**Guidelines on the UPPI Graduates Publication Award**

**Background**

The UPPI Graduates Publication Award (GPA) was established to encourage and recognize scholarly work published by graduates of the University of the Philippines Population Institute (UPPI). The award supports Master in Demography (MADEM) and Master in Population Studies (MPOPS) students in developing their thesis or preprint research paper into peer-reviewed academic publications. The UPPI SPA aims to promote the dissemination of UPPI research and contribute to the broader population research literature, while recognizing scholarly productivity among UPPI graduates.

The UPPI GPA is made possible through the generous support of a UPPI alumnus and is administered by the Demographic Research and Development Foundation (DRDF) in collaboration with UPPI.

**Eligibility**

The award is open to MADEM and MPOPS graduates who meet all of the following conditions:

1. The applicant graduated from the MADEM or MPOPS program in AY 2024-2025 or thereafter.
2. The publication is substantially derived from the applicant's MADEM thesis or MPOPS preprint paper.
3. The publication has undergone a peer-review process.
4. The applicant is listed as the first or sole author of the publication.
5. The publication was published or accepted for publication within 24 months of the applicant's graduation approval date, as approved by the UP Diliman University Council.
6. The publication has not received or has been submitted for UP's International Publication Award (https://ovpaa.up.edu.ph/grants-and-awards/international-publication-award/).
7. The applicant is not a recipient of another grant or award that requires a publication based on the same MADEM thesis or MPOPS preprint paper, including the Continuous Operational and Outcomes-based Partnership for Excellence in Research and Academic Training Enhancement (COOPERATE) Program of the UP Office of International Linkages and the Loretta Makasiar Sikat (LMS) Prize.

**Application requirements**

Applicants shall submit the following:

1. A completed UPPI GPA Application Form, which includes the journal's publication information, such as the journal title, publication date, volume and issue or article number, and DOI, if available;
2. A copy or link to the publication;
3. A copy of the applicant's MADEM thesis or MPOPS preprint paper, or relevant portions, if requested by UPPI or DRDF, to establish that the publication is substantially derived from the graduate research; and
4. Other supporting documents that DRDF may require to process the award.

For articles accepted for publication but not yet published within 24 months of the applicant's graduation, applicants may submit an official acceptance letter or email from the publication editor as preliminary documentation. The award amount shall be released only upon confirmation of actual publication and fulfillment of all other eligibility requirements under these guidelines.

**Application procedure**

Applicants shall submit applications electronically to DRDF through this email address: drdf.inc@gmail.com.

Upon receipt of the application, DRDF shall verify:

1. The applicant's eligibility;
2. The relationship of the publication to the applicant's MADEM thesis or MPOPS preprint paper;
3. The peer-reviewed status of the journal;
4. The publication or acceptance date relative to the applicant's date of approval of graduation by the UP University Council; and
5. Compliance with the requirements for the UPPI GPA.

DRDF may request additional information or documentation when necessary to determine eligibility.

**Award amount and conditions**

Each eligible awardee shall receive PhP 20,000.

A MADEM thesis or MPOPS preprint paper may result in multiple publications. However, UPPI GPA may be granted for only one thesis or preprint paper, regardless of the number of articles subsequently published.

Where a publication has multiple authors, the award shall be granted to the eligible UPPI graduate who meets the requirements under these guidelines. The award shall not be divided among co-authors.

DRDF shall release the approved amount in full to the awardee, subject to fund availability and applicable DRDF policies and procedures.