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IRI International Postdoctoral Fellowship



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The Islamic Research Institute (IRI) was established in 1960 to develop a methodology for research in various fields of Islamic learning; to identify and study contemporary problems and interpret the teachings of Islam in order to assist not only the Pakistani society but also the whole Muslim world so that the Muslims could regulate their individual and collective conduct in accordance with the imperatives of Islam. For this purpose, the Institute is engaged from its inception in a serious research on various themes of contemporary sciences in an Islamic perspective. Keeping in view this need of the time and in accordance with the objectives of the Institute, and to promote quality research and scientific writing three training programmes are designed to revive the decades old tradition of IRI for research training. The Institute also organizes seminars, conferences and workshops. An overview of the activities of IRI in the past few years is shown here in the table:

An Overview of the Activities of IRI 2015-2020

Sr. No .	NATURE AND THEMME OF EVENT	NO. OF EVENETS	TOTAL NO. OF PARTICIPANT S
1.	Launching and Introductory Ceremonies of Paigham -e-Pakistan	9	10,000
2.	International Events	13	7320
3.	Meetings	10	1770
4.	Conferences	27	26600
5.	Workshops	37	5092
6.	Seminars/Conventions	53	49076
7.	Briefing Sessions	8	1,280
8.	National Exhibitions	9	10000
9.	Summits/Matches	14	13000
10.	Sermons/Electronic Media Discussions	2015	511,798
	Total	2195	635936

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IRI Research and Writing Training Programmes have been approved by the Board of Governors of IIUI in its 82nd meeting held on July 20th, 2018 vide notification No.2(166)IRI-85-admin-342 dated August 28, 2018.

The Institute has launched the following three training programmes:

- (1) Undergraduate Training on Research and Technical Writing;
- (2) Postgraduate Training on Academic Research and Scientific Writing; and
- (3) IRI International Postdoctoral Fellowship.

The Institute has trained two batches of IRI International Postdoctoral Fellowship. In which, 46 candidates have completed the workshops and conducted postdoctoral research. The 4th workshop of the second batch was completed on July 24, 2020 and some of the fellows have submitted their final postdoctoral research which is under the process of evaluation.

It is hoped that these training programmes will elevate the researchers to a position where they would better understand all dimensions of the Islamic thought, history, and culture. Equipped with such training, these researchers will be able to conduct and produce their own research independently. Furthermore, these training programmes will contribute in preparing a cadre of researchers for the promotion of quality research.



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INTRODUCTION

IRI International Postdoctoral Fellowship is a one-year non-residential learning and training programme that will empower postdoctoral fellows from Pakistan and abroad by providing them with an opportunity of being in touch with the latest research techniques, skills, and methods in a conducive academic environment. This serious research-based capacity-building programme in various fields of Islamic studies such as Qur'anic Sciences, Hadith, Islamic Law and Jurisprudence, Islamic Thought, History, Culture, Civilization, Philosophy, Tasawwuf, Literature has been designed to prepare a cadre of capable researchers who can lead contemporary Islamic research. The programme will facilitate the postdoctoral scholars with the applied research activities to produce quality research for publication in Journals having high impact factor. Through various training modules, the fellows will be prepared to handle complex research problems and situations in advanced academic settings. They will also be able to use various research tools, data bases and software that will be helpful in pursuit of efficient and quality research.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

IRI International Postdoctoral Fellowship is aimed to:

1. engage Islamic scholarship in a sound study and research in the fields of Qur'anic Sciences, Hadith, Islamic Law and Jurisprudence, History, Culture, Philosophy, Tasawwuf, and various other social sciences with an Islamic perspective.
2. review the achievements of Islamic culture and civilization in the past and articulate a framework for future development of Muslim thought to meet the requirements of the contemporary Muslim Societies in general and Pakistani society in particular in a rapidly changing world.

