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Cycle 08

(NCBP-S1)

Guidelines

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1. NCBP Summary

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| Launch of the Call for Proposal | Please check ORS website for more information |
| Deadline for Proposal Submission | Please check ORS website for more information |
| Proposals Pre-Screening (ineligibility) | 2 weeks after submission deadline |
| Award Announcement | Please check ORS website for more information |
| Project duration | Stage One-12 Months Stage Two 12 to 24 Months |
| Budget | Stage One: 100,000 Max Stage Two: 150,000 QR to 300,000 Max |
| Submission | Upload the full application online through iGrants |
| Program Contact | igrants@qu.edu.qa |

2. Program Overview

Is designed to assist Qatari faculty to develop their research portfolio, boost research productivity and conduct research that leads to peer-reviewed publications and large extramurally funded projects. The grant consists of two stages:

NCBP Stage 1, S1

Provides funding to enable young Qatari faculty and researchers to develop research capacity or start a new direction to build their research profile.

NCBP Stage 2, S2

QU-NCBP Stage 2 is designed to assist young Qatari faculty and researchers to further develop their research portfolio, boost research productivity and conduct research that leads to peer-reviewed publications and large extramurally funded projects.

3. Eligibility

Research Team Structure S1

- Young QU Qatari faculty and researchers
- Each LPI is only awarded once
- Involving students are encouraged
- Collaboration with QU PI (optional) should be justified

Research Team Structure S2

- Young QU Qatari faculty and researchers
- Subject to satisfactory performance in Stage1 (and the submission of the required financial reports on time)

4. Budget

NCBP S1: is funded for 100,000 QR for one year

NCBP S2: is funded for 150,000 per year maximum 2 years for 300,000 QR

The funding for the second year is subject to satisfactory performance of the first year.

5. Proposals Evaluation

Upon submission of a proposal through the iGrants system, ORS will endeavor to proceed with all checks, screenings and reviews. Each proposal will be screened for the below as specified in the NCBP Eligibility Criteria. Any proposal not meeting the below Eligibility Criteria will be pre-screened and not sent out for technical review. The proposals Pre-Award lifecycle is provided hereunder:



Any proposals that have met the Eligibility Criteria will then be sent out for Technical review. Proposals will go through a technical review by external peer reviewers using the published evaluation criteria.

Peer Review (Technical)

The reviewers will evaluate the proposals, make recommendations to the Pre-Award as to “approve funding” or “reject funding,” hence Pre-Award will provide narrative feedback to applicants via email through iGrants. The evaluation criteria consist of the following:

| Grade | Categorization | Contextual Guidance |
|-----------|----------------|---|
| Excellent | A | The proposal is beyond expectations* and ALL technical / non-technical specifications have been met and the proposal is aligned with the Research Pillars |
| Very Good | B | The proposal meets expectations in general and have some have some minor limitations |
| Fair | C | The proposal does not meet expectations |

* Expectations are not defined but we need experienced reviewers to use their judgments and the internal QU Task Force will look at ensuring all reviews are consistent.

1. Intellectual Merit (Excellent; Very Good; Good; Fair; Poor) (40%)
2. Expected Impact (Excellent; Very Good; Good; Fair; Poor) (25%)
3. Work Plan (Excellent; Very Good; Good; Fair; Poor) (20%)
4. Qualifications and complementarity of the Research Team (Excellent; Very Good; Good; Fair; Poor) (15%)

6. Final Award Decision

Once we have received all technical reviews, proposals will be selected for award by the Taskforce committee, based on the reviewer's evaluations and scoring. The Taskforce will then validate which proposals to fund. The selection of proposals is based on the reviewers' evaluations and scoring.

7. Acknowledgement of Support

NCBP LPIs shall ensure that all research publications resulting from this grant includes the following statement:

"This [publication, poster, report, etc.] was jointly supported by Qatar University NCBP-XXX-XX-XX [GRANT CODE]. The findings achieved herein are solely the responsibility of the authors."

8. Inquiries

For any inquiry regarding this document and the proposal submission process please send an email to igrants@qu.edu.qa