

REGULATIONS

for the conferment of the title of Associated Scientific Researcher of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization

Given the objectives and attributions of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization as enshrined in Law no. 117/2017 on its establishment, and in accordance with the provisions of Law no. 1/2011, the National Law on Education, with ulterior modifications and amendments, as well as the other relevant normative legislation in force, the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization (henceforth, *The Institute*) may confer the title of *Associated Scientific Researcher* to external scholars and university staff in Romania and abroad, upon the proposal of its constituent departments.

To this end, the Institute's Scientific Council hereby adopts the following set of Regulations:

I. Conditions of eligibility for the conferment of the title of *Associated Scientific Researcher* with the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization

Art. 1.

- (1) The title of *Associated Scientific Researcher of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization* can be awarded to individuals undertaking titular didactic and/or scientific research activities at universities and scientific research institutes either in Romania or abroad.
- (2) The Institute's Scientific Council will evaluate the scientific merit and the importance of the institution which the prospective candidate for the title of *Associated Scientific Researcher* is currently a titular member of, with reference to criteria set out by relevant international indexes in the respective fields such as the Times Higher Education (THE) university ranking scale or the Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), while also considering the particular results obtained by prospective candidates in the scientific activity they are currently undertaking, with reference to their record of academic publication, their attendance at congresses, conferences and symposia representative for their chosen field of activity, etc.

Art. 2.

Pursuant to the provisions of Art. 1, the title of *Associated Scientific Researcher of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization* may be awarded as follows:

- (1) The title of *Associated Scientific Researcher* can be awarded to specialists outside the Institute that have distinguished themselves through exemplary contributions to the Institute's stated fields of interest, through contributions to the editing and/or publishing of scientific works seminal for the Institute's stated avenues of scientific interest, or through organizing scientific events or activities relevant for the international academic milieu.
- (2) The title of *Associated Scientific Researcher* may be awarded to specialists that significantly contribute to the organization and unfolding of scientific manifestations organized by the Institute, or to those that constantly participate, by way of relevant scientific reports or communications on topics matching the Institute's stated fields of inquiry, in international congresses on themes aligned with the Institute's declared avenues of interest, as well as to those who regularly publish in the journals and publications edited by the Institute itself.

- (3) The title of *Associated Scientific Researcher* may be awarded to individuals with notable experience in education and research, who are involved in carrying out the Institute's scientific programmes.
- (4) The title of *Associated Scientific Researcher* may also be awarded to other individuals with other specializations than strictly those covering the Institute's stated fields of interest, should their interests and competencies prove useful and complementary to them.

Art. 3.

The title of *Associated Scientific Researcher of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization* may be awarded irrespective of age and citizenship status.

II. The conferment procedure for the title of *Associated Scientific Researcher of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization*

Art. 4.

- (1) The conferment of the title of *Associated Scientific Researcher of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization* must be endorsed by the Institute's Scientific Council by a majority of two thirds of its members' votes, following thorough analysis of the necessary enclosed documentation accompanying the proposal to award said title to a particular individual.
- (2) Proposals addressed to the Scientific Council to award the title of *Associated Scientific Researcher* shall be put forward by the Institute's Directorial College, on the basis of requests received or recommendations offered by the Institute's specialized departments.
- (3) Within each department, any such proposals will be adopted by a simple majority of votes from doctoral members active in the Institute's chosen speciality fields.
- (4) Prospective nominees' applications shall include an updated *curriculum vitae*, a list of published works, a motivation letter, as well as three studies perceived as representative, from a scientific perspective, of their scientific career. Applications may be submitted in person, at the Institute's headquarters, or online, in PDF format, to the Institute's official e-mail address.
- (5) Any proposals, accompanied by the above-mentioned documentation, shall be forwarded to the Institute's Directorial College who will then subject them to the approval of the Institute's Scientific Council. Proposals rejected by the Institute's Scientific Council must be themselves motivated by a report, to be attached to the unsuccessful application file.

