



# Institutional Collaboration Grant (GIC) Qatar University-Hamad Medical Corporation 2027



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## 1. Program Summary

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
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• QU: 180,000 QAR per year, up to 360,000 QAR for two years</li><li>• HMC: 180,000 QAR per year, up to 360,000 QAR for two years</li></ul>
Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• QU: <a href="mailto:igrants@qu.edu.qa">igrants@qu.edu.qa</a></li><li>• HMC: <a href="mailto:researchcollaboration@hamad.qa">researchcollaboration@hamad.qa</a></li></ul>

## 2. Program Overview and Objectives

The Institutional Collaboration Grants aim to strengthen research partnerships between Qatar University (QU) and institutions in Qatar and GCC countries, as well as international institutions that have strategic partnerships and signed MOUs with Qatar University, including joint funding agreements. This type of grant is a key tool for expanding international academic collaboration, exchanging expertise, and developing research projects of mutual interest. The Institutional Collaboration Grant for joint funding enables sustainable collaboration by supporting and implementing joint research projects between Qatar University and selected universities. It aims to enhance research integration and knowledge exchange.

## 3. Research Priority

- **Antimicrobial Resistance and Sepsis**  
Antimicrobial stewardship, infection prevention and control, rapid diagnostics, surveillance, sepsis management, and outcomes
- **Artificial Intelligence and Innovation in Healthcare**  
Clinical decision support, predictive modeling, diagnostics, digital health innovation
- **Health Economics**  
Cost-effectiveness, health system efficiency, value-based care
- **Healthy Ageing**  
Frailty, multimorbidity, long-term care models, prevention
- **Mental Health**  
Epidemiology, service delivery models, early intervention, digital mental health, integration of mental and physical healthcare

## 4. 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 additional Principal Investigators from within or outside QU and HMC, contributing their expertise to the project's implementation. The QU team may include 4 Principal Investigators from within or outside Qatar University, contributing their expertise to the project's implementation.
- **Student Participation:** The inclusion of graduate and/or undergraduate students on the research team is encouraged to build research capacity and provide training opportunities for students.

## 5. Eligibility Criteria

The proposal must include a Lead Principal Investigator (LPI) from QU and another Lead Principal Investigator (LPI) from HMC.

## 1.1. Qatar University Eligibility Criteria

### 1. Eligibility of the Lead Principal Investigator (LPI)

- Professors, Associate Professors, and Assistant Professors at Qatar University who can develop research partnerships with leading academic institutions locally, regionally, and internationally, in line with Qatar University's research priorities.
- A researcher may participate as an LPI in only one research proposal per grant cycle.
- A researcher may participate as an LPI in only one research proposal per grant call.
  - All forms of Student Grants and College Direct support are not counted when this restriction is applied.

### 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:
  - **Principal Investigator (PI):** A researcher may participate as PI in up to 5 research proposals per grant cycle.
  - **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.
- **Multiple Applications as LPI:** The number of LPI roles per cycle/call (ICG) is limited to one. 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.

## 1.2. Hamad Medical Corporation Eligibility Criteria

### 1. Eligibility of the Lead Principal Investigator (LPI)

- LPI must be HMC full-time primary affiliate
- Terminal degree as per Law No. 6 of 2025 on the Regulation of Health Research and its Executive Regulations
- The LPI must have a track record of successful research with at least 5 peer-reviewed journal publications. Published articles must be indexed in ISI/Web of Science.
- Active participation per cycle:
  - A researcher may participate as a LPI in only one research proposal per cycle.
  - A researcher may participate for up to 3 proposals as PI per cycle.

### 1.3. External PIs Collaboration:

For PIs from Organizations outside Qatar University and Hamad Medical Corporation:

- 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.**

## 6. Submission Process

Proposal submissions will be managed by HMC, while review outcomes and final funding decisions will be jointly determined by QU and HMC.

### 1. Letter of Intent (LOI) submission

Applicants submit a brief LOI within **three weeks** of the call announcement. Submissions will be via [researchcollaboration@hamad.qa](mailto:researchcollaboration@hamad.qa).

### 2. LOI review and shortlisting

LOIs are reviewed and shortlisted by a joint QU–HMC committee.

### 3. Full proposal submission

Shortlisted teams will be invited to submit a full proposal via HMC- Abhath.

### 4. Peer review

Full proposals undergo peer review coordinated by HMC.

### 5. Joint committee assessment

The QU–HMC joint committee reviews peer-review outcomes and formulates joint recommendations.

### 6. Final decision

Final funding decisions are jointly decided by QU–HMC leadership, based on the joint committee's recommendations.

## 7. Required documents

1. Letter of Intent (LOI) submission
  - Letter of Intent (LOI)
  - Research team CVs (max 3 pages each)
2. Full proposal submission
  - Submission via Abhath, applicants are required to use HMC Research Protocol template, which can be downloaded from Abhath download center
  - QU LPs are required to upload the following in iGrants:
    - Copy from Abhath page
    - Budget breakdown

## 8. 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 each institution's financial policies. Qatar University and Hamad Medical Corporation jointly fund this grant. Each funding entity is directly responsible for disbursing its share of the project funding to its researchers without exchange of funds between institutions. Each proposal will comprise two separate budget sheets: one for the QU team and another for the HMC team.

### 1.4. Qatar University Budget

1. **Budget Limits**
  - 180,000 QAR per year, up to 360,000 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 project's total annual budget.
- **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.

### 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

### 1.5. Hamad Medical Corporation Budget

#### 1. Budget Limits

- 180,000 QAR per year, up to 360,000 for two years.

#### 2. Material and Consumables

- Allowed

#### 3. Personnel Expenses

- Personnel expenses may be allocated to research support staff, such as research assistants, laboratory technicians, and postdoctoral fellows. Compensation rates should be based on HMC-approved daily rates.
- HMC investigators are not eligible to receive compensation from research grant funds.

#### 4. Publication Expenses

- As per HMC *Research Authorship and Publication* policy
- Publication Requests to be submitted to the Publication Office at [researchpublication@hamad.qa](mailto:researchpublication@hamad.qa)

## 5. Travel

- Requests for travel funding must be submitted to the Budget Team and are subject to institutional approval and review by the Budget Committee.

## 6. Non-allowable Expenses

- Capital Equipment

## 9. Proposal Submission

Proposal submission will be through Abhath; HMC electronic submission system. The following is the link to Abhath: <https://abhath.hamad.qa/abhath>

## 10. Acknowledgement

The Lead Principal Investigator must ensure that Qatar University and Hamad Medical Corporation are 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 [Qatar University and Hamad Medical Corporation] under research grant No. XXXXXXXX. The findings herein reflect the work and are solely the responsibility of the author[s].”

## 11. Contact Information

- **Qatar University:** Please contact us at the following email address: [igrants@qu.edu.qa](mailto:igrants@qu.edu.qa)
  - **Please visit the concerned College/Center:** [Link](#)
- **Hamad Medical Corporation:** Please contact us at the following email address: [researchcollaboration@hamad.qa](mailto:researchcollaboration@hamad.qa)