

Distinguished Visiting Professors Program and Postdoctoral Research Fellow Program

Join an elite community of global scholars in a journey of academic excellence

Umm Al-Qura University — Vice Presidency for Graduate Studies and Scientific Research

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Your Opportunity for Global Academic Excellence

Umm Al-Qura University opens its doors to the world's leading research minds, creating exceptional scholarly partnerships that enrich your academic journey and amplify your research impact on the international stage.



Distinguished Visiting Professor

Attracting professors of the highest global research caliber



Postdoctoral Researcher

Empowering outstanding early-career researchers in an advanced academic environment



Global Research Partnerships

Building a network of collaboration with the world's foremost scientific institutions



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Program Objectives

→ Advance the Strategic Plan

Strengthen the initiatives that drive the strategic plan of Umm Al-Qura University forward in research, development, and innovation.

→ Transfer and Localize Knowledge

Share and localize knowledge by exchanging world-class experiences and expertise with faculty members at Umm Al-Qura University.

→ Support Academic Committees

Equip the academic committees at Umm Al-Qura University with leading global best practices.

→ Expand Global Academic Impact

Elevate and amplify the university's scientific and research impact on the global stage.

→ Enrich Learning Outcomes

Enhance learning outcomes for all students, and especially graduate students, by leveraging global expertise and experience.

→ Attract Distinguished Research

Advance the university's scientific disciplines by attracting outstanding publications and high-impact research.

Admission Criteria and Key Notes

Distinguished Visiting Professor Program

- The area of specialization must support the university's core research priorities.
- The H-index must be no less than **20**.
- Average annual publication output over the past three years: **10 papers** classified as Q1.
- The applicant must be listed in at least half of the publications as the first author, last author, or corresponding author.

Postdoctoral Researcher Program

- The area of specialization must support the university's core research priorities.
- The H-index must be no less than **10**.
- Average publication output over the past three years: **5 papers** classified as Q1 or Q2.
- All scientific outputs and intellectual property rights must be registered under the name of Umm Al-Qura University only.
- From the date of contract signing, the researcher's affiliation in all scientific output must be Umm Al-Qura University only.

Application Requirements

Applicants to both programs must submit the following documents and requirements in full and with complete accuracy:

1

Curriculum Vitae

Submit a CV that highlights distinction criteria, along with links to personal profiles on research platforms.

2

Academic Certificates

Degree certificates and academic qualifications (Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD) — required for the Associate Professor and Professor levels.

3

Research Proposal

Submit a comprehensive research proposal containing: a cover page, table of contents, abstract (no fewer than 150 words), introduction (no fewer than 350 words), literature review (no fewer than 500 words), expected results (300 words), timeline, and scholarly references.

4

Teaching Plan

A teaching plan specifying the courses the applicant is able to teach and further develop during the program period.

5

Passport

A valid passport copy.

Program Responsibilities

Research Excellence

The applicant is required to complete the proposed research project at the time of application, ensuring it advances the university's research priorities in the following fields: **Medicine and Health — Science and Engineering — Computer Science and Information Technology.**

Research Task	Points	Outputs/Year
Publication in Science or Nature	30	1
Publication in journals indexed under Nature Index (15 points per publication)	15	2
Publication in ISI journals classified as Q1 (2 points) or Q2 (1 point)	10 to 20	According to classification
Contribution to a patent registered in the name of the university	10	1
Guest editor attracting scholarly papers to the university's journals	10	2
Establishing and supporting specialized research groups and teams	10	3

Program Responsibilities

Teaching Responsibilities

Teaching Specialized Courses

Delivering and developing advanced specialized courses of no more than 3 credit hours, with preference given to graduate-level courses and advanced undergraduate offerings. Weight: 6 points — 3 courses per year.

Training Courses and Workshops

Providing training courses and workshops for faculty members on new developments in the teaching of specialized sciences and research. Weight: 6 points — 3 courses per year.

University & Community Service

Consulting Services

Providing consulting services to scientific committees at the university. Weight: 6 points — twice per year.

Conferences and Seminars

Participating in conferences and seminars held by the university. Weight: 2 points — once per year.

Program Financial Benefits

The financial categories are structured according to the applicant's research profile, with the criterion calculated based on the cumulative impact assessment of scholarly output (H-index).

Cat.	H-index	Salary/Mo. (SAR)	Housing (SAR)	Max Cap	Pub. Support (SAR)	Achiev. Bonus (SAR)	Annual Cost (SAR)
A	≥ 40	25,000	25,000	100,000	50,000	100,000	475,000
B	30–40	20,000	25,000	100,000	50,000	100,000	415,000
C	20–30	15,000	25,000	100,000	50,000	100,000	355,000
D	10–20	10,000	15,000	50,000	25,000	50,000	210,000

 Category (D) is designated exclusively for the Postdoctoral Researcher Program.

The Distinguished Visiting Professors Program and the Postdoctoral Researcher Program form a cornerstone of Umm Al-Qura University's journey toward research excellence and global academic leadership.

- ✔ For inquiries and applications, please contact the Vice Presidency for Graduate Studies and Scientific Research at Umm Al-Qura University.

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