Art. 5.

- (1) The President of the Scientific Council, either in person or via an appointed delegate, will communicate the conferment of the title of *Associated Scientific Researcher* to any successful candidates, and will award them the certifying documentation attesting to this fact.
- (2) Should, following measured deliberation, the decision be taken to reject the proposed conferment of the title of *Associated Scientific Researcher* to a prospective candidate, the President of the Scientific Council shall arrange that this decision, and its motivation, be communicated to the unsuccessful candidate(s).

III. The statute of *Associated Scientific Researcher of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization*

Art. 6.

- (1) Depending on the specific aspects resulting from the measured review of all proposals, the Institute's Scientific Council may decide to offer prospective candidates the status of *Associated Scientific Researcher of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization*.
- (2) The Council's decision must take into consideration the fact that the status of *Associated Scientific Researcher* of the Institute must correlate to the candidate's didactic/research level achieved (their attained competence thresholds) at the institution wherein they are primarily active.
- (3) The status of *Associated Scientific Researcher* shall be awarded on the basis of attained competence thresholds, in accordance with current legislation, as follows:
 - a. Researcher
 - i. Adjunct Research Assistant Professor (for candidates in university employment)
 - ii. Associate Researcher (for candidates employed by research institutes)
 - b. Grade III Scientific Researcher
 - i. Adjunct Research Senior Assistant Professor (for candidates in university employment)
 - ii. Associate Senior Researcher (for candidates employed by research institutes)
 - c. Grade II Scientific Researcher
 - i. Adjunct Research Associate Professor (for candidates in university employment)
 - ii. Associate Research Fellow (for candidates employed by research institutes)
 - d. Grade I Scientific Researcher
 - i. Adjunct Research Professor (for candidates in university employment)
 - ii. Associate Senior Research Fellow (for candidates employed by research institutes)

Note: Any English-language terms used to describe the various thresholds governing the present Statutes and Regulations may be used solely for texts and websites in English and/or to identify the particular status of associated researchers from abroad.

Art. 7.

- (1) Associated Researchers have an obligation to mention their affiliation with the Institute for Advance Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization when submitting works for publication that are relevant of their association with the Institute. The same is applicable to other scientific activities relevant to their association with the Institute (grant applications, scholarship bursaries, other scientific works etc.)

Art. 8.

- (1) The persons awarded the title of *Associated Scientific Researcher of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization* shall be supported in their ongoing research activities, benefiting from the available documentation and scientific information pathways opened through and by their affiliation with the Institute.
- (2) *Associated Scientific Researchers* of the Institute constitute priority invitees to the scientific manifestations organized by the Institute, and shall be supported in the publication and promotion of scientific results and achievements obtained relevant to the Institute's chosen fields of activity.
- (3) *Associated Scientific Researchers* of the Institute shall not be remunerated for their affiliation.

Art. 9.

- (1) Holders of the title of *Associated Scientific Researcher* awarded in accordance with the provisions of the present *Regulations* shall receive official documentation certifying to their respective capacity, documentation issued by the Institute itself.

IV. Withdrawal of the title of *Associated Scientific Researcher of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization*

Art. 10.

- (1) Any conferred titles may be withdrawn, under exceptional circumstances, through a Decision taken by the Institute's Scientific Council, should their holders be proved guilty of serious transgressions incompatible with their status as external collaborators of the Institute.
- (2) The title of *Associated Scientific Researcher* may also be withdrawn should the title holder fail to undertake any relevant scientific activity either within the Institute or respective to their chosen speciality for the entire duration of one calendar year, in accordance with article 6 of the Researcher's Statute.

V. Final and transitional provisions

Art. 11.

- (1) The present Regulations shall immediately come into force upon their approval by the Institute's Scientific Council, and will be brought to the attention of the general public through publication on the Institute's website.

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