



Al Qasimia University Award for Research in Islamic Economics

5th Session 2025 - 2026

The Research area for this session is:

Adoption of Maqasid al-Shariah in Islamic Finance





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Introduction

It is with great pleasure and pride that the Sharjah Center for Islamic Economics at AlQasimia University launches the fifth 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 Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates 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 is 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

- To inspire research efforts, locally, regionally, and internationally, towards creating stock of scientific knowledge in the main and allied fields of Islamic economics.
- To promote the environment of innovative thinking and scientific advancement in the field of Islamic economics to provide the means and solutions for enhancing Islamic finance industry.
- To produce original understanding of scientific research in Islamic economics in its various domains (Shariah, law, and economics) to disseminate research culture among societies, locally, regionally, and globally
- To direct the role of scientific research towards enhancing the quality of services that Islamic financial institutions provide.
- 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.
- To employ research findings for providing work environment that attracts experiences and expertise and realizes sustainable development for Islamic financial institutions in all aspects of their activities.

An Overview of the Award Area

The Maqasid (purposes) in financial transactions are the meanings, goals and values that the Shariah aims to attain through financial transactions, for example, fair dealings, wealth circulation, transparency, wealth preservation and its development. Thus, the area of this research encompasses all efforts, measures, applications, and initiatives that guide contemporary financial transactions in accordance with Maqasid al-Shariah. It covers both theoretical foundations and practical applications, as well as their impact across various research fields that include Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence), economics, law, and accounting.

Fields of Specialization for the Award

The Award covers the following fields of specialization



Distinguishing Features of the Award

- 1 This award is the first of its kind in studies of Islamic economics and allied disciplines in the Arab region.
- 2 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 system of scientific studies, providing an important reference for researchers globally in the field of Islamic economics, banking, and financial institutions.
- 4 It forms the nucleus for establishing 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.

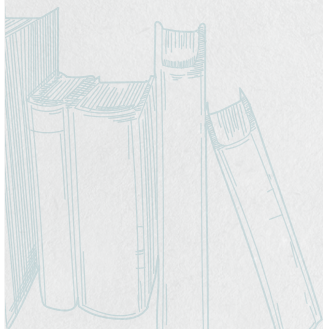
Conditions for Participation in the Award

- 1 The topic of research must be within the area of the award announced in the current session.
- 2 Participation must be in one of the three specialized fields of the Award, namely (Fiqh, Law, and Islamic economics).
- 3 A researcher who has won in the previous 4th session is not allowed to participate in the current 5th session but may participate in the subsequent sessions.
- 4 A researcher is not allowed to submit a paper extracted from a doctoral dissertation or a master's thesis. The research submitted must not have been previously published in any form (electronically or in print, officially or unofficially). It must not be under consideration for publication elsewhere and must not have previously won a similar award.
- 5 If a researcher wins the Award, his or her research becomes the property of the Award, and he or she is not allowed to use or distribute it without written permission from the Award's organizing committee.
- 6 The winning research papers will be published in Al Qasimia University Journal of Islamic Economics.
- 7 The researcher must submit his/her curriculum vitae (C.V) which should include personal details, academic background, and contact information.
- 8 The researcher must provide a copy of his/her passport, and the latest academic qualification obtained.
- 9 Research papers that do not comply with the Award's terms and criteria will be disqualified.
- 10 The announcement of the final award winners will take place on the day of the awards ceremony, whose tentative date is provided in the section on "Important Dates" below.

Conditions and Specifications of the Research

- 1 The research must demonstrate originality and innovation, contributing new scientific insights to the field of Islamic economics.
- 2 The research should have an applied nature and represent a new contribution to the field of specialization.
- 3 The researcher must submit an abstract in Arabic or English, providing a detailed explanation of the study's objectives, research problem, methodology, and key expected results. The abstract must be written based on the Award's approved template.
- 4 The researcher must adhere to proper research ethics, a sound methodology, and a robust analysis of the results.
- 5 The research paper must not exceed 35 pages, including figures and tables.
- 6 The font size for headings should be 16, and the main text should be size 14, using Times New Roman.
- 7 Researchers must follow the publication guidelines of Al Qasimia University Journal of Islamic Economics and avoid using any decorative elements (e.g., text borders, ornaments, etc.). The guidelines for research submission can be accessed via the following link:

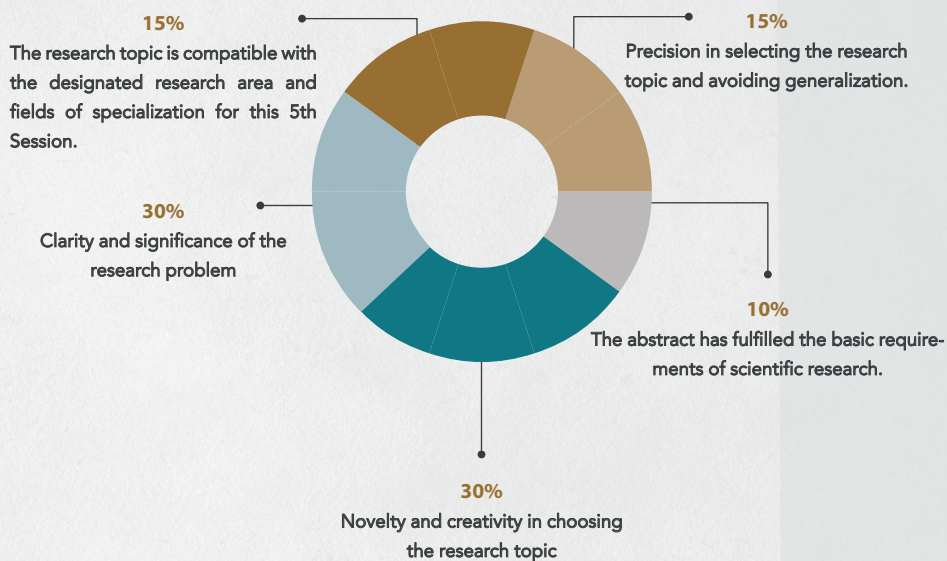
<https://journals.alqasimia.ac.ae/index.php/ie/about/submissions#authorGuidelines>



