



**Office of Research Support**

**QU Internal Grants**

**Visiting Fellow, Scholar & Researcher Program Guidelines**

**(VFS & RP)**

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## 1. Program Timeline

<b>Launch of the Call for Proposal</b>	Fall 2022
<b>Deadline for Proposal Submission</b>	Jan 1, 2023
<b>Proposals Pre-screening (ineligibility)</b>	1 week after submission deadline
<b>Award Announcement</b>	Check ORS website
<b>Stay Duration</b>	1 Month and up to 2 months and within the maximum budget of \$20,000 (anytime during the academic year, outside the vacations)
<b>Budget</b>	\$5,000 and up to \$20,000 (depending on the guest's rank and stay duration)
<b>Submission</b>	Upload the full application online through iGrantsExtent
<b>Program Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:igrants@qu.edu.qa">igrants@qu.edu.qa</a>

## 2. Background

The vision of Qatar University (QU) is to be regionally, and globally recognized for distinctive excellence in education and research; an institution of choice for students and scholars, and a catalyst for the sustainable socio-economic development of Qatar. Accordingly, QU is determined to improve the quality of its research, explore opportunities for outreach and engagement with international research institutions and industry, and promote research-informed education in Qatar and the region. Qatar University has successfully attracted leading academic researchers and pioneer scholars in most fields of higher education. Faculty members at QU have established platforms of research in various fields relying on generously funded grants from the external and internal funds within QU. This has obviously been turned into significant jumps of the university in international ranking during the past few years. As part of QU's strategic research excellence initiatives, and in order to consolidate the momentum of its journey towards achieving strategic objectives and promotion of international endeavors, the university is willing to host several high-caliber renowned visiting fellows, scholars, and researchers at various scientific and research disciplines related to QU's Research Priorities.

## 3. Research Priorities

This program is focusing on all QU Research Priorities, detailed on this link:  
<http://www.qu.edu.qa/research/research-priorities>

## 4. Eligibility Criteria

- The fellow, scholar or researcher application should be submitted by QU Colleges, QU Centers, or any other QU units suitable to host the fellow, scholar or researcher.
- The fellow, scholar or researcher is affiliated with a reputable university or research/industry center outside Qatar, and is recognized for having an accomplishment record of high-quality peer-reviewed publications, exceptional ability to attract research funding, and excellent skills related to research student supervision.
- The candidate should visit Qatar University for the requested stay duration (to be agreed on with the QU unit, and communicated at least 3 months in advance to ORS).
- The candidate should hold an advanced degree in his/her field, granted by an established university, and has established outstanding international reputation.
- The candidate should be able to lead interdisciplinary research projects.
- The candidate should have a record of supervising graduate students (preferably PhD) to successful completion, and provide evidence of translating graduate research supervision into high impact publications.

**Depending on the candidacy applied for, some advantageous qualifications and achievements are considered:**

- Rigor academic or executive qualifications.
- Teaching, curriculum design, and other types of experience related to student support.

- Managerial and administrative experience, such as serving as head of research laboratory/center, or head at the levels of colleges and departments.
- Serving as a faculty member in more than one university and more than one country, and ability to deal with different cultures are assets.
- Have attracted considerable research funding.
- Serving as an editor-in-chief or member of an editorial team for at least one top journal of his/her field.
- Industrial experience in the field of candidate's research.

## 5. Required Activities

Depending on the candidacy applied for, recipients of these awards are required to undertake several of the following activities:

- Establish new tangible research collaboration with faculty members from QU.
- Generate high quality peer-reviewed publications annually from collaborative research with QU members.
- Act as a mentor for junior faculty members by offering them support in grant writing, students' supervision, research management and other scholarly related activities.
- Participate in supervision or co-supervising of graduate students at QU.
- Collaborate with QU members to file patents, and contribute to technology transfer to serve development in Qatar.
- Teach at selected classes offered by the University as a guest lecturer on the graduate level.
- Speak at specially arranged seminars for students/faculty/community members.

## 6. Benefits

- Depending on the candidacy and the stay duration applied for, the financial reward is in the range of \$5,000 to \$20,000 (based on the Office of Research Support's ORS Review Committee feedback on qualification, career profile, and accordance with QU HR Policies)
- Furnished accommodation according to QU HR policies.
- Health insurance according to QU HR policies.

## 7. Applications

QU's College, Center or entity uploads the proposed application (maximum one application per call per entity) on the **ORS iGrantsExtent** submission system consisting in:

- An application template stating the topic, activities to be done with the Visiting Fellow, Scholar or Researcher, tangible outcomes, etc.
- Curriculum vitae.
- A presentation letter by QU College, Center or entity, explaining the context of the invitation, objectives and the expected strategic targets through the invitation.
- Name of at least two references (to be requested from the candidate).

- The proposed length and expected dates of the visit.

## **8. Final Award Decision**

Based on the feedback from ORS Review Committee, ORS will select the top ranked proposals after validation by the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies's office.

The Visiting Fellow, Scholar or Researcher will agree with QU College, or Center or entity about the final stay dates (should be during the current or the following academic year (2023/2024). Any invitation not used will be lost, and could not be deferred for any reason to the next academic year. QU College, Center or entity should inform ORS about the dates and start the invitation process (at least 3 months in advance).