



# SUSTAINABLE GALS DEVELOPMENT GALS

### DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



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#### **UBT Equality, Justice and Tolerance Policy**

UBT is committed to measure and eliminate gender pay gaps through embracing a clear Policy to address pay-scale equity. Indeed, the policy clearly highlights aspects related to eliminating any discrimination or prejudice against women based on gender (page 4 of the policy) as well as clear policy on providing equal pay to UBT employees (page 4 of the policy). Indeed, the policy clearly indicates that all positions can be occupied by both genders, and it is not possible, legally, to pay a person higher or lower than the pay and grade associated with that position. Finally, UBT sets a clear policy indicating that HR monitors and sets measures to ensure the prevention and correction of pay gaps. (Evidence No 1 – provides full view of Equality, Justice and Tolerance Policy)



#### **Equality, Justice, and Tolerance Policy**

#### 1. Purpose

To foster a healthy environment free from discrimination, and harassment where all can work together in harmony and equality, to learn and innovate.

#### 2. Scope

Applied to all UBT members (Faculty (part time and full time), Staff, Students, visitors, adjunct professors, etc.) in terms of equality in accessibility, admission, pay-scale, gender equality and disabilities, anti-harassment, and anti-discrimination.





#### C) Pay-Scale:

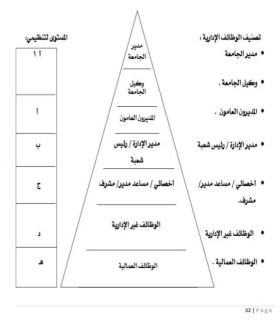
- . UBT is keen to provide an equal pay to its faculty members and staff.
- Salaries and allowances are based on the Job description and position regardless of the gender.
- All positions at UBT can be occupied by women and men. And it is not possible, legally, to pay a
  person higher or lower than the pay and grade associated with that position.
- Women in UBT can occupy all positions including presidency, vice presidency, deanship and directorship.
- . HR monitors and sets measures to ensure the prevention and correction of pay gaps.

#### **UBT Pay Scale Based on Job Classification**

UBT continues to measure and track the scale via various equity categories; UBT adopts a job classification based on job evaluation for each position, which considers the duties, responsibilities, background, and experience of the candidate filling a vacant position. This leads to assurance of a pay scale that is gender neutral and, hence, eliminates any gender bias when employed in the same job category/level (Evidence No. 2 – HR Manual - Pg. 31-37). The image below (based on the UBT HR Manual) indicates the overall Pay-Scale categories,

which are based on Job Positions/Evaluation and are gender-neutral.

This equity in pay is even demonstrated in practice. For example, Faculty members employed at the Academic Rank of 'Assistant Professor' and with the same/similar work experience will be paid the same monthly pay regardless of gender. A similar practice is maintained in non-academic positions (Evidence No. 3 - Sample of Job Offers -Male and Female). This equity in pay or gender neutrality aspect of payments also applies to extra allowance in the form of health insurance,



overtime, tickets for official assignments, or any other form of perdiem, end-of-





service payments, as well as payments associated with training and development opportunities (Evidence No. 4 - HR Policy - Pg. 192 to 231).

#### **Gender Neutral Administrative Assignment Allowance Policy**

Additionally, UBT applies other gender-neutral policies that enable pay-scale gender equity, which clearly indicate policies related to academic faculty administrative assignments that are announced to all UBT members. (Evidence No. 5 provides the President's Decree setting the extra allowances based on the level of assignment — Announced to all UBT members). The table below summarizes the monthly assignment allowance based on the assignment type. Therefore, regardless of gender, any faculty member who is assigned any of these pre-defined assignments will end up receiving the exact allowance regardless of their gender.

| Assignment Type   | Monthly Assignment Allowance |
|---|------------------------------|
| Vice President  | SR 8,000                     |
| Dean of College / Dean of Supporting Deanship           | SR 6,000                     |
| Assistant Vice President                                | SR 4,000                     |
| Vice Dean / General Director / Center Director          | SR 3,000                     |
| Head of Department/ Vice Dean for Supporting Deanship / | SR 2,000                     |
| Department Supervisor / Scientific Council Secretary    |                              |
| Department Manager / Unit Manager / Section Manager     | SR 1,000                     |

Another example is when introducing a new position associated with extra assignment compensation; these extra allowances are also made gender neutral. Hence, the allowance is based on the position and deliverables regardless of gender. (Evidence No. 6 also includes the decree associated with the assignment of College Quality Coordinators, which consists of male and female faculty members assigned the same duties and compensated with the same extra allowance and benefits).

#### **Gender Neutral Overtime Scheme and Part-time Contracts**





- Overtime Scheme: When employees are assigned extra tasks, they are pre-informed and receive the endorsement of their direct manager, which is compensated through the Gender-Neutral Over-Time Working Scheme, which pays above the average per-hour pay (Evidence No. 6 Overtime Template Sample).
- Part-time Contracts: All members who join UBT in a part-time job structure are assigned specific contracts with clearly set duties. Once the job is done, the relevant payment associated with the contractual relationship is made. All these contracts are signed by University Presidents and are Gender Neutral.



**Gender Neutral Academic Research Compensation and Benefits Scheme** 





Since 2022, UBT has adopted a gender-neutral payment scheme that aims to incentivize research productivity among all faculty members, which has received wide acknowledgement among all faculty members and resulted on dramatic increase on research productivity from all faculty. Indeed, UBT publications indexed in SCOPUS increased from 84 publications in 2022, reaching 393 in 2023 and exceeded 520 in 2024 (Evidence No. 7 – UBT Research Incentives Decree).



- In addition to reimbursement of the publication fee for each UBT publication indexed in SCOPUS, each faculty is rewarded a publication allowance that ranges between 1,000 SR to 10,000 SR per publication and depending on the meeting the following 8 publication parameters:
  - 1. Scopus Indexed Publications
  - 2. Type of Publication: Peer Reviewed Paper, Book Chapter, Book
  - 3. Quality of Publication: Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4
  - 4. Number of Authors: Single vs Co-Authored
  - 5. Faculty Collaboration: National vs International
  - 6. Student Engagement as Co-Authors: Yes or No
  - 7. Alignment with UN SDGs
  - 8. H-Index (between 12 and 20 or more than 20)