



DWU Small Internal Research Grants Scheme

I am pleased to announce that a research support scheme called 'DWU Small Internal Research Grants Scheme' will be effective from the beginning of the academic year 2022. Applications should include the research project, updated CV of the applicant, ethics clearance letter from UREC and a cover letter justifying the grant application. Applications are to be sent electronically to Jose Kurian at jkurian@dwu.ac.pg and to Ms Coelina Matbob at cmatbob@dwu.ac.pg

The grant specifications

A maximum of 5 small grants of PGK 2000 will be awarded per year.

Selection Panel

The grant applications will be screened by a panel of three members headed by Vice President Research and Higher Degrees (VPRHD). The other two members of the panel will be appointed by the Research and Higher Degrees Board (RHDB).

Terms of Reference

- 1) The applications from DWU staff for doing small scale research will be accepted throughout the year
- 2) The applicant(s) must be DWU staff member(s)
- 3) Grant applications will be considered on a first-come-first-served basis
- 4) A research proposal must be of 2000-3000 words that explains the project, the methodology, ethical considerations, research participants, timeframe and budget
- 5) At the time of submitting the application, the proposal should have already received ethics clearance from UREC
- 6) The project should make reasonable contribution to the research profile of the University
- 7) The research should be completed within 10 months' time
- 8) The grants will be awarded to an individual for an individual project or to a team for a team project
- 9) For team research and individual research projects the amount is the same

- 10) An individual, for an individual project or as part of a team, is not eligible to receive more than one grant per year
- 11) The research project must start within one month from the date of announcement of awarding the grant through an official letter from the office of VPRHD
- 12) If there is no research outcome at the completion of 12 months, to the satisfaction of the panel of three members headed by VPRHD, the awardee will be asked to repay the amount. In case of no repayment, that particular staff member/team members will be disqualified for future grant applications.
- 13) In case the researcher/team that received the award stops being on the DWU staff by resignation or termination before completion of the research project, the awardee(s) are expected to return the award amount to DWU.
- 14) The term 'completion of the research project' means the acceptance of the paper produced by the researcher/team for publication by a recognized international or national journal/publishing firm.
- 15) In the case of research teams, the obligation to fulfil the conditions of the award rests with the team leader/lead researcher of the team.



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