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To: **The Vice Chancellors For Research And Development/Extension,
Vice Chancellors For Academic Affairs**

Through: **The Chancellors**

From: 
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Vice President for Academic Affairs

Subject: **POSTPONEMENT ON THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND
PROPOSALS FOR THE BALIK PHD RECRUITMENT PROGRAM (Balik
PhD)**

The Foreign-Trained (Balik PhD) Recruitment Program was instituted by the University, under the UP Expanded Modernization Program, to increase the number of PhD faculty and enhance the research capability of the constituent universities (CU). In the short span since its inception in 2012, 70 Balik PhD grantees have produced more than 100 publications in WoS-indexed or Scopus-listed journals and mentored over 170 undergraduate, master's, and doctoral students. In addition, existing laboratories were equipped and expanded, and new laboratories and research groups were also established through the program. At the moment, there are 16 ongoing projects including those that were approved late last year. To date, the University has allotted over 42 Million Pesos for the Balik PhD Recruitment Program since 2012.

As in all other research programs and awards of the University, the implementation of the Balik PhD is subject to the availability of funds. Currently, the funds of the program are fully allocated for our ongoing projects. In this regard, we wish to inform you that we are postponing the submission of applications and proposals for the Balik PhD Recruitment Program while the University is securing the funds for its continued implementation. We will issue a memorandum once the program is ready to accept new applications.

Kindly disseminate to the academic units and colleges in your respective constituent universities for their information.

Thank you for your usual cooperation.