

GUIDELINES

DIRECT ACCESS TO SCIENCEFUND FOR THE PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING (IPTS)

I. INTRODUCTION

These guidelines provide the conditions and criteria for the direct access to Sciencefund for the Private Institutions of Higher Learning (IPTS). It is a supplementary document to the present Guidelines for Sciencefund which is currently used.

II. BACKGROUND

2. The Government through the National Council for Scientific Research and Development (MPKSN) has approved the IPTS with university and university college status can have direct access to the research grant under Sciencefund provided by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation. IPTS that fulfill the stipulated conditions of the guidelines can submit applications for the Sciencefund based on Guidelines for Sciencefund.

III. CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA

Qualifying Institutions

3. The establishment of private universities is provided under the Private Institution of Higher Learning Act 1996 (Act IPTS). IPTS with university and university college status can be considered for Sciencefund directly in accordance with the following criteria:
 - i) IPTS that are established with the Government approval with the objectives to enhance the excellence of education and the development of human resources for industrial need in science and technology;
 - ii) IPTS that fulfilled the criteria of R&D institutions in possessing adequate infrastructural facilities and research equipment to carry out R&D activities. This must be reflected and proven by obtaining approval from the **Malaysian Qualification Agency (MQA)** in respect to courses offered and facilities; and
 - iii) IPTS must possess able researchers with relevant expertise in the Sciencefund priority areas and to provide post-graduate courses with research in Master and PhD levels in the relevant areas.

IV. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

- i) IPTS concerned must have a good track of a minimum of 3 years in operation;
- ii) Carry out collaborative research with other public universities (IPTA) or public research institutions in order to maximize the usage of research equipment;
- iii) The participation of students/researchers of IPTS in the research projects should not jeopardize their course work/teaching;
- iv) The proposes research projects should generate new findings either in the form of new products or process that can contribute towards an increase in the national GERD;
- v) IPTS should attempt to produce innovative ideas and new products that the public universities and public research institutions have not achieved;
- vi) IPTS should be encouraged to strengthen themselves with respects to the requirement of skilled expert work force for research activities by means of post graduate training; and
- vii) Produce more scientists, researches and engineers.

V. CONCLUSION

These guidelines will be used beside the Guidelines for Sciencefund and must be strictly adhered to by qualified IPTS for the direct access to the ScienceFund.