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

Through: **The Chancellors**


From: **LEO DP CUBILLAN**
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Subject: **REVISED GUIDELINES OF THE BALIK PhD RECRUITMENT PROGRAM
(Balik PhD) AND RESUMPTION OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND
PROPOSALS**

Approved by the UP Board of Regents on 24 November 2011, the Foreign-trained Filipino PhD Faculty Recruitment Program (Balik PhD Recruitment Program) was established under the UP Expanded Modernization Program. The BPhD Program aims to enhance research capacity, graduate mentoring, and the formation of research groups by recruiting foreign-trained PhD researchers. It is open only to individuals who have not previously taught at UP.

Over the years, OVPAA has encountered various unique and recurring issues in implementing the BPhD Program. Moreover, as in all other research programs and awards of the University, the implementation of the BPhD is subject to the availability of funds. Due to funding constraints in 2023, the submission of applications for the BPhD Program has been postponed, as stated in OVPAA Memorandum no. 2023-54. The 2011 BOR-approved Implementing Guidelines were then reviewed by an OVPAA-constituted Ad Hoc Committee in 2023-2024. The BOR approved the proposed revisions in its 1398th meeting on 27 March 2025.

The new guidelines include changes in eligibility, the recruitment process, deliverables, and benefits, such as an additional Php 1M grant for each grantee to establish a research laboratory or creative work studio. Please note that the approved revisions allow prospective applicants affected during the program review period to apply for the Balik PhD program, provided they meet the eligibility requirements and submit complete documents within CY 2025. The revised guidelines of the BPhD Program can be accessed through this [link](#).

In line with this, we are pleased to announce that interested applicants may now apply for the Balik PhD Recruitment Program. You can access and download the Balik PhD Application Form, Capsule and Full Research Proposal Forms through this [link](#). Complete and collated documents (in pdf format) must be submitted to OVPAA online through the Document Routing System (DRS).

For any questions, please contact us at balikphd.ovpaa@up.edu.ph. Please share this information with the academic units and colleges in your respective constituent universities.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.