

National Capacity Building Grant 2026



Program Summary

Launch of the Call for Proposal	Please refer to the website to check the schedule
Deadline for Proposal Submission	
Award Announcement	
Project Duration	Stage 1: one year Stage 2: up to two years
Budget	Stage 1: up to 100,000 QAR Stage 2: 150,000 to 300,000 QAR
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Program Overview

The **National Capacity Building** grant (NCB) at Qatar University is a research-focused initiative designed specifically for Qatari academic faculty members including, Associate Researchers, Lecturers (holding a PhD), and Assistant and Associate Professors. The grant aims to support their research endeavors and enhance their academic competencies.

This program seeks to empower faculty members to produce high-quality research published in prestigious academic journals and to prepare them for securing externally funded research projects.

Program Objectives

The NCB is one of Qatar University's key initiatives to support national academic faculty. The grant aims to empower them to enhance their research and academic capabilities, thereby strengthening their scientific contributions and advancing national competence in priority research areas.

The grant consists of two stages:

- **Stage One of the NCB:**

This stage provides funding to support participants in developing their research capabilities or initiating a new research track, with the goal of building a strong research portfolio.

- **Stage Two of the NCB:**

This stage is designed to help participants strengthen their research portfolios, increase their research output, and conduct studies that lead to publication in peer-reviewed journals and the acquisition of externally funded research projects.

Awardees of the NCB are eligible to apply for the **Summer Program**, which supports the continued development of their research activities.

Eligibility Criteria

Stage One:

- The Lead Principal Investigator (LPI) must be a Qatari national, a faculty member at Qatar University, and hold the position of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Associate Researcher, or Lecturer with a PhD.
- This grant may be awarded to a Lead Principal Investigator only once during their academic career.

Please refer to the Qatar University Internal Grants Guide (Team Structure section, Application Terms and Conditions section) for more details.

Research Team Structure

Stage One:

- Qatari Associate Researchers, Lecturers (holding a PhD), Assistants and Associate Professors at Qatar University.

Stage Two:

- The inclusion of teams comprising Principal Investigators from both research centers and

academic departments is encouraged.

- The participation of graduate or undergraduate students as part of the research team is a mandatory requirement.

Please refer to the Qatar University Internal Grants Guide for further details.

Proposal Submission

The application link will be shared upon the official announcement of the grant's launch.

Please refer to Qatar University's Internal Grants Guide (Proposal Submission section and Required Documents section) for detailed guidance.

Stage Two is subject to the following condition:

- Successful completion of Stage One with a satisfactory performance level and the timely submission of both financial and final reports.

Budget

The research proposal budget must be prepared accurately and realistically, in compliance with the guidelines and limits specified in the Grants Guide, as well as the financial regulations in effect at Qatar University.

Duration and Funding:

- **Stage One:** Up to QAR 100,000 for a duration of one year.
- **Stage Two:** Up to QAR 150,000 per year, for a maximum duration of two years.

Summer Program:

Awardees of the NCB are eligible to apply for the Summer Program, which supports the continued development of their research during the summer break. The program is intended to facilitate engagement in research activities, the preparation of publications, and the development of research proposals.

- The program is available exclusively to the Lead Principal Investigator and Qatari team members actively participating in research projects.
- Funding of up to QAR 50,000 is available. A research report summarizing achievements and outlining a future plan is required.
- Applicants must submit invitation letters from recognized research centers or universities.

Please refer to the Qatar University Internal Grants Guide (Budget section, Financial Procedures and Project Management section) for more details.

Acknowledgement

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

"This (research, research poster, report, etc.) is funded by Qatar University – National Capacity Building Grant [Project Number]. The research findings are the responsibility of the investigators."

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