

Position Announcement: Tun Abdul Razak Chair at Ohio University, Athens, OH, USA

The Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE), Government of Malaysia and Ohio University (OHIO), Athens, Ohio, United States of America (United States) invite applications for the Distinguished Tun Abdul Razak Chair (TARC) to begin in July 2020. Named in honour of the second Prime Minister of Malaysia and established in 1979, the Tun Abdul Razak Chair at Ohio University is the only one of its kind in the United States. This distinguished position aims to advance greater knowledge and awareness of Malaysia's history, culture, economic, social and political life and advancements in research, creative activity and innovation across the disciplines in the United States and internationally.

The TARC creates the opportunity for a Malaysian scholar to join the faculty community in their discipline at OHIO for up to two years to teach, do research and contribute to outreach and networking activities in their area of expertise. In the past four decades, serving as the intellectual envoy of Malaysia to the United States, 15 TARCs have contributed to strengthening partnerships between the two countries, educating students, hosting symposium and conferences and fostering new interests on the part of faculty at OHIO and other US universities to pursue collaborations with faculty in Malaysia.

The TARC will be administered by the Joint Committee between MOE and OHIO. For more information about the TARC, please visit <https://www.ohio.edu/razak-chair>.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The TARC will:

- a. Carry out teaching and research in the TARC's area(s) of specialization in accordance with OHIO policies and procedures
- b. Supervise an agreed number of undergraduate and graduate students and post-doctoral fellows undertaking research projects in the TARC's area(s) of specialization;
- c. Exchange knowledge and explore opportunities for further collaborations at OHIO, and with other institutions, agencies and foundations and government officials across the U.S. and internationally by organizing or giving lectures and seminars, and attending conferences and meetings consistent with the role of the TARC;
- d. Promote research and the accumulation of research resources, in one or more fields related to Malaysian Studies and other areas of mutual interest;
- e. Assist OHIO in strengthening further opportunities for joint collaborations with Malaysian academic institutions and the public and private sectors;

- f. Promote greater awareness and understanding of the opportunities for collaboration that advance relationships between Malaysia and United States;
- g. Increase research network and collaborative opportunities at OHIO by leveraging OHIO's interdisciplinary expertise and network of international collaborations and organize a series of workshops, conferences and/or symposiums for graduate students and/or the broader academic community;
- h. Prepare and manage the TARC's annual budget and plan for desired projects and be accountable for his/her projects and all expenses incurred. Provide required documentation supporting potential taxable occurrences while in the United States (e.g. mileage reports)
- i. Prepare and submit to the Joint Committee semi-annual, ad-hoc reports and a final report at the end of the appointment that summarize major activities and accomplishments including but not limited to research undertaken, participation in and/or organization of professional conferences and forums, honours and recognition, publications as related to the purpose of the TARC.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. The TARC will be a scholar/educator in Malaysia and possesses a distinguished research and education career in their field of study. The TARC will be held by an Associate or Full Professor with tenure from any university in Malaysia, with priority granted to public universities.
2. The specific disciplinary background is open, but successful candidates must possess a record of excellence in their discipline in one or more of the following: teaching, research and creative activities, external grants, experiential learning and community engagement, innovation and/or demonstrated leadership in international collaborations.
3. In addition to the academic responsibilities, the TARC should be able to promote awareness and understanding in United States about Malaysia, its history, people, economy, politics, culture, society, geography, language, scientific and technological endeavours, external relations and other fields related to Malaysia, with particular emphasis on their area(s) of specialization.

APPOINTMENT OF THE TARC

1. The TARC will be named a Visiting Professor at OHIO with all the privileges associated with that rank.
2. The appointment will be for specific period of time: a minimum of one academic semester to a maximum of two years, depending on the interests and needs of the TARC and OHIO.

3. The TARC will be jointly appointed in OHIO's Center for International Studies and the affiliated academic department or program aligned with the TARC's academic discipline. The TARC's affiliation may be multi-disciplinary in scope.
4. The TARC will have the same rights, responsibilities and obligations as other visiting professors at OHIO. The TARC holder will be covered by the same contractual obligations as other professors at OHIO with respect to contract research and consultancy, copyrights, patents and trademarks, health and safety and dispute and grievance procedures. See Faculty Handbook at Ohio University (<https://www.ohio.edu/facultysenate/handbook/current-handbook.cfm>).
5. The TARC holder will maintain levels of productivity consistent with the expectations of faculty at the same rank at OHIO. If the TARC holder is not performing as expected, a recommendation to revoke continuation of the title and its privileges may be forwarded to the Joint Committee by OHIO in consultation with MOE.
6. The appointment to the TARC will not affect the seniority of the TARC in their academic home department in Malaysia.
7. The TARC will be required to resume their duties at their home University in Malaysia upon the completion of their term at OHIO.

OHIO UNIVERSITY

Chartered in 1804, Ohio University is the oldest institution of higher education west of the Alleghany Mountains and one of the four oldest public universities in the United States. Today, Ohio University is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels. Students come from every state in the union and more than 100 different countries.

Presently enrolling more than 30,000 students on the Athens campus and five regional campuses, Ohio University offers 285 undergraduate majors through 10 academic colleges and the Center for International Studies. The University also offers master's degrees in nearly all areas, 20 doctoral degrees, and a doctoral degree in osteopathic medicine. Various esteemed publications and surveys repeatedly rank Ohio University as one of the top universities in the United States.

APPLICATIONS

Qualified applicants should submit the following:

1. Cover letter stating applicant's interest in the position and outline of the goals and objectives as the TARC
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Proof of endorsement by the Vice Chancellor of the applicant's university

4. Names and contact information of four individuals who are knowledgeable about the applicant's qualifications for this position

Applications should be submitted [electronically](#) by November 5, 2019. For further information, please contact below.

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