :

Mailing Information

Office Address :

Office City :

Office Country :

Office Tel :

Office Fax :

Office Email :

Home Address :

Home City :

Home Country :

Home Tel / Mobile :

Home Fax :

Employment Record

Position held :

Organisation :

From :

To :

Academic Details

Examination Passed :

Year :

Awarding Body :

Major Subjects/Specialization :

Publications

Number of Papers Published in Peer-Reviewed Journals :

Number of Books Written :

Number of Books Edited :

Number of Books with Contribution in Chapters :

List of Patents Filed :

Host Institution (where research will be conducted) :

Research Strategy

1. Propose Research Strategy

Briefly describe how the research you proposed to undertake will integrate the institutional's research strategy (<= 3 pages)

2. Organisational Structure

Describe the organisational position of the Chair (<= 1 page). Where possible use a diagram to show how the Chair will be integrated in a School or Department. Show all relevant

linkages. The point is to establish how the Chair will be integrated into existing structure and therefore how it will synergise with the existing competencies.

Details of Research Plan

1. Research Plan
Briefly describe your proposed research plan in line with the thematic research programmes (<= 1 page).
2. Relevance of the Research
Briefly describe the relevance of this research (<= 1 page).

Institution Role in the Envisaged Chair

1. Academic Support
How will the institution support the Chair using non-financial means? (<= 1 page)
Consider integration with other research initiatives, research labs, library, linkages, etc.
2. Financial Support
How will the institution support the chair financially? Consider provision of facilities, access to necessary equipment, etc (<= ½ a page)
3. Management
How will the chair be managed by the institution? (<= ½ a page)
Consider performance management, reporting lines, etc

Additional information

1. You will be required to upload in a single PDF document the following information (as asked above):
 - a. Books, Publications and Patents
 - b. Propose Research Strategy
 - c. Organisational Structure
 - d. Research Plan
 - e. Relevance of the Research
 - f. Academic Support
 - g. Financial Support
 - h. Management
2. You will also be required to upload a detailed Curriculum vitae