



**TEHRAN UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES**  
**INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS**

**“Office of Vice Dean for Research Affairs”**

**Regulations on**  
***“Postdoctoral Programs”***

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**Introduction:** Postdoctoral programs are designed to enhance abilities of the researchers holding a PhD in health sciences and clinical specialists within medical fields.

**Goal:**

To promote the level of basic and applied research at the university/research centers.

**Requirements to enter the program:**

- Having a PhD degree in medical/health sciences **or** being a clinical specialist in one of the fields related to the school/research center's activities or missions,
- Being the first author or corresponding author of an article published in an accredited local or international journal (Pubmed, ISI,...), **or** has registered at least one invention,
- Obtaining an acceptance from an academic member of the school/center as his/her supervisor (the academic member must have at least one approved research project in the related field),
- Succeed in a dedicated interview by TUMS

**Program Length:**

Length of the postdoctoral programs are minimum 1 year and maximum 2 years; however, upon a supervisor's request and approval by the head of the department/research council, the program may extend for 1 more year.

## **Certificate:**

These programs don't lead to a diploma; however, at the end of the program, a certificate of completion is issued by TUMS and awarded to the candidates whose research at postdoctoral program results in an invention registration or an accepted/published article.

## **Who can be a supervisor?**

*A research supervisor:*

- must be at least at the Professor/Associate Professor level, **and**
  - must have been supervisor of at least 2 PhD theses/ medical sciences specialist theses **or** been manager of 2 research projects, **and**
  - must have been the first author or corresponding author of at least 2 published articles in Pub Med/ ISI journals in the last 2 years, **and**
  - must have at least one approved research project in a field related to the applied postdoctoral program at the time of candidate's admission.
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- The candidates' rights will be fully protected based on the initial agreement which is signed between them and their supervisors.
  - TUMS is not committed to employ the postdoctoral candidates, and any payment to the candidates is only made through the research budget.