

## 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:

#### 1. **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 university teaching staff or scientific researchers either in Romania or abroad.
- (2) The Institute's Scientific Council will evaluate the scientific merit and relevance of the institution of which the prospective *Associated Researchers* are currently part, in accordance with the objectives and programmes of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization.

##### **Art. 2.**

- (1) Pursuant to the provisions of Art. 1, the title of *Associated Scientific Researcher* can be awarded to specialists from outwith 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 under the Institute's aegis that are representative of 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 participate, by way of scientific communications 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 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: (a) an updated *curriculum vitae* formatted in accordance with current Europass criteria; (b) a list of published works, specifying their respective international index quotas where applicable or, in the case of artistic specialties, specifying relevant accreditations; (c) a list of held conferences, including their respective themes, location, and list of projects undertaken as project director or coordinator; (d) a motivation letter. 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 applications, accompanied by the above-mentioned documentation, shall be forwarded to the Institute's Scientific Director, who will then subject them to the approval of the Institute's Directorial College with a view to their ulterior submission before the Institute's Scientific Council. Proposals rejected by the Institute's Scientific Council shall themselves be 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 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. **Positions and regulations**

**Art. 6.**

- (1) Depending on the specific aspects resulting from the review of all conferment proposals, the Institute's Scientific Council decide whether or not to offer prospective candidates the status of *Grade I or II Associated Scientific Researcher of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization*.
- (2) In order to ensure the compatibility of different Associated Scientific Researcher Grades, their conferment will take into account the degree of academic attainment reached by successful candidates within their parent institution.
- (3) The position of *Associated Scientific Researcher* shall be awarded on the basis of attained competence thresholds, in accordance with current legislation, as follows:
  - a. Grade I Associated Researcher (corresponding to the academic thresholds of Professor, Associate Professor, or Grades I and II Scientific Researcher);

- b. Grade II Scientific Researcher (corresponding to the academic thresholds of Assistant Professor, Lecturer, or Grade III Scientific Researcher).

**Art. 7.**

- (1) The persons awarded the title of *Associated Scientific Researcher of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization* shall benefit from the Institute's available documentation databases and scientific information pathways.
- (2) *Associated Scientific Researchers* of the Institute represent priority invitees to the scientific, cultural and artistic manifestations organized by the Institute, and shall be supported in the publication and promotion of scientific results relevant to the Institute's chosen fields of activity.
- (3) *Associated Scientific Researchers* of the Institute shall not be remunerated for their affiliation.

**Art. 8.**

- (1) *Associated Scientific 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 requirement is applicable to other scientific activities relevant to their association with the Institute (grant applications, scholarship bursaries, etc.)

**Art. 9.**

- (1) Any conferred titles may be withdrawn by way of a Decision taken by the Institute's Scientific Council in this regard, should their holders be proven guilty of 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.

**IV. Final and transitional provisions**

**Art. 10.**

- (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.

**President of the Scientific Council of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization**

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