

## Call for Research Proposals under IRTI Visiting Scholars Program

The Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI) is seeking applications from leading researchers for the IRTI Visiting Scholars Program. Successful candidates will conduct academic research in the priority areas of Islamic economics and finance as identified by IRTI for a period of two months during 2018 or 2019. This program aims at:

- promoting policy-relevant academic research that is considered as essential, relevant and impactful to the IRTI stakeholders;
- expose IRTI research staff to recent advances in Islamic economics and finance research;
- provide research scholars the opportunity to gain an insight into the working environment of a multilateral development institution.

The priority research areas include Islamic finance: Innovation, Development, and Stability; Islamic Finance for Sustainable Development; and Comprehensive Human Development based on *Maqāsid al- Sharī‘ah*. Further information about priority research areas can be retrieved by following [this link](#).

### Why apply

As Scholar-in-Residence, successful candidates will have an opportunity to engage directly with various experts and experienced professionals from different complexes and entities within IsDB Group. Such a prospect will enrich the perspectives which may be useful for the scholar's research projects. This program also offers the following benefits:

- An appropriate stipend to cover international travel and living expenses in Jeddah
- Research fund to facilitate his/her work
- Opportunities to deliver lectures during their term at IRTI and participate in conferences and other academic activities within Saudi Arabia as representatives of IRTI.

### How to apply

1. Candidates are encouraged to submit their application via e-mail. Email applications shall have the following attached documents (A4 size in PDF or MS Word format):
  - a) A completed [application form](#)
  - b) A curriculum vitae
  - c) Two academic references. Candidates shall contact their referees and request them to send their letters of recommendations to IRTI Research Division via email. The letter should be written on their institution's letterhead.
  - d) Email applications and letters of recommendations shall be sent to this address:  
R-Division@isdb.org (Important note: please write "IRTI Visiting Scholars Program" as the subject or title of the email message).

- e) Applicants with no access to email may write to Research Division to ask for an application form. They must then submit the above forms, as well as ask their referees to send their sealed letters of recommendation directly to:

Research Division  
Islamic Research and Training Institute  
Islamic Development Bank Group  
8111 King Khalid Street Al Nuzlah Al Yamania District  
Jeddah 22332-2444  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

- f). It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that he or she has submitted all the necessary documents. Application materials will not be returned.

### **Eligibility criteria**

1. The candidate shall be a mid-career professional /researcher with evidence of contribution to the development of Islamic economics and finance.
2. The research proposal shall be within the areas of research focus of IRTI.
3. This program is not available to individuals currently pursuing graduate degrees or post-doctoral studies.
4. Scholars who were previously IRTI Visiting Scholars must wait for five years after the completion of their program before reapplying.
5. The scholar's research project shall be directed towards leading the development and sustenance of IFSI by supporting socio-economic development in member countries of the IsDB.
6. The scholar's research shall aim to support realization of the IsDB vision, where IRTI has to play a key role in becoming a world-class knowledge-based organization.

### **Application Deadline**

31 July 2018 is the deadline for the applications for IRTI Visiting Scholars Program.