

UNIMAS PI-Booster Grant Scheme (Non S&T) Guidelines

1. Overview & Objective

The PI-Booster Grant Scheme (Non-S&T) is a strategic internal funding initiative designed to assist non-PI researchers in achieving Principal Investigator (PI) status. By pairing emerging researchers with experienced mentors, the scheme fosters sustainable research capability, publication output, and leadership continuity within the university.

2. Eligibility & Team Structure

Each project team must consist a maximum of five (5) members, including PI, structured to ensure active mentorship and leadership succession:

- **Mentor (1 Person):** Senior researcher or established PI who provides strategic oversight and research guidance.
- **Next Appointed Leader (1 Person)**
- **Team Members (1-2 Persons):** Academic staff supporting the project execution.

3. Project Duration & Allocation

- **Duration:** 2 Years (24 Months)
- **Funding Amount:** RM 5,000 per awarded project
- **No extension is allowed for this project**

4. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

To successfully close the grant, the research team must achieve the following minimum deliverables within the 2-year project period:

Publication (Mandatory):

- 1 Article published in a MyCite-indexed journal (or higher), OR
- 1 Chapter in Book published by a recognised academic publisher.

5. Timeline & Key Milestones (Example)

Timeline	Milestone / Deliverable
Month 1–3	Grant kickoff, ethics approval, and initial baseline setup.
Month 6 and 12	Progress report submission & evaluation.
Month 18	• Submission of manuscript to MyCite journal / book publisher. • Conference presentation. • Progress report submission & evaluation.
Month 24	Final report submission and publication proof.

6. Application & Evaluation Process

1. **Concept Paper Submission:** Applicants submit a brief concept paper outlining the research objectives, methodology, budget, and research member roles via **iRIS**.
2. **Review & Selection:** Deputy Dean (Research) / Dean and evaluation panel from the RDICE.
3. **Call for Final-Tuning Session:** Applicants are called for a final refinement session, focusing on budget justification and project scope alignment.
4. **Award & Implementation:** Official issuance of award letters and allocation of grant funds.