



HIGHLIGHTS/FEATURED OF REVISED ZRC PROGRAM

1. Composition. 9 ZRC selected on the basis of:
 - Institutional credibility
 - Institutional leadership within the Zone
 - HEIs with COEs
 - Strong graduate program
 - Presence of critical mass of research oriented faculty
2. Jurisdiction. Distribution of HEIs to be supervised by each ZRC shall be based on the *geographical location* as well as research orientation and potential of HEIs (those *with graduate program*). Please see table I for the possible distribution of HEIs.
3. Funding Allocation. Funding shall not be fixed and shall be based on the activities proposed by the ZRC and approved by the Commission. Lump sum appropriations for GIA to be administered by each ZRC shall be based on the approved Zonal Research Program.
4. Research Focus. The ZRCz will concentrate on promoting and supporting research in priority areas that are not adequately covered by other funding agencies, namely: DOST, DA, DENR and others.

The ZRCs *shall no longer* conduct commissioned research but shall instead concentrate on coordinating, supporting and facilitating others in the HEIs to do research in academic departments where the researchers are housed.

5. Implementation. The Program Office shall implement the Zonal Research Program (ZRP).

Each of the nine ZRCs shall be headed by the Program Coordinator/Implementer who shall be endorsed by the Head of the institution and approved by CHED.

The Program Coordinator must possess the following qualifications:

- A ***Ph.D. holder*** from a recognized school and an accredited graduate program;
- Actively engaged in research and ***has a good track record in research as evidenced by completed papers published in reputable and/or refereed journals;*** and
- At least two (2) years ***experience in research management.***

The Program Coordinator shall serve on a part-time basis and he/she shall be deloaded of administrative or teaching assignment (equivalent to 6 units per semester).

6. The Program Coordinator shall be supported by qualified staff to be jointly determined by the President and the Program leader and approved by CHED.