Dear Colleagues,

I hope all of you are keeping safe during the COVID-19 outbreak. In this issue, we first summarize our major research achievements during March and April this year, and the 2019 FBA Research Award Winners. Congratulations to those colleagues for their research achievements!

Although we are in the coronavirus outbreak period, we never stopped progressing in our research. In this issue, we provide a detailed examination of our research performance in 2019, including an analysis of journal publications, internal/external research grants, and the improvement in postdoctoral fellow and PhD recruitment.

As you can see from the analysis, we have made very good progress in improving our research capacity and quality. We hope this analysis will provide you with a better picture of where we are and which areas we need to further improve in 2020. Thank all of you for your contributions to FBA's research achievements.

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**Forthcoming Journal Publications**

ABS3 or Above (Mar - Apr 2020)

- L. Shu, F. Shi, & G. Tian. High-Dimensional Index Tracking based on the Adaptive Elastic Net, Quantitative Finance, accepted (ABS3)

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**2019 FBA Outstanding Research Award Winners**

- **FBA Outstanding Research Award (Research Track)**
  - Prof. Warren Jie WU

- **FBA Outstanding Research Award (Balance Track)**
  - Prof. Rico Long Wai LAM

- **FBA Young Scholar Award**
  - Dr. Jacey Ja Young CHOE
Journal Publication Comparison between 2018 and 2019

Fig. 1 demonstrates the FBA’s numbers of publications selected in ABS3/4/4* ranked journals ([1]), Web of Science (WoS), Scopus ([2]) and refereed journals in 2018 and 2019. In overall, the research publications in 2019 are 10% more than that in 2018.

![Fig. 1: Research Publications](image)


[2] WoS and Scopus data are provided by UM Library

Citations and H-indexes in WoS and Scopus

Fig. 2 demonstrates the FBA’s number of citations in 2018 and 2019. Comparing with the citations in 2018, the citations in 2019 has 38% increase in WoS and 50% increase in Scopus. In 2019, The h-indexes are 36 on Scopus and 37 on WoS.

![Fig. 2: Citations in WoS and Scopus](image)
Journal Publication Rates

- Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 demonstrate the publication rates for different academic ranks and academic tracks within the last three years (2017-2019). For example, 2.46 represents that each professor published 2.46 refereed journal papers per year.
- Fig. 3 illustrates that professor's publication rates are higher than the associate professor's and assistant professor's publication rates for both all the refereed journal papers and ABS3/4/4* ranked journal papers.
- Fig. 4 illustrates that the research-track staff's publication rates are higher than the balance-track staff's publication rates. The research-track staff's publication rate of ABA3/4/4* ranked journal papers is almost twice that of the balance-track staff.

Diversification of Journal Publications

Fig. 5 demonstrates the journal publications in different disciplines during 2017 – 2019. The Integrated Resort and Tourism Management has the most publications in both ABS3/4/4* ranked journals and other refereed journals.
PhD and Postdoctoral Recruitment

- By doing more promotion such as summer camp, Wechat group, etc., the number of PhD applicants in the first two batches are 230 in 2020 comparing 190 in the whole year 2019. And the percentage of PhD applications from top-100 mainland China or top-300 world universities significantly increased to 69% in 2020 comparing 41.79% in 2019.
- The postdoctoral applications in the first batch in 2020 is 16, comparing 23 in the whole year 2019. The percentage of applications from top-one mainland China or top-300 world universities significantly increased to 87.5% in 2020 comparing 40% in 2019.

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