

Fellowship Scheme for Regular Staff

1. Categories of Fellowship Scheme (Regular Staff)

- Fellows of Excellent Publication Scheme
- Fellows of Signature Research Cluster Project

2. Excellent Publication Scheme

The Excellent Publication Scheme is launched by the Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (IAS) to encourage faculty doing impactful research to publish their research outputs in leading international publication platforms of their fields.

2.1 Requirements

The main body of the research prepared for publication must be completed, i.e., 80 percent or the whole draft has been ready. It is preferable if the applicants can provide acceptance letter/contract or initial comments and requirements of revision from the journals or publishers. The Fellows of Excellent Publication Scheme continue to use their office at the home departments. However, they should actively participate in the academic activities of IAS and submit the outcomes to the Office of IAS in due course for the purpose of record.

2.2 Support

To encourage UM's regular academic staff to apply for the Fellows of Excellent Publication Scheme, IAS will provide successful applicants with one-time funding of maximum MOP100,000 to relieve their teaching duties by recruiting substitute teachers, and/or to cover some expenses of publication and staffing.

The duration of the aforementioned programme is normally 6 months. Longer duration will be treated as exceptional cases.

2.3 Application

Applicants should fill out the "Application Form – Fellowship Scheme (Regular Staff)":

Ways of Application:

1. UM faculty who plan to apply the Excellent Publication Scheme using their sabbatical leave can directly apply to IAS after filling out Section One to Section Three of the form listed below. They will sign a mutual agreement with IAS upon the approval of their application. The research outcomes should be counted towards the outcomes of their affiliated academic unit after the fulfillment of the agreement.
2. Applicants without sabbatical leave should seek consent of the affiliated department and faculty. Section Four of the application form must be completed by the department head and faculty dean. Applicants will sign

the tripartite agreement with their affiliated faculty and IAS upon the approval of their application. The research outcomes should be counted towards the outcomes of their affiliated academic unit after the fulfillment of the agreement.

- Applicants of the **Excellent Publication Scheme** may directly send the completed form to ias.programme@um.edu.mo.
- For enquiries please contact: ias.programme@um.edu.mo

3. Signature Research Cluster Project

UM regular faculty will be automatically appointed as Fellows of Signature Research Cluster Project upon the approval of their research project as one under either one of the three Signature Research Clusters. The Fellows of Excellent Publication Scheme continue to use their office at the home departments. However, they should actively participate in the academic activities of IAS and submit the outcomes to the Office of IAS in due course for the purpose of record.

Fellow of Signature Research Cluster Project does not need to make an application.