CREIM UniSZA	GUIDELINE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF RESEARCH FELLOW SCHEME UNIVERSITI SULTAN ZAINAL ABIDIN (UniSZA)	KELULUSAN: MESYUARAT JKPU BIL.8/ 2024 BERTARIKH: 19 FEBRUARI 2024 PINDAAN KELULUSAN: MESYUARAT JKPU BIL.26/ 2024
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NO.	SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	
	INTRODUCTION	This guideline is provided to facilitate and explain the process of application, appointment, duties and responsibilities of the Research Fellow appointed under the UniSZA Research Fellow Scheme. Through this scheme, it is hoped to enhance the research and publication capabilities of UniSZA researchers in producing impactful publications through strategic collaborations with acclaimed external.	
	OPERATIONAL DEFINITION	CREIM : Center for Research Excellence & Incubator Management JKPP : Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Penyelidikan JPFI : Jawatankuasa Penyelidikan Fakulti/ Institut KPI : Key Performance Indicator RG : Research Group SIG : Special Interest Group TNC (P&I) : Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation) UniSZA : Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin	
	RESPONSIBILITY	Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Director of CREIM, Director of Institutes, Deans, Registrar, relevant parties are responsible for ensuring compliance with this guideline.	
	OBJECTIVE	i) To assist UniSZA researchers to receive training and knowledge from experts who have vast experience in high-impact publications.	

ii) To enhance the expertise of the UniSZA's researchers to publish more high- indexed and high impact publications. To increase the number of national and iii) international academic and research networking. iv) To increase the number of research collaboration with other organizations/ agencies. Qualification TERM OF APPOINTMENT i) Open to national and international candidates from universities/ higher organizations. institutions/ National applicants will only be considered if the applicant has either retired from service and not affiliated with any local university in Malaysia. Candidates shall have the minimum ii) with (Doctor of Philosophy) PhD qualification equivalent. iii) For Science & Technology, the shall have experience candidate research and have in conducting published at least seven (7) papers in WoS (Q1-Q4) indexed journals as First Author or Corresponding Author for the last 3 years. iv) Meanwhile, for Social Sciences, the candidate shall have experience in conducting research and have published at least seven (7) papers in WoS/ Scopus indexed journals as First Author or Corresponding Author for last 3 years. v) Applicant who does not fulfill the H-Index requirement can be considered for candidature if has publications of more than seven (7) journal articles WoS/ Scopus within the last two (2) vears. Candidates at the time of application, vi)

shall have H-Index at least:

- a) 10 for Science & Technology
- b) 5 for Social Science
- v) Not convicted of any criminal offense and not directly or indirectly involved with any radical group/immoral activities.

Application Procedure

- i) Application shall be made through the respective faculty.
- ii) Application shall provide the following:
 - a) Relevant identification document
 - b) Educational background
 - c) Position held
 - d) Awards received
 - e) List of Publications with impact factors

Required Supporting Document

The candidate shall submit the following supporting documents at the time of application:-

- i. Curriculum Vitae that shows the latest 3 years of publications
- ii. Certified copy of identification documents (NRIC or Passport)
- ii. Recent passport-sized photo (2 copies)
- iv. Certified academic certificate.

Appointment Status

The appointment status of the Research Fellow is contractual based not under the appointment scheme of the Malaysian Public Service Department (PSD).

Residency of Research Fellow during the Appointment Period

The appointed Research Fellow expected to work remotely and can be in their own country/ locality during the period of appointment.

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	Appointment Period	
	Period: Twelve (12) months.	
	Cancellation of Appointment	
	UniSZA reserves the right to terminate the appointment of any Research Fellow at any particular time for any reasonable cause.	
SELECTION	Job Responsibilities of JPFI:	
COMMITEE	i) Verifying the candidate's qualification in terms of research expertise. ii) Determining the candidate's expertise requirements and contributions to the university's research focus area.	
DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ATTACHE	The Research Fellow is required to be affiliated with a UniSZA academic staff member for collaborative purposes. Only one researcher should be designated as an attache' according to the application form. The attache' duties and responsibilities are as follows: i) Advise and ensure the Research Fellow to be First Author or Corresponding Author in all published collaborative research work in WoS or Scopus indexed journals during the period of appointment. ii) Maintain correspondence with the Research Fellow for academic/ research networking.	
DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESEARCH FELLOW	The duties and responsibilities of Research Fellow's are divided into two (2), in accordance to their research field. Appointed Research Fellow is required to: For Science & Technology: a) The appointed Research Fellow are required to publish indexed journal article listed in WoS (Q1-Q4) together with academic staff as coauthor; and b) Ensure that in the publication above, the Research Fellow expressly state their affiliation with UniSZA.	

	For Soc	ial Science:	
	publi Scop autho b) Ensu Rese	 a) The appointed Research Fellow are required to publish indexed journal article listed in WoS/Scopus together with academic staff as coauthor; and b) Ensure that in the publication above, the Research Fellow expressly state their affiliation with UniSZA. 	
PUBLICATIONS INCENTIVE		The appointed Research Fellow is allowed and encouraged to acquire publications incentive as follows:	
	TYPE	S OF ARTICLE	INCENTIVE RATE (RM)
	Q1 / Q2		RM 3,000.00 per article
	Web of Q3/ Q4	Sciences (WoS)	RM 2,000.00 per article
	Scopus	/ ESCI/ AHCI	RM 1,000.00 per article
SECRETARIAT	Exceller serves	The Administrative Unit, Centre for Research Excellence & Incubator Management (CREIM), serves as the secretariat for the appointment matters of Research Fellows.	
GENERAL GUIDELINES	i)	Applications t JPFI.	to be made through the
	ii)	application to	eview and verify each ensure that all required are complete before em to CREIM.
	iii)	appointment to Registrar's applicants. A o	er, agreement form, and erms will be issued by the Office to successful copy of the offer letter and I be forwarded to the TNC
	iv)	required to s contains the appointment contract and	ed Research Fellow is sign an agreement that terms and conditions of under this scheme. The confidentiality agreement re as determined by the

CONCLUSION	This guideline can serve as a guide for the recruitment and appointment of Research Fellows at UniSZA.
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