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RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC WRITING TRAINING PROGRAMMES

FOR LLM/MS/PH.D STUDENTS OF FACULTY OF SHARIAH & LAW

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INTRODUCTION

Islamic Research Institute and Faculty of Shariah & Law, IIUI is offering **RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC WRITING** one-week workshop to facilitate topic selection, preparation of synopsis and its approval from the statutory bodies. The workshop will also enable the Postgraduate thesis writers/candidates to complete their research work well in time and submit thesis for the evaluation.

A Postgraduate thesis in law and its allied disciplines make a researcher capable of independently conducting original and credible research in the legal studies. This type of research contributes in a substantial, original legal knowledge and demonstrates a deep understanding of the subject area by addressing a gap in existing scholarship or offering an innovative perspective of existing knowledge in the field of law and jurisprudence. It is expected that a Postgraduate can produce research that is of interest to other professional researchers. He/she can have a command of the subject to the extent that he/she can evaluate the work of other researchers. Likely, motivation of a Postgraduate candidate is resolving around developing a trained mind for satisfying intellectual curiosity through fulfilling a lifelong ambition. A Postgraduate thesis must form a distinct contribution to the knowledge of the subject and afford evidence of originality, shown by the discovery of new facts, or by the exercise of independent critical power. Additionally, a Postgraduate thesis must show work which, if written in a suitable form would be publishable. For accomplishing this task, a researcher must be equipped with the tools, techniques, and strategies that are necessary to conduct effective legal research and produce high-quality academic and professional legal documents. He/she should be able to systematically study legal rules, principles, concepts, theories, doctrine, sources, problems, issues, questions with the aim of achieving some new understandings, some truth, some reality etc.

HISTORY OF IRI RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC WRITING TRAINING PROGRAMS

The Islamic Research Institute has long been mindful of the need for proper research designing, data collection, appropriate writing skills, and technical editing of manuscripts before their submission to examination boards, journals, or the press. It also works to devise an internationally recognized format for technical editing. The constitution commission, which drafted the 1962 constitution, identified that there is a lack of trained and competent scholars in the Islamic literature. In the light of this report, the Institute prepared a large-scale training program for the researchers in 1962. In this training program, the researchers were to be trained in various languages as well as Islamic and contemporary sciences, so that they could contribute to the research activities of the Institute. The obligations of the Institute regarding training in research skills and foundational studies related to Islamic thought were introduced in 1963, which states that to achieve the aims and objectives of IRI, the first and foremost need is to train and prepare the researchers scientifically. The Board of Governors of IIU in its 82nd meeting held on 20-07-2018 on the recommendation of the Council of Islamic Research Institute in its 11th meeting held on 27-10-2017 approved IRI Research training programs. These programs are designed to bring the researchers to a position where they can better understand all dimensions of contemporary social sciences, legal studies and religious studies. They are equipped with latest research techniques so that they can produce quality research and present their conclusions in the form of dissertations, articles, reports, books, manuals and monographs.

This one-week Postgraduate Training is aimed to enhance research skills and techniques, so that a Postgraduate candidate can be able to demonstrate:

1. The ability to recognize and validate problems of research in the field of law and Shariah and can incorporate it in his/her synopses and research proposal.
2. The capability to apply original, independent and critical thinking during the process of data collection thesis writing
3. The aptitude to develop theoretical concepts in view of the recent advances within one's field and in related areas.
4. An understanding of relevant research methodologies and techniques and their appropriate application within one's research field.
5. The capacity to critically analyse and evaluate one's findings and those of others through the review of literature and latest researches in the field.
6. The realization of the nature, purpose or policy objectives of legal rules on the area of research and to ascertain their relevance, utility, adequacy, efficacy etc.

Themes and Topics Covered in the Workshop

1. Application of Pure legal research methods in Postgraduate research

- Identification and guidance to library-based research
- Understanding of use of online sources and databases
- Introduction to use the sources to explain, discover, examine, analyze and present in a systematic way the concepts, doctrines, and theories of various legal concepts.

