



**ZAMALAH RESEARCH SCHEME  
(TUITION FEE ASSISTANCE/SCHOLARSHIP ONLY)  
SEMESTER 1 2021/2022**

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Through the minutes of the meeting of the Research and Publication Committee No.2 / 2020 dated 11 March 2020 and also the minutes of the 466th Senate meeting dated 17 June 2020, the University has agreed that the governance of the Zamalah Research Scheme will be implemented and managed by the UKM Graduate Centre under Awards and Scholarships Unit.
- 1.2 The UKM Graduate Centre will continue this Zamalah offer in Semester 1 of the Academic Session 2021/2022 and monitor further applications by students who have received Semester 2 of the Academic Session 2020/2021.

**2.0 OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1 To attract potential local and international students interested in pursuing postgraduate studies in research mode at UKM with financing tuition fees for the first semester and the second semester are subject to student performance.
- 2.2 To strengthen and increase research output in UKM through expanding the recruitment of excellent postgraduate students (research mode) and increasing the number of publications.

**3.0 TERMS OF APPOINTMENT**

**3.1 General Terms**

- 3.1.1 Candidates have **received an offer letter of admission from UKM** for Master's or Doctor of Philosophy studies through full-time research mode;
- 3.1.2 New applications are open to candidates who have **not registered** OR are in the **first and second semester** of study are eligible to apply;
- 3.1.3 Extension applications are offered to students who are in the **second and third semesters** who meet the set KPI requirements;
- 3.1.4 Application only for students studying **full-time only**;
- 3.1.5 Applicants must have research recommendations certified by the supervisor;
- 3.1.6 Appointments are automatically revoked if it is found that the candidate has **deferred/graduated/received any form of scholarship or financial support** that was not stated during the application. However, for candidates who defer their studies, deferment considerations for this Zamalah Research

Scheme may be given subject to the reviews made by PS;

- 3.1.7 Applicants do not receive any form of scholarship or other financial support and are not involved in any employment type whether paid or not. However, the panel and the evaluation committee may consider sponsorships or scholarships not related to tuition fees.

### 3.2 Terms According to the Candidate's Level of Study

#### 3.2.1 Candidates for Masters Studies

- a. Open to Citizen candidates only;
- b. Obtain good results (CGPA  $\geq$  3.00) while studying for a bachelor's degree OR a qualification recognized as equivalent by the Government of Malaysia;
- c. Calon Candidates who have a record of publication in the production of articles in journals or proceedings will be given priority to consider.

#### 3.2.2 Candidates for Doctor of Philosophy Studies

- a. Open to Citizen and Non-Citizen candidates;
- b. Pass the master in research mode with Publication Record:
  - i. Candidates from the Science Technology field have had at least one (1) publication published in the journal indexed by WoS / SCOPUS / ERA in the last three years.
  - ii. Candidates from the Social Sciences field have had at least one (1) publication in journals indexed by WoS / SCOPUS in the last three years
- c. Obtain good results (CGPA  $\geq$  3.50) while in Masters studies in mixed courses/modes OR equivalent qualifications recognized by the Government of Malaysia with Publication Record:
  - i. Candidates from the Science Technology field have had at least one (1) publication in an indexed journal three by WoS / SCOPUS / ERA in the last three years
  - ii. Candidates from the Social Sciences field have had at least one (1) publication in a journal indexed by WoS / SCOPUS / ERA in the last three years.

### 3.3 Terms for Supervisors

- 3.3.1 Supervisors must be active academic staff following the MyRA® glossary definition;
- 3.3.2 The Supervisor must be the **project leader** for at least one (1) active research project (project period must be at least one year from the date of application) and have sufficient funds to support the candidate's research during the Zamalah Scheme acceptance period;

### 3.3.3 Publication Records:

- a. Supervisors from the field of Science Technology must have at least two (2) publications in indexed journals (WoS / SCOPUS / ERA) as the lead author or correspondent writer within the previous one (1) year.
- b. Supervisors from the field of Social Sciences must have at least one (1) publication in an indexed journal (WoS / SCOPUS / ERA) as the lead author or correspondent in the previous one (1) year.

## 4.0 FINANCING METHODS

- 4.1 The Zamalah Scholarship Scheme is funded by Research University fund;
- 4.2 This financial support will be given to students based on the semester of study according to the UKM academic calendar;
- 4.3 Students who are eligible to be considered will **receive ONLY tuition fee assistance**. All students including non-citizens must have a Malaysian bank account (CIMB Bank Berhad) to refund these tuition fees;
- 4.4 Recipients of Zamalah Scheme must submit a research performance report at least one (1) month before the new semester begins according to the prescribed format;
- 4.5 Considerations and recommendations for an extension for the next semester will be made based on student research performance and subject to adequate allocation balance.

## 5.0 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

### 5.1 New Application

- 5.1.1 **Candidates who have not registered** OR are in the **first and second semester of study** are eligible to apply;
- 5.1.2 Applicants must complete the application form by submitting supporting documents as in the checklist.
- 5.1.3 The applicant obtained recommendation/approval from the proposed supervisor;
- 5.1.4 Research proposals (maximum of five pages) should include the following:
  - a. Research Title
  - b. Executive Summary
  - c. Background of Research
  - d. Research Methodology
  - e. Expected Output
  - f. Milestone

## 5.2 Scholarship Extension Application

- 5.2.1 Recipients of the Zamalah Scheme in the previous semester (being in the first and second semester) can forward the extension application by submitting a Performance Report to the UKM Graduate Centre;
- 5.2.2 Students who successfully receive the Zamalah Scheme in the first or second semester, extension in the following semester is subject to the current allocation of the university;
- 5.2.3 All publications that have been sent, received and published must be registered in the e-Repository system by UKM academic staff. The registration of the publication in the e-Repository must be included in the extension application as a proof.

## 6.0 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

6.1 The evaluation will be made through an Evaluation Workshop by the appointed Evaluation Committee;

6.2 Criteria assessed include:

### 6.2.1 New Application

- a. Applicant Academic Qualifications
- b. Supervisor eligibility requirements - Status, Publications, Research Projects
- c. Publisher's Publication Record
- d. Potential for publishing
- e. Research proposal

### 6.2.2 Scholarship Extension Application

- a. Publication achievement

## 7.0 ACHIEVEMENT DURING THE SCHOLARSHIP PERIOD

7.1 The achievement of publications that need to be achieved during the appointment period is as follows:

KPI	Master	PhD
KPI for the first six months/ Semester 1	At least one (1) manuscript SENT to indexed journal (WoS / SCOPUS / ERA)	At least one (1) manuscript SENT to indexed journal (WoS / SCOPUS)
KPI for the second six months/ Semester 2	At least one (1) manuscript ACCEPTED to be published in an indexed journal (WoS / SCOPUS / ERA)	At least one (1) manuscript ACCEPTED to be published in an indexed journal (WoS / SCOPUS)

KPI for the first six months/ Semester 3	At least one (1) manuscript SENT to indexed journal (WoS / SCOPUS / ERA)	At least one (1) manuscript SENT to indexed journal (WoS / SCOPUS)
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#### 8.0 ACCEPTANCE OF SCHOLARSHIP OFFER

Calon Candidates who accept the offer are required to sign the **Zamalah Scheme Acceptance Declaration Letter** and return it to UKM Graduate Centre within fourteen (14) days from the offer letter's date.

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