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Notification

Subject: **HEC Journals Recognition System (HJRS)**

An IT based online HEC-Journals Recognition System (**HJRS**) for accreditation of Research Journals has been launched. The HJRS incorporates revised Research Journals and Publication Policy communicated vide HEC No.2(22)/R&D(SS&H)HEC/2009/337 dated November 05, 2019, and will become effective from July 01, 2020.

02. The HJRS has been configured on the basis of data acquired from Web of Science (Clarivate Analytics) and Scopus (Elsevier), which can be accessed at <http://hjrs.hec.gov.pk>. It will be updated on yearly basis. The existing research journals shall be categorized in **W** and **X** on the basis of Journal Prestige Index (JPI).

03. Category-wise minimum threshold for each discipline has been determined by relevant discipline-specific Scientific Review Panels of HEC and incorporated in the system. The said thresholds will be fine-tuned by March 31, 2020, based on the feedback received. Furthermore, an open call for proposals will be issued separately every year in March for recognition of national journals in Y Category. The national journals recognized in the HJRS will be eligible for funding according to their respective category from July 01, 2020.

04. For questions and queries, please contact Dr. Muhammad Tahir Ali Shah, Director (R&D), HEC @ tshah@hec.gov.pk | +92 51 90402104.

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