

ISLAMIC TOURISM RESEARCH GRANT (ITRG)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

1. Who is the implementing agency for Islamic Tourism Research Grant (ITRG)?

The implementing agency for Islamic Tourism Research Grant (ITRG) is the **Islamic Tourism Centre (ITC)**.

2. Who makes the funding decisions?

All proposals are reviewed by a panel of **Advisory Committee** comprising both academics and non-academics professionals. Funding decisions are made based on the Committee's collective assessment.

3. Can I consult someone before applying?

Yes. Applicants are welcome to consult the Secretariat prior to submission via email at itrg@itc.gov.my or telephone at **+603-8891 7177**, especially if clarification or guidance on the proposal is required.

4. How do I apply for a grant?

All applications must be submitted through the ITC website www.itc.gov.my using the official application form provided. Applications submitted through other means will not be accepted.

5. Who is eligible to apply for the grant?

The grant is open to **post-graduate students, lecturers, researchers from educational institutions in Malaysia**, as well as industry players with relevant experience or expertise in the proposed research area.

6. What is the total amount that can be applied for this grant?

Please refer to the Grant Call pamphlet for specific details. The maximum amount per grant application is **RM40,000.00 (Ringgit Malaysia: Forty Thousand only)**.

7. Can I use the grant to purchase equipment or supplies?

The purchase of equipment or supplies such as laptops, camcorders, voice recorders, digital cameras, mobile phones, printers, scanners, and similar items is **not allowed** under this grant.

8. Can I revise my application after submission?

Yes, revisions or amendments may be made while the application period is still open. Once the closing date has passed, further changes will no longer be accepted.

9. When should I submit my application?

Closing date for submission is **4 Mac 2026**. Early submissions are encouraged to allow sufficient time for review and to avoid last-minute issues.

10. Are the deadlines final?

Yes. To ensure fairness to all applicants, late submissions cannot be considered.

11. Can I conduct my research in Bahasa Melayu?

Yes. proposals and research outputs in Bahasa Melayu are also accepted. Should the research be selected for publication in the Islamic Tourism Journal, an English version will be required.

12. When will I be notified that my application was selected?

Shortlisted applicants will be notified via email within 2 to 3 weeks after the closing date and will be invited to present their proposal to the Advisory Committee. Successful applicants will subsequently receive an award letter once the final decision is made.

13. Will my proposal be fully funded?

Funding decisions are made after careful review of all applications. Revisions on proposals and budget may be required prior to final funding decisions. We encourage the submission of proposals that demonstrate a clear connection between the research activities and budget requests.

14. I received an award letter. How do I receive the funds?

Once grant is approved an offer letter will be issued that explains in detail how and when the funds will be disbursed.

15. Do I need to provide a report of my project?

Yes. Please refer to the Terms of Reference (TOR) for details.

16. How long is the duration of the grant?

The research study must be completed within **(24 weeks) 6 months** from the date of the award letter. As the grant is allocated on an annual basis, all approved studies must be fully completed within the same calendar year in which the grant is awarded.

17. I couldn't complete my project within the deadline. What should I do?

Extensions are generally not permitted. Any unspent funds must be returned to ITC upon completion of the grant period. If you anticipate that you may be unable to fully utilise the allocated funds within the approved grant period, you are required to inform ITC in writing as soon as possible.

18. Will I be notified if my application is not selected?

Shortlisted applicants will be notified of the final decision of the Advisory Committee / Review Board. If no notification is received from ITC within one (1) month from the application closing date, the application shall be deemed unsuccessful.

19. If my application is not selected, will I receive review commentaries?

Due to the high volume of applications received, ITC may not be able to provide individual review comments. In line with ITC's policy and the confidential nature of the evaluation process, feedback on unsuccessful applications cannot be provided. Kindly note that ITC funding is limited, and the Review Panel / Advisory Committee is required to make difficult decisions among many high-quality applications.

20. Will I/we retain ownership of the intellectual property, or will ITC have joint ownership of the research findings or any new technology developed under the ITC award?

In general, the grant recipient shall retain all rights, title, and interest in the research and any resulting intellectual property. However, ITC shall be granted a non-exclusive licence to use, reproduce, and quote the research content for non-commercial purposes, with due acknowledgement. If these conditions are not acceptable, the prospective recipient may decline the award/grant.

21. Can I submit more than one proposal under ITRG?

Yes. Applicants may submit more than one proposal under ITRG. However, each submission will be evaluated independently, and approval of one proposal does not guarantee the approval of others.

22. Can I submit a joint or collaborative proposal?

Yes. Applications may be submitted jointly or collaboratively under the name of one designated group member. All group members must be clearly listed in the proposal, which must be submitted together with the application form.