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Subject: RECOGNITION OF RESEARCH JOURNAL IN Y CATEGORY

Dear Editor,

The Higher Education Commission has been endeavoring to raise the quality of research in Pakistan according to international standards and research journals are considered as an excellent tool to enhance research capabilities. These journals serve as forums for presenting latest research and for appraisal of existing research. Case for recognition of your journal was examined under criteria/policies in vogue. I am pleased to inform that **"International Review of Social Sciences" (2309-0081)** of the **Academy of IRMBR, Peshawar** has been recognized by HEC w.e.f. 1st July-2020 and placed in **'Y' category for the FY 2020-2021**. Details can be accessed at <https://hjrs.hec.gov.pk/>.

02. HEC would like to assist you in endeavors to further upgrade the category of your research journal under the said Revised System. Category wise funding as per prescribed SOPs will also be given to recognized/accredited research journals under the revised criteria. HEC will also be arranging extensive Editors Workshops for their capacity building so that they can know how to reach the desired standards.

03. Since your journal has been graded under "Y Category" you will need to address the following issues in order to be considered for further upgradation:

- i. Get your journal indexed with Web of Science and Scopus and try to get a very good score on different parameters as elaborated in Journals and Publications Policy Document available at given web link.
- ii. Ensure that each article in your journal is reviewed as required under prescribed SOPs
- iii. Prevent plagiarism through Turnitin and make sure to publish international research in your journal.
- iv. Ensure that Guidelines framed by HEC for Authors, Editors and Reviewers are followed in true letter and spirit.
- v. Independent and comprehensive website having complete online archive as per international best practices should be maintained.

04. The journal must be upgraded in next category within two years in order to retain funding from HEC. HEC will not release any funds beyond a period of 2 years in the same category until the journal reaches W Category.

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