Stages and Criteria for Evaluating Submitted Research

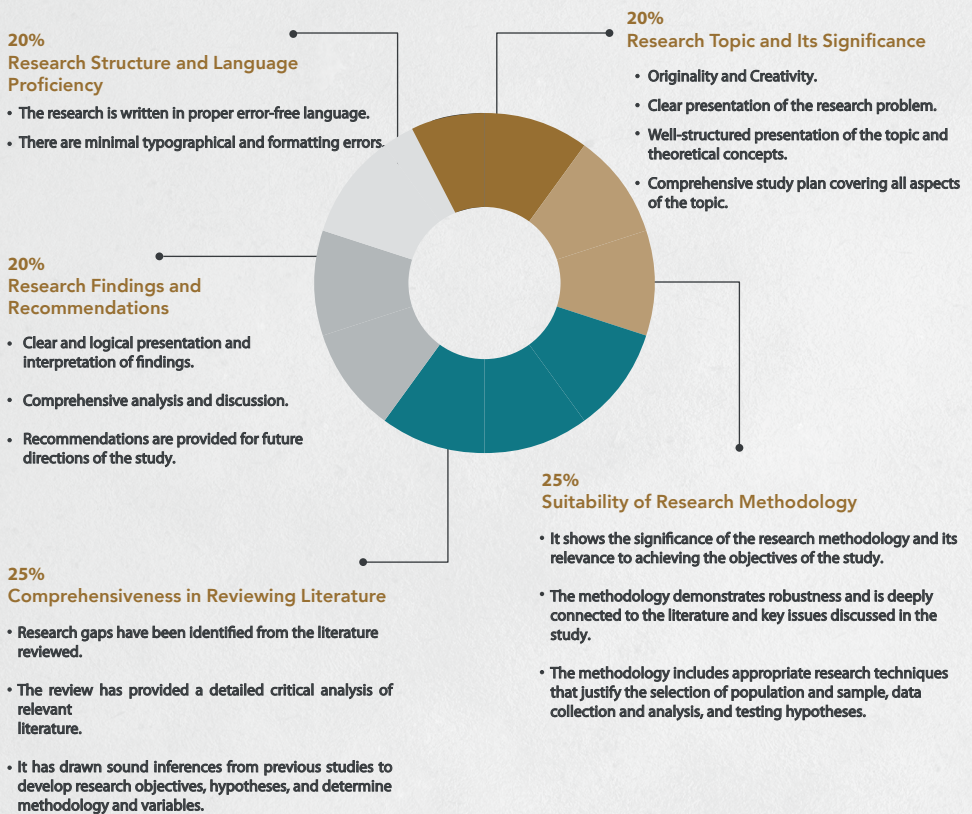
Stage 1:

Evaluation of Research Abstracts based on the Following Criteria



Stage 2:

Evaluation of Submitted Research based on the Following Criteria:



Important Dates

- 2025/02/20 ● Announcement of the Award and Participation Timeline
- 2025/10/31 ● Deadline for Abstract Submission
- 2026/03/31 ● Deadline for Full Research Paper Submission
- 2026/10/1 ● Award Ceremony and Announcement of Winners

Registration and Submission Guidelines

To register for the award, please complete the following steps:

1. Complete the Online Registration Form:

(Click [here](#) to access and fill out the registration form)

2. Fill Out the Abstract Form:

Download the form [here](#) and complete it with the required details.

3. Submit Your Documents:

- Send the completed abstract form, research paper, and required documents via email to: scie_award@alqasimia.ac.ae
- Submissions must be in Word format ([doc/docx](#)).
- **Important:** The submitted electronic copy will not be returned after the results are announced.



Award Prizes

The top three winners in each of the three award categories or fields of specialization — Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence), Law, and Islamic Economics — will receive the following prizes:

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Islamic Jurisprudence 30.000 United Arab Emirates Dirham● Law 30.000 United Arab Emirates Dirham● Islamic Economics 30.000 United Arab Emirates Dirham● Total 90.000 United Arab Emirates Dirham	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Islamic Jurisprudence 20.000 United Arab Emirates Dirham● Law 20.000 United Arab Emirates Dirham● Islamic Economics 20.000 United Arab Emirates Dirham● Total 60.000 United Arab Emirates Dirham	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Islamic Jurisprudence 10.000 United Arab Emirates Dirham● Law 10.000 United Arab Emirates Dirham● Islamic Economics 10.000 United Arab Emirates Dirham● Total 30.000 United Arab Emirates Dirham

The winners' rankings will be determined based on the average evaluation score assigned by the evaluation committee, as follows:



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