



DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSORSHIP

1.0 Background

The UCSI University Distinguished Visiting Professorship is a programme which aims to elevate the university towards research excellence in the international arena. The objective of this initiative is to strengthen the university's research capabilities and therefore increase the research output, impact, and citation.

2.0 Objectives

- 2.1 To contribute to the university's increase in number of high-impact publications and the university's global ranking and MyRA
- 2.2 To help the university's researchers to receive training and knowledge from experts who have vast experience in high-impact publications.
- 2.3 To enhance the expertise of the university's researchers to produce more high-indexed and high-impact publications. The Distinguished Visiting Professor is encouraged to have joint publication with one or more UCSI University's academic staff.

3.0 Eligibility

The Distinguished Visiting Professor should have a minimum requirement of:

- 3.1 A doctoral degree or equivalent qualification;
- 3.2 Be appointed at the level of a full Professor benchmarked internationally;
- 3.3 Be an outstanding and innovative researcher whose accomplishments have made a major impact in their fields;

- 3.4 Be recognized internationally as an undisputed leader in their field and/or have received substantial international recognition for his/her research contributions (citation and impact of their research);
- 3.5 An outstanding record in attracting and supervising post-graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

4.0 Appointment

The Distinguished Visiting Professor can apply to the faculty/institute by invitation, the application and appointment processes are outlined as follows:

- 4.1 The faculty/institute will submit nomination/proposal to the evaluation committee.
- 4.2 The evaluation committee, consisting of Dean/Director from the relevant faculty/institute, a panel of advisors (minimum one (1) internal [*within the faculty/institute*] and one (1) external [*outside of the faculty/institute*] experts in the field within UCSI University) and chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research and Postgraduate Studies, shall select and propose the candidate to TMM which, if agreed, will be forwarded to the Senate for endorsement.
- 4.3 The duration of the appointment for each Distinguished Visiting Professor is up to a maximum of THREE (3) years, and renewable dependent on accomplished performance.
- 4.4 The appointment can be terminated by either party, by giving a notice in writing to the other party. (Note: the duration of termination notice is depending upon the appointment period of the Distinguished Visiting Professor and to be clearly spelled out in the Appointment Letter)

5.0 Scope of Engagement

The Distinguished Visiting Professor shall:

- 5.1 Contribute to increasing research outputs of the university with emphasis on citations and impacts as well as postgraduate training.
- 5.2 Engage in international activities including international networking, appointment in international societies/boards, organizing committee of international conference and etc; reviewer committee of international research grants, editorial boards of high impact journals and etc.

- 5.3 Serve as mentor and facilitator to UCSI researchers for obtaining international collaborations, research grants, appointments, and in publishing high impact publications.
- 5.4 To publish Tier One or Tier Two articles affiliated with UCSI University during the tenure, and preferably jointly with UCSI academics.

6.0 Entitlements

- 6.1 The Distinguished Visiting Professor shall have one visit to the UCSI University per year, and is entitled to an honorarium for the visit during the tenure as a Distinguished Visiting Professor. Each visit will not be longer than one calendar month.

The entitlement is as follows:

RM 500.00 per working day up to a maximum of RM10,000.00 for one calendar month.

- 6.2 The Distinguished Visiting Professor is entitled to accommodation reimbursement as follows (applicable only if accommodation at Le Quadri Hotel is not available and with the approval from Pro-vice Chancellor):

Maximum RM300.00 nett per night for a visit not longer than 5 working days.

Maximum of RM3,000 for a visit up to one calendar month.

- 6.3 The Distinguished Visiting Professor is entitled to air fare reimbursement of return Business Class by the most direct route from country of residence/Kuala Lumpur/country of residence. Extra baggage charges will not be borne by the University.

Note: Air fare reimbursement is extended to the Distinguished Visiting Professor only and does not include their child/children and spouse.

- 6.4. The Distinguished Visiting Professor is entitled to airport transfer reimbursement.
- 6.5 Wherever and whenever possible, outpatient medical treatment shall be made at the Laurent Bleu Medical Centre when the Distinguished Visiting Professor happens to be taken ill whilst actively engaged. Where other panel clinics are consulted, claims with original receipts could be submitted for reimbursements. A Medical Benefit cap of up to RM300.00 per month (applicable only on the month where the Distinguished Visiting Professor is actively engaged) shall apply.

7.0 Intellectual Property Rights and Acknowledgement

All research publications produced with UCSI University's funding must acknowledge the affiliation with UCSI University. The intellectual property (IP) rights of all research outputs produced with UCSI University's funding shall belong to UCSI University. Publications arising from collaboration with UCSI academics and funded by UCSI University, shall include the academics as co-authors in the publications.

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