2. Foundations of Legal Research

- Understanding the scope and purpose of legal research

- Types of legal research: doctrinal, empirical, and comparative
- Identifying and formulating research questions
- Realization of variety of traditional data collection methods, such as observational studies, content analysis, case studies, survey using interview or questionnaire etc.

3. Navigating of Resources of Data in Law and Shariah

- Introduction to legal databases (e.g., Westlaw, LexisNexis, HeinOnline)
- Effective use of case law, statutes, and secondary sources
- Citation management tools (e.g., Zotero, EndNote)

4. Legal Writing Essentials for PhD Thesis and Research Articles

- Structure and components of legal documents (e.g., essays, dissertations, case notes)
- Crafting clear and concise legal arguments
- Avoiding common pitfalls in legal writing

5. Advanced Legal Analysis

- Techniques for analyzing case law and statutes
- Synthesizing legal principles and applying them to new scenarios
- Critical evaluation of judicial reasoning

6. Use of Technology in Legal Research

- The role of AI in legal research: tools and applications
- Using AI-powered platforms for case law analysis, legal drafting, and predictive analytics
- Ethical considerations and limitations of AI in legal research

7. Referencing, Citation, and Plagiarism Policies

- Understanding legal citation styles (e.g., Chicago Manual of Style, OSCOLA, Bluebook)
- Proper attribution of sources and avoiding plagiarism
- Institutional and academic plagiarism policies
- Tools for detecting and preventing plagiarism (e.g., Turnitin, Grammarly)

8. Practical Exercises

- Hands-on research exercises using legal databases and AI tools
- Drafting and peer-reviewing legal documents
- Group discussions and case study analysis

9. Preparation of Research Proposal for Postgraduate Research

- Formation of the problem statement in LLM/MS/PhD Level
- Thesis Statement in legal perspective
- Hypothesis
- Literature Review
- Objectives of the research
- Various phases for Thesis Writing
- Finalization of the Thesis
- Drafting and peer-reviewing legal documents
- Group discussions and case study analysis

POTIENTIAL PARTICIPANTS OF THE TRANING WORKSHOP

- ❖ Postgraduate students of law and Shariah or equivalent.
- ❖ Mid-career researchers and academicians in law
- ❖ Legal professionals seeking to advance their research and writing skills

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Enrollment in any LLM/MS/PhD Program of FSL at IIUI or any other university

WORKSHOP FACILITATORS & RESOURCE PERSONS

- Well known guest speakers from academia and legal practice.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Identification of research topics for LLM/MS/PhD in various specializations of Law and Shariah,
- Completion of research proposal and synopsis with identification of supervisor and research advisor
- Approval of the topics from the statutory bodies and formulation of various deadlines
- Submission of the thesis and holding of timely viva voce on completion of thesis and its evaluation
- Enhanced legal research and writing skills and guidance in publication of research article
- Practical knowledge of legal databases, AI tools, and plagiarism detection software
- Upon completion of training issuance of approved certificate
- Networking and guidance opportunities with peers and experts

DURATION

The workshop will be completed in one week

VIP Note for Thesis Writers:

PhD Thesis writers are especially welcomed to participate in this training

HOW TO REGISTER AND SUBMIT FEE OF THE WORKSHOP:

1-Register yourself via google form at the following link:

: https://rb.gy/29zdq9

2-Please deposit PKR. 2000/- as registration fee of the training workshop through HBL, IIUI Branch via bank challan available with google form. The registration fee can also be deposited online with Account No. **5006-00100741-03** Titled as **IRI Grant in AID Account.** The fee can also be deposited directly in Account's Office Room No. 42, First Floor, Islamic Research Institute, IIUI, Faisal Masjid Campus, Islamabad

3-Attach the proof of Payment of Registration fee on google form.

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DEADLINES

The registration deadline: April 30, 2025
Commencement of training: May 05, 2025

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