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Dr. Farheen Ahmed Hashmi

Editor, *NUML Journal of Critical Inquiry*

National University of Modern languages

H-9, Islamabad.

Subject: **Upgradation of the Journal Titled “*NUML Journal of Critical Inquiry*” National University of Modern languages, H-9, Islamabad in Category “Y”**

Dear **Dr. Farheen Ahmed Hashmi** Sahiba السلام عليكم

The Higher Education Commission has been endeavoring to raise the quality of research in Pakistan according to international level and research journals are the excellent tool to enhance research capabilities. Research journals serve as forums to present latest research and also for appraisal of existing research. It has been decided to recognize research journals in different categories i.e. ‘W’, ‘X’, ‘Y’, ‘Z’ as per fulfillment of HEC criteria. I am pleased to inform you that “*NUML Journal of Critical Inquiry*” National University of Modern languages, Islamabad has been upgraded by HEC and placed in ‘Y’ category (details of different categories are available at <http://www.hec.gov.pk/ssjournals>) w.e.f. **January - 2016**. The HEC is also providing financial assistance to all recognized journals and maximum amount upto **Rs.430,000/- per annum** would be provided to all ‘Y’ category journals as per demand. You can apply on the prescribed proforma for funding your journal which is available on HEC website.

The HEC would like to assist you in your endeavors to upgrade the category of your research journal. Since your journal has been graded as ‘Y’ you will need to address the following issues in order to be considered for further up-gradation:

- i. Take steps to ensure that each article in your journal is reviewed by at least two reviewers (including one international reviewer i.e. from academically advanced country in the respective discipline and policy of Blind Review should be followed strictly.
- ii. In addition to Islamic Research Index and Index of Urdu Journals, it is proposed that the journal may also be included in other HEC recognized Abstracting and Indexing agencies i.e. Ebscohost, Proquest, Thomson Reuters.
- iii. The journal must be upgraded in next category within 2 years of recognition date otherwise HEC may reconsider the existing category of the journal.
- iv. To prevent plagiarism and ensure original research in your journal, ensure use of anti-plagiarism software ‘Turnitin’.

We would also like you to take steps to place your journal online to allow international access to its contents.

With profound regards,


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Dy. Director (Academics)

CC:

- PS to the Vice Chancellor, National University of Modern languages, Islamabad.
- APS to Director General (Academics), HEC Islamabad.