# 5237 - Working in an institute teaching interest-based financial courses

**the question**

What is the Islamic ruling on working as a secretary in an institute that teaches financial courses, i.e., an institute which
teaches bank employees only about matters pertaining to bank administration, knowing that the institute’s income comes from riba-based banks in exchange for training their employees?

**Detailed answer**

Praise be to Allah.

Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“Help you one another in Al-Birr and At-Taqwa (virtue, righteousness and piety); but do not help one another in sin and transgression” [Al-Ma’idah 5:2]. Your working in this institute is clearly helping them to continue engaging in riba, which is something that is forbidden not only in Islam but in all religious laws revealed to other Prophets. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “Allah has cursed the one who consumes riba, the one who gives riba, the one who writes it down and the one who witnesses it.” He said: “They are all the same.” (Narrated by Muslim).

So you have to look for a new job. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “You never give up anything out of fear of Allah, but Allah will give you something better than that.” (Narrated by Ahmad).

And Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“And whosoever fears Allah and keeps his duty to Him, He will make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty). And He will provide him from (sources) he never could imagine. And whosoever

puts his trust in Allah, then He will suffice him.” [Al-Talaq 65:2-3]

And Allah knows best.