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ID: Dir Coord, SO to Pro-Rector(RIC)  
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Subject: **Measures to Enhance NUST Research Publications**

Reference: Meeting on Follow-up of University Rankings held on 20 Feb 2019.

1. The importance of research publications for the prestige of university like NUST cannot be over emphasized. A number of brainstorming sessions have been held with faculty members to enhance the quality & quantity of our scientific publications. In this context, various proposals have been deliberated and some of them were discussed for finalization during these meetings. Thereafter, these proposals were presented to Rector, who is pleased to approve the following with immediate effect:

a. **Increase in Research Paper Publication Fee as per the Impact Factor (IF) of the Journal:**

**Category-I:** For IF < 3.0, publication fee up to \$ 1,200/- may be sponsored by NUST.

**Category-II:** For IF 3.0 up to 15.0, Publication fee up to \$ 3,000 may be sponsored by NUST.

**Category-III:** For IF 15 and above, Publication fee up to \$ 5000 may be sponsored by NUST.

Other details as per RIC Policy para 2.15 will remain the same.

b. **Increase in Financial Award for Research Paper Publication in Impact Factor Journal:** The financial award ceiling for published paper has been increased from Rs.50,000/- to Rs.75,000/-. Net award calculation will be as follows:

$$\text{Amount of the award in Rs.} = 45000 + (30000) \times \frac{TJ - PJ}{TJ - 1}$$

TJ = Total journals in relevant WoS-JCR subject category

PJ = Position of the journal in descending order with respect to impact factor in the subject category

- c. **Distribution of Financial Award among NUST Authors:** First four NUST Authors including corresponding NUST author will be considered at 2<sup>nd</sup> ordinal for calculation of share of NUST authors and total financial award will be distributed among these NUST authors only as per RIC Policy para 2.17.
- d. **Pre-requisite for Second Conference and onward for Conference Paper Presentation Abroad:** The criteria for second conference and onward conference visit abroad has been revised as “2x Impact Factor research paper **or** 1x Impact Factor research paper and an in-progress sponsored R&D project with value above PKR 1.00/- Million” as a pre-requisite. Other details as per RIC Policy para 2.16 will remain the same.
- e. **Sponsorship of Conference Travel Abroad based on Abstract Acceptance:** Whereas, the route identified in para 2.16 for availing conference travel grant will remain, a provision has been created for abstract based acceptance. Each NUST school/college is to provide a list of top 10 conferences compiled with input from all departments by **22 April 2019**. Research Dte will then issue a pre-approved list of conferences for abstract based acceptance for NUST sponsorship.

2. It is requested that the above information may please be disseminated for the information of all faculty members, researchers and students and in future relevant cases may please be processed accordingly.



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Director (Research)  
for Rector