



UTS

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SARAWAK

POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
GUIDELINES

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Post Doctoral Research Fellowship Guidelines cover the management of Post Doctoral Research Fellowship in University of Technology Sarawak (UTS).

2. Objectives

- 2.1 To enhance the university's achievement in research and academic publication
- 2.2 To increase the university's visibility in research and academic publication
- 2.3 To increase MyRA star rating
- 2.4 To inculcate and nurture the research culture in the university

3. Eligibility of Applicant

- 3.1 Open to all applicants who are from or outside Malaysia .
- 3.2 Have obtained a Doctor of Philosophy from recognised institutions within or outside Malaysia.
- 3.3 Have knowledge and experience in research areas conducting by the Research Centres as listed in Section 4.
- 3.4 Have published TWO (2) SCOPUS/WOS/ERA papers as first author.
- 3.5 Have good health and free from any infectious or chronic disease.
- 3.6 All applications must go through the Research Centres.
- 3.7 The applicant who are non-citizen of Malaysia is required to produce evidence of skills in the English Language according to the TOEFL (minimum score of 600) OR IELTS (minimum average score of 6.5) except for native of English speaker.

4. Accountability to Research Centres

Post Doctoral Research Fellow will be responsible under one of the Research Centres as listed below:

- 4.1 Design and Technology Centre (DeTeC)
- 4.2 Centre of Excellence for Wood Engineered Products (CeWEP)
- 4.3 Centre for Research of Innovation and Sustainable Development (CRISD)
- 4.4 Centre for Borneo Regionalism and Conservation (BORC)
- 4.5 Advanced Centre on Sustainable Socio-Economic and Technological Development (ASSET)
- 4.6 Centre on Technological Readiness and Innovation in Business Technopreneurship (CONTRIBUTE)

5. Conditions of Appointment

- 5.1 The appointment of Post Doctoral Research Fellow is on full time status and must pass self-sponsored health examination.
- 5.2 The successful candidate must sign a contract of agreement and the contract document are as determined by the University.
- 5.3 Duration of appointment is TWO (2) years and can be extended for another ONE (1) year based on the availability of university's fund, satisfactory service performance and recommendation by Head of Research Centre with approval from University Research Committee and endorsement by the Senate.
- 5.4 The Head of Research Centre has to prepare a working paper to request for extension and table it to University Research Committee for approval and the Senate for endorsement. The paper must be submitted within THREE (3) months to Centre for Research & Development before the appointment end date. The extension letter will be issued by Human Capital and Administration Department.

- 5.5 Monthly salary for Post Doctoral Research Fellow is RM 5,500.00 and not entitled for any salary increment.
- 5.6 Eligible to present paper(s) in ONE (1) domestic conference within the term of service and will be covered under Human Capital Department OR external grant funding.
- 5.7 Post Doctoral Research Fellow is eligible for annual leave of TWENTY-FIVE (25) days. However, Post Doctoral Research Fellow is not allowed to apply 25 days of leave in a lump sum.
- 5.8 Any remaining annual leave in the current year will be forfeited and cannot be carried forward to the following year.
- 5.9 Annual leave application must be recommended by Head of Research Centre and approved by Director of Centre for Research & Development.
- 5.10 Immigration matters are managed by Human Capital and Administration Department.
- 5.11 Post Doctoral Research Fellow or UTS to give ONE (1) month notice for termination of service. Post Doctoral Research Fellowship shall be terminated at the expiry of the engagement period or any time on occurrence of any of the following:
 - a. Unfit for further service due to serious illness; OR
 - b. Convicts in any crime; OR
 - c. Commits an act of bankruptcy; OR
 - d. Any gross misconduct, insubordination and persistent absence from work; OR
 - e. Fails to perform his/her duties satisfactorily.
- 5.12 All publications and research outputs produced by Post Doctoral Research Fellow during the duration of appointment are fully owned by the University.

6. Responsibility of Post Doctoral Research Fellow

- 6.1 Conduct research works in identified or existing projects under Research Centre.
- 6.2 Involve in teaching and learning activities with minimum 6 hours per week (i.e. tutor, research assistant, etc.). However, it is up to the Dean and Head of Research Centre to decide on the teaching assignment as the main focus of Post Doctoral Research Fellow is research and publication.
- 6.3 Prepare at least ONE (1) paper for every 2 months of service with UTS full time academic staff and the University affiliation must be included.
- 6.4 Publish at least ONE (1) paper in SCOPUS/WOS/ERA indexed journals for each year of service with UTS full time academic staff and the University affiliation must be included.
- 6.5 Prepare and submit at least TWO (2) research proposals of external grants for each year of service.
- 6.6 Assist the Research Centre in establishing research networks or linkages with external parties.
- 6.7 Submit Post Doctoral Research Fellowship Progress Report (UTS-CRD-P07-PDPR) every quarter of the year to Centre for Research & Development.
- 6.8 Must fulfill 8 working hours per day.

7. Submission of Application

- 7.1 The applicant must fill in the Post Doctoral Research Fellowship Application form (UTS-CRD-P07-PD) and submit the documents as listed in Post Doctoral Research Fellowship Checklist (UTS-CRD-P07-PDC) to Centre for Research & Development.
- 7.2 Any incomplete document(s) will be returned to the applicant and the application will be processed after Centre for Research & Development receives complete documents.
- 7.3 The application is open throughout the year and depends on the availability of University's fund.
- 7.4 If the applicant has not receive any response within SIX (6) months after the date of submission, the application is considered as unsuccessful.