Eligibility of Malaysia Applicants

It is recommended that applicants contact the relevant funding agency/RMC before submission to confirm they are eligible to apply to the call, as proposals with ineligible applicants will be rejected without peer review.

1. Principal Investigators may only submit one application to this scheme as Principal Investigator, but may be involved in more applications if listed as a Co-Investigator.

2. Research Organisations eligible to apply are **Public Universities and Private Universities**. Researchers based in other Research Organisations can be a Co-Investigator but not eligible to apply as a Principal Investigator.

3. The Malaysian PI must have been awarded a doctorate at the time of application. Applicants working towards a PhD, or awaiting the outcome of their viva/submission of corrections are not eligible to apply.

4. Applicants must be Malaysian citizens and hold a permanent or fixed-term contract (minimum one-year term) in an eligible university. Applicants with fixed terms contracts finishing before their grant end-date must secure confirmation from their Head of Department, stating that their contract will be extended to cover the duration of the award if their application is successful.

5. Contact between the Malaysian PI and French PI prior to the application is essential. This contact should lead to a clearly defined and mutually beneficial research project proposal. Please note that MoHE will not be able to assist in locating a French collaborator.

6. Track record and CV of research team especially collaboration/contribution of each partner must be provided as a proof of the relationship.
7. Applications cannot be accepted from Principal Investigators in commercial organisations.

8. Applicants must be competent in oral and written English.

9. The Malaysian applicant’s employing organisation must be willing to agree to administer the grant.

10. Malaysian applicants will need to adhere to MoHE progress and outcomes monitoring requirements.
Eligible Costs and Financial Regulations for Malaysian Applicants

1. Eligible Costs

   a. Vote 11000 (Allowance & Stipend for Graduate Research Assistant (GRA))
      Allowance and stipend **shall not exceed MYR1,800** for MSc students and must comply with the university’s guideline.

   b. Vote 21000 (Travelling and Transportation)
      The expenditure includes all domestic travelling and transportation of Malaysian researchers. **Travelling overseas is not permitted.**

   c. Vote 27000 (Research Supplies & Materials)
      The expenditure may include supplies and materials relevant to the project.

   d. Vote 29000 (Other Services)
      The expenditure may include services relevant to the project.

2. Financial Regulations

   a. Malaysian applicants may apply up to **RM50,000** for each project.
   b. Stipend for post-doctoral or PhD students must not be paid from this grant.
   c. Complementary funding (including in-kind contribution from the university or other institutions) is highly encouraged. Proof of funding is required and must be attached in the application form.