



**MALAYSIA COMPETITION COMMISSION
SPECIAL RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMME
(CALL FOR APPLICATIONS)**

Promoting Competition. Protecting You.

The MyCC Research Grant Programme to fund research studies, market surveys and case studies on competition issues in the Malaysian economy is now open for applications.
For further information, see: www.mycc.gov.my or email RGP@mycc.gov.my.

PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMME

An important function of the MyCC is to carry out studies on competition issues in the Malaysian economy. In order to give effect to this function, the MyCC has launched the Special Research Grant Programme (RGP).

OBJECTIVES OF THE RGP

- Fund research studies, market surveys and case studies on competition issues in the MyCC Strategic Research Areas;
- Use the findings of the research to develop informed and evidence based competition policies, laws, guidelines, codes of practice, strategies and design competition advocacy activities;
- Enable the dissemination (nationally and internationally), of academic as well as popular articles and publications on competition issues and practices of specific relevance to the Malaysian economy; and
- Provide an opportunity for academics and civil society to participate and contribute ideas and knowledge to the promotion and development of competition policy making.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE RGP?

- Applicants should be Malaysian citizens with proven research capacity in any discipline.
- Faculty, post-doctoral or doctoral researchers attached to public or private universities.
- Staff of think tanks or civil society organizations (Organisations may submit applications in the name of the organisation, represented by a member of staff or the Chief Executive Officer).
- Freelance researchers.

WHAT RESEARCH TOPICS WILL BE FUNDED?

The MyCC will fund research on any of the Strategic Research Areas listed on the MyCC website. The Strategic Research Areas focus on the priority sectors and stakeholders that fall within the MyCC Strategic Plan for Competition Advocacy & Communication 2015-2017. However, the MyCC may revise the Strategic Research Areas from time to time. Applicants are advised to refer to the MyCC website for the latest information. Applicants may submit any number of research proposals, individually or in collaboration with others.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED RESEARCH OUTPUTS?

Preference will be given to evidence based research studies, surveys and case studies with findings that may be published in academic journals or publications for popular consumption. Research outcomes must lead to recommendations for policies, laws, guidelines, codes of practice, strategies or competition advocacy activities that will spread awareness of competition issues and promote competition culture in the country.

WHAT IS THE DURATION OF THE RESEARCH?

The research study must be completed within **1 year to 2 years** from the date of signing the research grant contract with the MyCC.

WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM GRANT AWARDED?

Each grant will not exceed RM25,000 and must be spent solely on the administrative costs of conducting the research study. However, if there is a grant which is more than the amount stated, it may be considered.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION CLOSING DATE?

Applications are open throughout the calendar year.

HOW TO APPLY?

Applicants should go to the MyCC website at www.mycc.gov.my to access the Call of Applications 2015. The Call for Applications 2015 provides detailed information on the application procedure. Applicants should also access the relevant documents i.e. Application Cover Sheet, Guidelines for Research Proposal, Guidelines for Budget, and MyCC Strategic Research Areas, all of which can be downloaded from the MyCC website.

All enquiries for further information on the MyCC Research Grant Programme should be addressed to: rgp@mycc.gov.my.

WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS?

The MyCC Sub-Committee on RGP will establish a RGP Panel of Experts to assist it to evaluate and review the grant applications. The final decision on the grant to be awarded will be made by MyCC. Where necessary, the RGP Panel of Experts may interview an applicant before making a final decision on the award.

Grant applicants not selected for funding will be notified of the reasons for the rejection of their research proposals. Such research proposals may be amended and re-submitted for a second round of evaluation. In the event that the re-submitted research proposal is again not selected for funding, it may not again be re-submitted. The decision of MyCC on RGP is final and **no appeals** will be entertained.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?

- The research proposal falls within the scope of one or more of the topics proposed in MyCC Strategic Research Agenda.
- The research proposal demonstrates originality and examines a significant issue in the context of existing knowledge and literature on competition issues;
- The research proposal proposes appropriate strategies for conducting the research, including a plan for systematic and critical analysis that will produce objective and reliable results;
- The research proposal shows feasibility for completion within the established time frame and budget;
- The proposed research study results in research product(s) that will be useful, applicable and have impact on competition advocacy and policy making.
- The research proposal includes a plan for dissemination of the research products that will further the aims of the RGP.
- The qualifications, expertise, previous research experience and successful completion of previous research of the principal researcher and collaborators are convincing and suggest that a similar successful outcome will be achieved in the current proposed research.

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