

Priority Research Topic 4.0

Call for Proposals

About MAREF

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Priority Research Topic Programme

In line with MAREF's endeavour to strengthen the accountancy profession in Malaysia, the Priority Research Topic (PRT) Programme was established to support the commissioning of accountancy research. This Programme aims to develop research outputs that benefit the profession, particularly in Malaysia.

Research Topic

Preparing Public Sector Entities for Sustainability Reporting: A Readiness Assessment and Success Factors

This research aims to establish the foundational knowledge needed to support the adoption of IPSASB SRS 1, *Climate-related Disclosures*, in the Malaysian public sector.

The selected research team will receive **funding of up to RM30,000**. The research duration is **six months** and will adopt a **mixed-method approach**, incorporating both quantitative and qualitative research methods.

Research Objectives

- To identify critical success factors for effective implementation of IPSASB SRS 1.
- To examine international leading practices and lessons learned from jurisdictions implementing sustainability reporting.
- To develop a practical implementation framework for adopting sustainability reporting in public sector.

Expected Outcomes

- A practical implementation framework for adopting sustainability reporting in the public sector.
- Practical recommendations on training, competency development, organisational capabilities and resource requirements.
- A compilation of leading international best practices in sustainability reporting that can be adapted by the Malaysian public sector.

Documents to Submit

- Curriculum vitae of the Lead Researcher and team member(s) involved.
- Certified true copies of the highest academic certificates of Lead Researcher and team member(s).
- Other relevant materials to support the proposal.
- Completed research grant application form.

Research guidelines



Research grant application form



Closing date for submission:

Friday, 30 October 2026

Submit your application to:

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