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Collaborative Grant (CG)

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Launch of the Call for Proposal	Please visit our website to check the dates
Deadline for Proposal Submission	
Award Announcement	
Project Duration	One to two years
Awards Parameters	• 150,000 QAR per one year • up to 300,000 QAR over two years
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2. Program Overview and Objectives

The collaborative grants at Qatar University aim to promote research collaboration and the constitution of joint research teams, contributing to the production of impactful research within and beyond the university community. These grants support innovation and the advancement of knowledge in priority research areas.

The Collaborative Grants Program paves the way for capacity building in priority research areas through the following activities:

- Encouraging researchers to form collaborative research groups and develop their research capabilities through teamwork.

- Promoting research in priority areas and enhancing innovation and knowledge advancement.

The program is divided into two tracks:

- Track 1: Assistant Professors Track
- Track 2: Associate Professors and Professors Track

3. Research Team Structure

Team Structure

- **Lead Principal Investigator (LPI):** Each research team must have one Lead Principal Investigator who is a full-time faculty member or researcher at Qatar University. The LPI holds full responsibility for the technical, administrative, and financial management of the project.
- **Principal Investigators (PIs):** The team may include 4 Principal Investigators from within or outside Qatar University, contributing their expertise to the project's implementation.
- **Student Participation:** Including graduate and/or undergraduate students on the research team is required to build research capacity and provide training opportunities.

4. Eligibility Criteria

1.1. Eligibility of the Lead Principal Investigator (LPI)

- **Assistant Professors Track:**
  - The Lead Principal Investigator must be a faculty member at the rank of Assistant Professor in a college or research center.
- **Associate Professors and Professors Track:**
  - The Lead Principal Investigator must be a faculty member at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor in a college or research center.
- A researcher may participate as an LPI in only one research proposal per grant cycle.
- The LPI who holds an active internal grant or Qatar Research Development and Innovation (QRDI) grant is **not eligible** for a new internal research grant as an LPI, except for those whose active grants are in their final year.
  - All forms of Student Grants and Direct Support are not counted when this restriction is applied.

1.2. Submission and Participation Limits:

- The proposal should be submitted by the Lead Principal Investigator (LPI); otherwise, it will not be acceptable.
- To ensure fair distribution of opportunities and allow the largest number of researchers to participate, the following limits are applied to submissions in each grant cycle:

- o **Principal Investigator (PI):** A researcher may participate as PI in up to 5 research proposals per grant cycle.

- o **Multiple Roles:** A researcher can combine roles within the same cycle, such as serving as LPI on one project and as PI on up to four other projects.

- o **Multiple Applications as LPI:** The number of LPI roles per cycle can have only one LPI role. If more than one application is submitted in the same cycle by the same researcher as LPI, only the first submission will be processed further. Applications as LPI in Governmental and Industrial Collaboration Grants, and Institutional Collaboration Grants, are not counted when this condition is applied.

- o **Maximum Across Cycles:** There is no maximum limit on participation as PI across different grant cycles. Researchers may participate in each grant cycle within the limits stated above, subject to other eligibility restrictions related to active grants.

1.3. External PIs

For PIs from Organizations outside Qatar University:

- A support letter using the approved template must be submitted, duly signed by the institution's authorized signatory, **not by the Principal Investigator (PI).**
- The institution shall waive all rights, including intellectual property rights, arising from or related to this project.
- The Principal Investigator shall personally conduct and remain solely responsible for all project activities. **No delegation, assignment, or subcontracting shall be permitted.**

5. Required documents

- Application form
- Budget Breakdown
- Research Team CVs- each CV should not exceed three pages (LPI and PIs only)
- Similarity report not exceeding 15 % (less than 3% single source)- full iThenticate report
- Primary Research Ethics Checklist

6. Budget

The budget in the research proposal must be prepared accurately and realistically, adhering to the limits and regulations set out in the grant guidelines and Qatar University's financial policies. Qatar University.

1. **Budget Limits**
- 150,000 QAR per year, up to 300,000 for two years.

2. **Personnel Expenses**
- **Undergraduate student:** Daily rate fixed at 436.98 QAR, 2 working days per week, maximum 8 working days per calendar month.
- **Research Assistant or Graduate student:**
    - **Bachelor's degree holder**: Monthly rate: 8,000-10,000 QAR. Daily rate: 266.66-333.33 QAR.
    - **Master's degree:** Monthly rate: 11,000-15,000 QAR. Daily rate: 366.66-500 QAR/day
- **Post Doc or Research Associate:** Monthly rate: 18,000-30,000 QAR. Daily rate: 600-1,000 QAR.

3. **Travel Expenses**
- **Purpose:** The travel budget is primarily allocated to cover expenses for researchers attending scientific conferences to present the results of the funded research project.
- **Limits:** The travel budget must not exceed 20% of the total annual budget of the project.
- **Approval:**
    - All travel expenses under any grant programs are subject to prior approval from the Research Support Department.
    - Members of the research team are required, when traveling under the research grant, to comply with all regulations and decisions issued by the President of the University, as well as the relevant university policies and/or the applicable policies of the funding agencies and the agreements signed with them.
    - All travel expenses must fall within the approved budget and available resources, after fulfilling all travel requirements and obtaining administrative approval. This applies to all members of the research team, including researchers and university students awarded the research grant. Travel expenses shall be reimbursed in accordance with the rules and procedures in force at the University and, where applicable, those of the funding agency.

- For student travel, travel application forms must be completed and signed by the Dean of the student's college and submitted to the Pre-Award Office for final approval after the grant is awarded.

4. **Textbooks Expenses**
- **Purpose:** To support the purchase of essential textbooks and reference materials, or the successful execution of the project.
- **Limits:** Not available in QU Library and Qatar National Library.

5. **Publication Expenses**
- **Purpose:** To enable researchers to disseminate project outcomes through peer-reviewed publications that enhance research visibility and impact.
- **Limits:** The budget allocated for miscellaneous expenses must not exceed 10% of the project's total annual budget.

6. **Miscellaneous Expenses**

- **Purpose:** To cover minor, project-related expenses that do not fall under other budget categories.
- **Limitations:** The budget allocated for miscellaneous expenses must not exceed 5% of the project's total annual budget.

7. **Non-allowable Expenses**

- Please see the Qatar University Non-Allowable Expense document

8. **General Notes**

- **Advance ITS approval** is required for all software, hardware, subscriptions, cloud services, licensing renewals, specialized IT equipment, and any systems requiring integration with QU's IT environment.
- All budget items and expenditures must comply with Qatar University's financial policies and regulations.

- If there are any inquiries regarding budget items or allowable expenses, it is recommended to contact the Research Support Department directly for clarification before submitting the proposal or initiating any spending

7. Proposal Submission

The application link will be shared during the grant launch announcement.

8. Acknowledgement

The Lead Principal Investigator must ensure that Qatar University is acknowledged for their support when publishing the research results, using the following statement:

"This [publication, report, etc.] was made possible by a research grant funded by [Institution Name] under research grant No. XXXXXXX. The findings herein reflect the work and are solely the responsibility of the author[s]."

9. Contact Information

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