



# Al Qasimia University Award for Research in Islamic Economics 4<sup>th</sup> Session

The focus area of research for this session is:

**Smart Islamic Financial Engineering**

## Introduction

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It is with great pleasure and pride that the Sharjah Center for Islamic Economics at Al Qasimia University launches the fourth session of Al Qasimia University Award for Research in Islamic Economics, under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Member of the Federal Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah. This Award is one of the initiatives in the strategic plan of the Center to continue with its significant contributions toward innovation and development of Islamic economics and finance studies that are adaptable to the practical requirements of Islamic banks and financial institutions. Furthermore, the award is an endeavor for attracting serious researchers aspiring to advance the principles and values of Islamic economics and working to overcome all the obstacles impeding the application of these principles. The aspiration of these researchers are based on scientific foundations, cognizant of contemporary requirements and the real needs of building a solid economy to achieve development for the state and happiness for society.

## Objectives of the Award

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1

To inspire research efforts, locally, regionally, and internationally, towards creating stock of knowledge in the main and allied fields of Islamic economics.

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To promote the environment of innovative thinking and scientific advancement in the field of Islamic economics to secure the means and solutions for enhancing Islamic finance industry.

3

To produce original understanding of scientific research in Islamic economics in its various domains: Shariah, law, and economics, and to propagate research culture among societies, locally, regionally, and internationally.

4

To direct the role of scientific research towards enhancing the quality of services that Islamic financial institutions provide.

5

To assimilate scientific research with modern technology that is adaptable to the practices of Islamic finance, enabling Islamic banking to achieve progress in its activities and help it overcome the obstacles it faces.

6

To benefit from research findings for availing work environment that attracts experiences and expertise and realizes sustainable development for Islamic financial institutions in all aspects of their activities.





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**HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH DR. SULTAN BIN MOHAMMED ALQASIMI**  
Member of the Supreme Council, Ruler of Sharjah

## The Research area for this session is:

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### Smart Islamic Financial Engineering:

Innovative Solutions and Novel Applications

## An Overview of the Research Area

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Smart Islamic financial engineering refers to a set of digital or electronic activities that include the processes of designing and implementing all innovative financial tools and procedures, and offering creative solutions to financing problems, within the framework of Shari'ah guidelines. Thus, this research area is expected to provide innovative digital solutions to real-life problems and examine novel digital applications.

## Award Areas

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The award is presented to researchers in the following specializations:





## Distinguishing Features of the Award

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This award is the first of its kind in studies of Islamic economics and allied disciplines in the Arab region.

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It is concerned with practical and applied aspects that promote the activities of Islamic banking and the development of the banking system locally, regionally, and globally.

3

It is the first step towards creating a robust and significant scientific system that would become an important reference for researchers globally in the field of Islamic economics, Islamic banking, and Islamic financial institutions.

4

It is a nucleus for the launch of Al-Qasimia University Journal of Islamic economics, a specialized peer reviewed journal for articles that are current and distinct in their originality. The journal has published research papers of award winners in the first and second sessions.



# Criteria of Research Papers for Submission

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## Conditions of Participation in the Award

- 1- The topic of the research must conform to the award areas announced in the current 4th session.
- 2- Participation can be in any one of the award areas (Islamic Jurisprudence, Law, and Islamic Economics).
- 3- A researcher who wins in the current 4th session is not permitted to participate in the subsequent 5th session but may participate in the following 6th session.
- 4- The researcher is not permitted to participate with a research paper extracted from a doctoral thesis or master's thesis. Rather the research must not have been previously published in any form of publication (electronic or paper, official or unofficial), and it must not have been submitted for publication to any party and must not have previously won a similar award.
- 5- In the event that the researcher wins the award, his research is considered the property of the Award-giving institution, and he is not permitted to dispose of it except with a written approval from the organizing committee of the Awarding institution.
- 6- The winning research papers will be published in Al Qasimia University Journal of Islamic Economics.
- 7- The researcher shall send his/her Curriculum Vitae (CV), indicating his/her personal data, academic data, and contact detail.
- 8- The researcher shall send his/her copy of passport and the most recent academic qualification he/she obtained.
- 9- Research papers that violate the conditions and criteria of the award will be excluded.
- 10- The announcement of award winners will be made on the day of the Award Giving Ceremony to be determined.

## Conditions and Specifications of Research Papers

- 1- The paper must be scientifically original and innovative.
- 2- It should be applied in nature and represents a new addition to the area of specialization.
- 3- The researcher should send an abstract in Arabic and English. The abstract should include a clear explanation of the research problem, research objectives, methodology adopted, major findings, and the novelty of the study.
- 4- The researcher must abide by the critical review of the literature, sound methodology, and robust analysis of the results.
- 5- The research paper should not exceed 35 pages, including tables and figures.
- 6- The font size for the title should be 16 and for the main text 14; all in Times New Roman.
- 7- The researchers should consider writing the research paper according to the guidelines of publications in Al Qasimia University Journals of Islamic Economics. He/she should refrain from putting any designs in the research paper [frames around the texts, decorations, etc.]. The guidelines of the Journal can be accessed via the link below:

<https://journals.alqasimia.ac.ae/index.php/ie/about/submissions#authorGuidelines>

Or by scanning the QR code





# Evaluation Criteria

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## **%35 - Novelty and potential for Publication**

- Displays originality, exceptional creativity, and insight.
- It is well articulated and exhibits mastery of the subject matter, related literature, and theoretical concepts.
- Research problem is well defined.
- Has potential to be published in SSCI or SCI or Scopus.

