



## EVALUATION RUBRICS FOR HEC RESEARCH AWARDS

### Award Category: Best Researcher

Applications for HEC Research Awards under the **Best Researcher** category will be assessed by review panels/ expert evaluators based on the following **Evaluation Criteria**. The reviewers will comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the application against each criteria and assign score on the basis of **Grading Scale**. An overall score will also be assigned to the application on the grading scale:

### Evaluation Criteria

Criteria for Evaluation	Weightage	Score (1-7) <i>(Refer to Grading Scale)</i>
<b>Quality of Application/Written Statements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the application well written and understandable?</li> <li>• Does the statement of contributions and citation draft explains why the applicant is worthy of award and clearly outlines the research contributions with demonstrated impact</li> <li>• Are relevant information/ documents such as research articles, books, patents and any other material, to attest the quality of work and to support the applicant’s claim, have been provided</li> </ul>	10	
<b>Endorsers Standing and Recommendations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the endorsers, supporting the applicant for the award, have professional standing in the relevant field to judge the research contributions of the applicant</li> <li>• Does the endorsers clearly explain major research contributions of the applicant and present a compelling case providing sound reasons in support of the quality and impact of the applicant research work that merit the award?</li> </ul>	15	
<b>Quality of Research Contributions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the research contributions on the applicants credit be regarded of exceptional quality keeping in view the following indicators:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the quality of the journal (HJRS rank and score) in which research articles have been published</li> <li>- Research articles published in W category journals</li> <li>- no of citations of research articles by others</li> <li>- prestige of the publishers as defined by HEC where the scholarly books have been published</li> <li>- Patents that have been commercialized</li> <li>- Conversion of policy recommendations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Does the publication contributed to innovative research that is relevant to the national needs of Pakistan or world at large</li> <li>• What are the specific highest quality and excellent research contributions</li> </ul>	25	
<b>Impact towards Intellectual Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the applicant’s work contributes the most to the intellectual development i.e., improve understanding of important research questions, filling important research gaps, enhancing existing body of knowledge, opening up a new area of research, and stimulating other work that leads towards the resolution of social challenges.</li> </ul>	25	

<p><b>Socio-Economic Impact</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the applicant’s work demonstrate high impact with regard to socio-economic development indicating; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the resolution of a problem facing society</li> <li>- Creation of a product, process, procedures, application or policy papers that benefits society, community, industry, government, or end user;</li> <li>- Creation of new markets and improvement of economy</li> <li>- Technology transferred to industry</li> <li>- Policy formulation based on research findings/ recommendations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	25	
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### Grading Scale

Grading Scale	Description
7	Outstanding
6	Excellent
5	Very Good
4	Good
3	Average
2	Weak
1	Poor