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ICL Graduate Business School researchers have been rated with research Quality Categories in the 2018 Performance-Based Research Fund (PBRF) Quality Evaluation. This is the first time that ICL has participated in the evaluation, which is administered by the Tertiary Education Commission to support and recognize research excellence in the tertiary education sector.

ICL researchers submitted research portfolios to the Business (Management and Economics), Information Science and Technology, and Communications, Journalism and Media Studies panels.

ICL Education Group Chairman Ewen Mackenzie-Bowie said he was delighted with the recognition awarded to ICL researchers in their fields of expertise, and receiving such a large number of Quality Categories was a testament to the high calibre of their work. ICL was ranked 24<sup>th</sup> out of 35 in the AQS (S) ratings and 16<sup>th</sup> out of 35 in the AQS (E) ratings.

“These are excellent results for ICL Graduate Business School, which validate our commitment to quality research outcomes,” Mr Mackenzie-Bowie said.

After a successful preliminary audit by KPMG, ICL researchers were required to submit evidence portfolios (EPs) including their best research outputs for the years 2012 to 2017 to TEC in July 2018. The portfolios were rated by subject-specific expert panels and funding will be awarded to those ranked as a Quality Category researcher for the coming six years.

Mr Mackenzie-Bowie continued: “We were honoured to take part in the PBRF Quality Evaluation for the first time, and the outcome is a reward for our ten years of investment in research. Our three rated portfolios resulted in our placing well up the rankings, which, for a relatively small PTE, was a tremendous result.”

The increase in participation from the PTE sector indicates how research is growing in tertiary education organizations outside the university sector.