



**College of Banking and
Financial Studies**



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FREPCO-2018

Faculty Research Paper Competition

Deadline for Submission: April 30, 2018

CBFS in association with The Research Council, Oman is pleased to announce the first annual Faculty Research Paper Competition – **FREPCO-2018**. The purpose of this competition is to promote and reward excellence in faculty research in Business related areas in Oman.

Objectives

- To promote research among academic staff members in business related areas
- To develop critical, analytical and research skills
- To disseminate the outcome of faculty research.

Benefits

- Interaction with practicing researchers who offer a critical feedback on research work.
- Preparation for participation in scientific conferences in future and have an idea of journal publication.
- Gain greater self-confidence through the experience and networking.

Who should participate

The competition is open to academic staff in business related area in various colleges and universities in Oman

Research Focus Areas

Accounting	Finance	Economics
Marketing	Human Resources	Business
Tourism	Entrepreneurship	Other related areas

Guidelines

- The research must have been completed currently to be eligible for submission
- Focus of research topic should be within the scope of business related areas.
- Empirical, field, observational, and applied research Projects are eligible
- Faculty may use any type of quantitative or qualitative methodology
- Faculty may participate in the FREPCO 2018 either individually or in team of maximum 3 participants.
- Paper must be submitted in English in MS Word document form only.
- The maximum number of words should be 5,000. A separate cover page and brief abstract not exceeding 150 words.
- Paper format should be 1” line spaced, Times New Roman, size 12 font, with one-inch margins all sides
- Submitted papers must use the APA style of referencing in bibliography.
- Declaration should be given by the faculty indicating the paper is the original work of him/her/them
- The research work should be original and proper referencing should be given for the source of information used in the paper.
- Faculty may submit more than ONE paper for the competition, and if accepted maximum two-presentation is allowed for presentation per person or team.
- Maximum 15 minutes will be allowed for oral presentation.
- No travelling allowance, per diem or other expenses will be provided to the presenters by the CBFS. The presenter is required to present the paper at his/her cost.

Project Outline

- Cover Page (Research Title, Author/s affiliation, year of completion of Project)
- Abstract (not exceeding 150 words)
- Introduction
- Literature Review
- Research Methods
- Results
- Findings, suggestions and Conclusion
- References
- Appendices (if necessary)

Evaluation Process

Paper will be evaluated through double blind peer review (point number 1 to 5) by the Scientific Committee based on the following criteria:

1. Relevance or significance of the topic (5%)
2. Theoretical basis (10%)
3. Methodology (20%)
4. Discussion and Interpretation (20%)
5. Clarity of writing (20%)
6. Quality of Presentation (25%)

The decision of the Scientific Committee will be final.

Submission Procedure

The papers should be submitted to Dr. Anand S. Director of Postgraduate Studies and Research Department through email (anand@cbfs.edu.om) by attaching both the competition submission form (duly signed scanned copy) and along with research paper. There is no registration fee for this competition.

Important Dates

Project Submission	April 30, 2018
Competition Presentation	May 27, 2018

Competition Awards

First Prize	RO 1000
Second Prize	RO 500
Third Prize	RO 300

College will award Certificate of Participation to all the winners and presenters.

Contact Person

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Research Paper Submission Form

Faculty Name	
Department	
College/ University	
Email ID	
GSM No.	

Title of research paper:

Research Focus Area:

I hereby attest that the paper submitted is my original work and that I have credited all sources referenced and consulted.

Date:

Faculty Signature