



## **Circular for Admission to PhD Program at USIM**

Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) is a reputed public university in Malaysia established in 1998. A Special Scheme to pursue PhD Program at USIM has been introduced for Bangladesh incumbents in 2014. Applications are invited from the prospective candidates for admission to the PhD Program of Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) under the **Special Scheme for Semester-I (September), Academic Session-2017/2018**.

### **Main Features of the Scheme:**

- The prime objective of the scheme is to provide a most convenient opportunity for the promising faculty members of private universities to upgrade their academic qualifications with credible and high quality PhD degrees at affordable cost and staying at their jobs and workplaces in Bangladesh.
- It is a 3-year (6-semester) full-time regular PhD Program at Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia.
- A student under the scheme will have to pay to USIM a total of RM 25,754 (BDT 6,50,000 app.) as tuition fee and other charges during 3 years and an amount of RM 5,600 to RM 7,700 (BDT 140,000 to 192,500) during admission.
- A student will have to stay for a minimum period of 3 months in the USIM during the 3-year duration of PhD study for completion of admission, finalization of research proposal and defending PhD thesis at the end. Staying in Malaysia may cost RM 1,000 to RM 1,200 (BDT 25,000 to 30,000) per month per person for food and accommodation excluding airfare. Return airfare may cost BDT 25,000 to 40,000 per trip per person.
- A student will have to complete two courses namely Research Methodology, and Data Analysis under the GOAL (Global Open Access Learning) system of USIM. Students who completed the course(s) at tertiary level may get exemption from the course(s) through application after admission to the PhD program.
- Student has the option to pursue his/her PhD research staying in Bangladesh under this Special Scheme.

### **Eligibility for Admission:**

Candidates having suitable Master degree or its equivalent with good grade from recognized Universities or Institutes are eligible to apply. Faculty members and graduates of **International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC)** will be given preference in selection.

### **Submission of Application:**

Application is to be submitted in the prescribed **Application Form** available at CRP, IIUC. Application must include - (i) Brief Research Proposal; (ii) A detailed CV of the candidate; (iii) Recent passport-size photograph-2 copies, and (iv) Copies of academic transcripts & certificates.

Deadline for submission of application to the office of the undersigned: **1<sup>st</sup> March, 2017**

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**USIM PhD PROGRAM UNDER SPECIAL SCHEME**  
**ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

**Session: 2017-2018**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Batch**

**Semester-I, September**  
(March –September)

Events	Schedules
Inviting Applications for Admission	Feb 1-28
Scrutiny of Applications & Recommendation by CRP -GB	March 1-20
Processing Online Applications by Selected Applicants to USIM	April 1-15
Getting Offer Letters for Admission from USIM	June 1-15
Sending selected candidates for enrollment at USIM	September
Getting Offer Letters to the Supervisors from USIM	September

**Notes:**

- i) Each PhD student **must** present **2** colloquiums, **5** workshops and **one** thesis pre-defense seminar at IIUC during 3-year study period.
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> workshop | 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester | <b>Pre-defense</b> for Qualifying Test (QT)                             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> workshop | 3 <sup>rd</sup> semester | Subject matter (developing a <b>concept paper</b> )                     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> workshop | 4 <sup>th</sup> semester | Based on research findings (after collecting & analyzing data)          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> workshop | 5 <sup>th</sup> semester | Subject matter (developing a <b>research article</b> based on findings) |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> workshop | 6 <sup>th</sup> semester | <b>Pre-defense</b> for comprehensive final viva                         |
- ii) In addition to the above schedules, a number of meetings/workshops will be held with the PhD students or group of students as and when needed.