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3. contribute to the capacity-building of the postdoctoral fellows so that they can:
 - a. update their research and writing skill;
 - b. equip themselves with the latest developments in Islamic thought to become active facilitators and leaders in research on various disciplines of Islamic thought, history and culture;
 - c. train their students to produce quality research;
4. prepare a network of these fellows and their institutions to create an active international community of researchers in Islamic Sciences.

During this training programme, the participants have the opportunity to develop and implement small-scale research projects. They will also participate in the organised workshops, lectures, discussion sessions, field visits, and conferences. After IRI one-year International Postdoctoral Fellowships, the Fellows become the part of IRI Fellows network.

ELIGIBILITY FOR IRI INTERNATIONAL POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

- I. PhD in any discipline of social sciences and humanities related to Islamic Studies, Qur'anic Sciences, Hadith and its Sciences, Sirah, Shariah, Islamic Law and Jurisprudence, Islamic History, Islamic Culture, Islamic Thought, Philosophy, Tasawwuf, Literature, Political and Economic Thought, Education, Law, Comparative Religion and other Islamic fields, preferably within the last five years.
- II. A sound research proposal on any theme related to the specialisation of the applicant.
- III. Preference will be given to those scholars who have already published research in the relevant fields. Merit will be determined on the bases of quantity and quality of published research work of the candidates as only limited number of scholars will be selected for this programme.

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BOARDING AND LODGING

Selected fellows have to arrange their own boarding and lodging during the period of their residence in Islamabad. However, Islamic Research Institute will facilitate the fellows in securing accommodation in a convenient and economical place. Inside the institute the scholars will be provided with all necessary facilities for conducting research including free Wi-Fi, utilisation of desktop computers, scanning, printing, and provision of digital data.

DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

This postdoctoral fellowship will be held over a period of one year in which fellows will participate in workshops in Islamabad four times during the year. Each workshop will run for a period of one week. Between the two workshops the fellows will be required to work on their research that they anticipate to publish at the end of the programme in one of three research journals of the Islamic Research Institute or any other reputed journal. The fellows will remain in contact with their respective faculty advisors at the Institute.

WORKSHOPS FOR POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Workshop 1: Orientation, Capacity Building and Research Planning

Workshop 2: Development and Presentation of Postdoctoral Research Proposal

Workshop 3: Review of the Literature, Analysis of the data and Articulation of research

Workshop 4: Editing, finalization, presentation, discussion and peer review of the research

CERTIFICATION

Fellows who participate and complete all the requirements of the programme will be awarded a testimonial certificate as recognition of their completion of the programme. A separate certificate of participation for each workshop will also be given to the participants.

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HOW TO SUBMIT APPLICATION

AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATION FORM AND INTRODUCTORY BROCHURE

Interested candidates are requested to complete the prescribed registration form available along with brochure at:

I- www.iri.iiu.edu.pk/researchworkshops

II- Dr. Muhammad Hamidullah Library, Islamic Research Institute, Faisal Masjid Campus, International Islamic University, Islamabad

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

Following documents are required to be attached with the application.

1-Copy of Identity Card /Passport, 2-Copies of all educational certificates from Matric to PhD degree, 3-List of published research 4- Research articles published in HEC recognised journals, 5-Copy of research proposal, 6-One reference/recommendation letter

SUBMISSION OF FORM

Complete application forms duly recommended by the concerned Dean/Director/Head of the Department along with required documents and research proposal should preferably be emailed at researchworkshops.iri@iiu.edu.pk as an attachment in PDF format or may also be sent through Postal Service to the programme coordinator.

SCHEDULE

**November 2021
to
October 2022**

**LAST DATE FOR
SUBMISSION
OF APPLICATION
SEPTEMBER 31, 2021**

PROCESSING FEE

The Applicant has to submit Rs.1500/(Non refundable) Processing fee along with the application form.

BENCH FEE

The selected candidates will be informed to submit the bench fee of Rs. 50,000/- for local candidates and US \$1000 for international candidates.

VENUE

Islamic Research Institute,
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FOR INFORMATION AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

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Glimpses of IRI Postdoctoral Workshops (Batch I & II)







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