## **%25 - Comprehensiveness of the Literature Review**

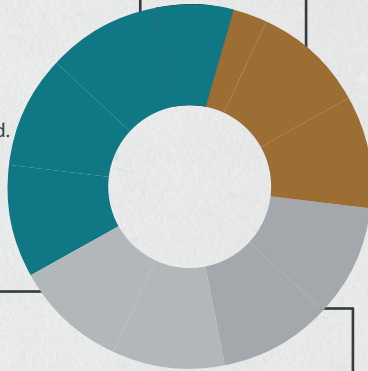
- Identifies research gaps in the extant literature through extensive and intensive review.
- Provides excellent detail critical analysis of the relevant literature.
- Draws sound inference from previous research to clearly develop the research objectives and hypotheses and identify the research methodology and relevant variables.

## **%20 - Appropriateness of the Research Methodology**

- The research methodology is significant and relevant to achieving the objectives of the research.
- It is sound and has strong link with the literature and research issues.
- The methodology embodies appropriate research techniques to justify the population of the study, sample size and sampling, data collection, data analysis, and testing hypotheses.

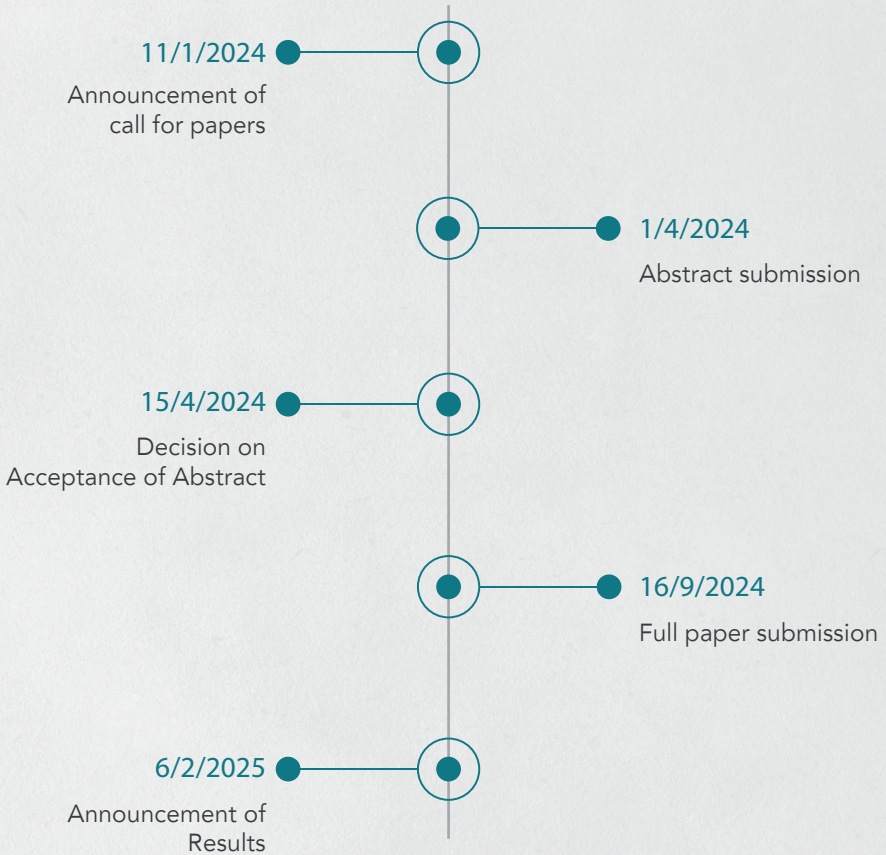
## **%20 - Findings and Recommendations**

- Findings are presented and interpreted clearly in a logical manner.
- The findings are analyzed and discussed contextually and, linked to the previous literature and theories used in the study.
- The recommendations of the study are derived from the findings and set direction for future research.



## Important Dates

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## For Submission

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All papers should be submitted through the email: [scie\\_award@alqasimia.ac.ae](mailto:scie_award@alqasimia.ac.ae)

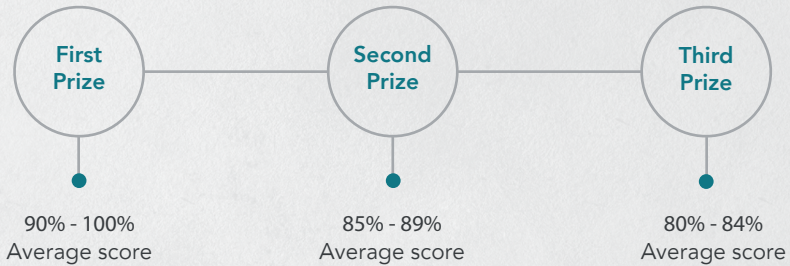


## Award Prizes

For each category of the three areas of specialization, the winners of the first, second and third prizes shall receive the following:

First prize	Second prize	Third prize
● Field of Islamic Jurisprudence 15.000 AED	● Field of Islamic Jurisprudence 10.000 AED	● Field of Islamic Jurisprudence 5000 AED
● Field of law 15.000 AED	● Field of law 10.000 AED	● Field of law 5000 AED
● Field of Economics 15.000 AED	● Field of Economics 10.000 AED	● Field of Economics 5000 AED
● Total 45.000 AED	● Total 30.000 AED	● Total 15.000 AED

The winners are determined based on the following average scores that the researcher received from the evaluation committee:





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