

RDA ACCREDITATION MENTORSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION AND PROCEDURE

The RDA Accreditation Program offers a valuable mentorship opportunity to connect aspiring deans or deanship staff with experienced research deanship professionals. This program aims to provide guidance, support, and insights throughout the RDA accreditation journey.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for mentorship, you must be:

- An aspiring deanship candidate or current deanship staff member of a university applying for RDA accreditation.
- Committed to achieving and maintaining research excellence within your deanship.
- Open to learning and applying the mentor's experience and expertise.
- Certified by the International Fellowship Program in Arbitration and Scientific Assessment.

MENTOR SELECTION:

- Application form: Submit the following information in an application form:
 - Your name, title, and affiliation
 - Your deanship's research focus areas and accreditation goals
 - Your specific areas where you seek mentorship support
 - Your IFPASA Certificate number
 - Any preferences for mentor characteristics (e.g., research expertise, language)
- Geographic proximity: To encourage regional collaboration, mentors will be assigned from universities within the same geographic region as your institution.
- Mentor pool: The RDA Program maintains a pool of qualified mentors with extensive experience in research deanship management and a proven track record of successful accreditation journeys.
- Matching process: Based on your application, the program will match you with a suitable mentor considering your research focus, goals, and preferences.

PROCEDURE:

- Application deadline: Please refer to the RDA Program website for the current application deadline.

- Selection notification: You will be notified about your mentor assignment within 3 weeks after the deadline.
- Introductory meeting: Schedule an introductory meeting with your mentor to discuss expectations, establish communication channels, and set initial goals.
- Mentorship period: The mentorship typically lasts for 6 months with regular communication and meetings between you and your mentor.
- Exit review: At the end of the period, a review meeting will be held to assess progress, address any remaining challenges, and celebrate achievements.

BENEFITS OF THE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM:

- Gain valuable insights and practical guidance from a seasoned research deanship professional.
- Receive tailored support and advice specific to your deanship's context and accreditation goals.
- Learn best practices and effective strategies for research management and resource allocation.
- Build a lasting professional connection with an experienced mentor in your field.
- Increase your confidence and preparedness for achieving RDA accreditation.
- Apply today and embark on a successful journey towards RDA accreditation with the invaluable support of a dedicated mentor!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- You can find the application form and further details about the program on the RDA Accreditation Program website.
- If you have any questions, please contact the program by email.
- We encourage you to take advantage of this unique opportunity and connect with a knowledgeable mentor who can guide you on your path to research excellence.

MENTOR COMPENSATION

The RDA Accreditation Program recognizes the valuable time and expertise mentors contribute to guiding aspiring deans and deanship staff. To express our appreciation, the program offers an honorarium to all mentors participating in the program.

- Monthly Stipend: Mentors will receive a rewarding stipend of throughout the mentorship period (duration mentioned earlier).

- **Expense Reimbursement:** In addition to the stipend, mentors may be eligible for reimbursement of reasonable travel and communication expenses incurred during the mentorship period, as per program guidelines.

TRANSPARENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY:

The RDA Program is committed to providing fair and sustainable compensation for mentors to ensure the continued success and attractiveness of the program. The mentor honorarium and expense reimbursement policy are established based on program budget constraints and industry standards for similar professional mentorship programs.

ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES

Beyond financial compensation, the program offers several additional incentives for mentors, including:

- **Professional development opportunities:** Participation in workshops, webinars, and networking events focused on research deanship management.
- **Recognition and appreciation:** Mentors will be acknowledged for their contributions to the program and may be featured in program publications or events.
- **Building meaningful relationships:** Establishing connections with aspiring leaders in the research field and contributing to their professional development.