Working Paper # 9

Best Researcher Award

Introduction

1.   Research has always been a very important component of universities all over the world. Faculty members performing extraordinary research are recognized and rewarded for their contribution towards achieving research excellence. NUST, being a research led university, fully recognizes the importance of research as well as recognition of outstanding researchers of NUST.

2.   NUST Best Researcher Award policy is in vogue since past few years, however, it is being reviewed to make the criteria more comprehensive and in line with the contemporary trends which are the fuel for betterment of research index.

Types of Best Researcher Awards

3.   There are two types of Best Researcher Awards being awarded at NUST:

   a.   **University Best Researcher Award**
        This award is conferred at university level to the overall best performing researcher of NUST with a certificate and cash prize of PKR 150,000/-.

   b.   **School / College Best Researcher Award**
        This award is conferred at School / College level to the best performing researcher of the respective institution with a certificate and cash prize of PKR 75,000/-.

Eligibility Criteria

4.   Eligibility criteria formulated below is for the Best Researcher Award for University as well as School / College. Faculty member being considered for the awards must meet the following criteria:

   a.   The researcher must hold a regular 'faculty / staff position' at NUST.
   b.   Minimum two year service in NUST is essential.
   c.   Once awarded, re-nomination shall be considered after three years.
   d.   Data for the calendar year under consideration will only be applicable.
   e.   A claim with insufficient documentary proof will not be considered for points' calculation.
   f.   Research projects processed through or intimated to Research Dte with proof of funds released to NUST will only be counted.
   g.   Industrial component of funding in research projects will not be considered for Best Researcher Award.
   h.   Publications, projects, research grants, student supervision etc. related to NUST will only be considered.

i.   The best researcher must have some scores in at least 04 categories of the submitted proforma and minimum aggregate score of 25%.

Nomination and Selection Process

5.   Nominations will be received on prescribed proforma as per SOP of awards.

6.   The summary of scrutineering will be presented to NUST Evaluation Committee (NEC) and the final selection / approval of University Best Researcher Award will be made by NEC. Composition of NEC is:

     a.   Pro-Rector (RIC)   Chairman
     b.   Director (Research)   Member
     c.   Director (I&C)   Member
     d.   Director (PGP)   Member
     e.   Director (HR)   Member
     f.   AD (M&E)   Secy

7.   Award will be conferred to the awardee as per SOP (as approved in ACM).

Recommendation

8.   The working paper was discussed at the 1st UCRIP on 21 Jan 2019 and it is recommended for approval at the 52nd ACM.

9.   Academic Council is requested for decision.

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UNIVERSITY BEST RESEARCHER AWARD
(Evaluation Proforma)

1. **Particulars of Faculty Member**

   a.   Name of School / College:

   b.   Department:

   c.   Name of the Researcher:

   d.   Discipline/Subject Category:

   e.   Date of Birth:

   f.   Present Appointment:

   g.   Date of Joining:

2. **Highest Qualification**

3. **Area of Specialization/Research Interest**

4. **Research Profile**

   4.1   **Sponsored Research Projects**   **Weightage: 40%**

         a.   **Research projects approved**   **Weightage: 20 %**
             (PI = 100%, Co-PI = 50%, Team member = 12.5%)

             i.   No. of projects

	Points per project
More than PKR 10 M	10
Between PKR 5 to 10 M	05
Between PKR 1 to 5 M	03
Less than PKR 1 M	02
Delayed in-prog projects	-5% per project

             ii.   Title of each project

* Marks will be deducted for delay attributable to FM

b. **Research projects completed** **Weightage: 20 %**
(PI = 100%, Co-PI = 50%, Team member = 12.5%)

    i.   No. of projects

	Points per project
More than PKR 10 M	10
Between PKR 5 to 10 M	05
Between PKR 1 to 5 M	03
Less than PKR 1 M	02
Delayed Projects	-5% per project

    ii.   Title of each project

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4.2   Research Publications   Weightage: 40%

a. **Journal Papers**   **Weightage: 20%**

	Points per paper
i. No. of research papers in I.F journals (WoS) (*)	10
ii. No. of research papers in Non-I.F journals (*)	05

b. **Conference Papers**   **Weightage: 10%**

	Points per paper
i. Paper presentation with indexed publication (*)	10
ii. Key note speaker in a conference	05
iii. Paper presentation without indexed publication (*)	03

(*) Additional weightage of 15% in case of joint international authorship

c. **Books**   **Weightage: 10%**

	Points per book or chap
i. Complete book published	10
ii. Book chapter published	05

4.3   PhD Students   **Weightage: 12%**

		Points per student
a.	PhD students supervised or under supervision	10
b.	PhD students co-supervised and completed	05

4.4   MS Students   **Weightage: 08%**

		Points per student
a.	MS students supervised and graduated with publication(s)	10
b.	MS students supervised and graduated without publication(s)	05
c.	MS students co-supervised	03

Signature of Applicant

Countersigned by Commandant/Principal
Stamp:

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