Call for Research Proposals
National Research Priorities
(25th November 2018 – 31st January 2019)

KFAS is pleased to announce the First Cycle of 2019 for submission of applications seeking funding of research proposals.

Since late 2013, all new research proposals are submitted, reviewed and decided upon within two biannual cycles. The aim is to ensure not only a more competitive practice but also a harmonized assessment and consideration process with a view of selecting and awarding grants to those proposals that meet the goals of KFAS, in an optimal way.

Researchers with interests in the areas listed below are welcome to submit their FULL proposals no later than 31st January 2019.

National Research Priorities

**Energy**

- Innovative application of renewable energy technologies that lead to significant reduction in peak load and energy consumption.
- Development of realistic Energy Use Intensity benchmarks for different types of air-conditioned buildings and appliances.
- Improving and optimizing the use of available energy technologies and schemes that promote energy efficiency and conservation in existing and new buildings (specifically to promote green buildings).
- Development of clean technologies that can contribute to the long term sustainability of petroleum as a source of energy by making it more efficient and environment-friendly, including Carbon Capture and Storage, and Direct Air Capture technologies.
- Development of smart energy grids for Kuwait.

**Water**

- Innovation in Desalination Technologies, including the applications of nano-technologies.
- Integrated Water Management including preservation, protection and wastewater recycling.
- Optimizing not only the use of available and new water production technologies, but also the economics of domestic water and energy systems.

**Health and Environment**

- Solid Waste Treatment and Management (by type of solid waste e.g. plastic, glass, metal etc.)
- Prevention and control of pollution including waste recycling and management of hazardous material through development of strategies and technologies.
- Restoration of degraded ecosystems.
- Climate change research in relation to best approaches to meet Kuwait’s obligations, with emphasis on new promising technologies and policies.
- Advanced technologies and experimental therapeutics for the management and prevention of chronic diseases and conditions exacerbated by environmental or other factors.
Eligibility

Researchers/scientists from the Kuwaiti Research & Higher Education sector, governmental institutions, Kuwaiti Shareholding Companies (KSC) and non-profit organizations, are eligible to apply for research funding. However, all applications should be submitted through the institute/organization to which the applicant is affiliated. Researchers/scientists from International academic and research institutes may also apply for research grants if the research project involves substantial collaboration, submitted through, and administered by a national (Kuwaiti) institute.

Note that multi-institutional / interdisciplinary proposals are especially welcome provided that the proposals highlight clearly the purpose of collaboration that would intrinsically add value to the research plans and possible outcomes/findings.

How to Apply

Kindly fill in the research proposal forms here. Make sure you SAVE the completed forms in a CD/Flash Memory and MAIL it to the following address:

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Research Directorate  
Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences  
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Telephone: (965) 22278125/22278126  
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Please visit our website (www.kfas.org.kw) and refer to the KFAS Research Grant Manual for additional information.

Instructions for Applicants

• Softcopies (CD/Flash memory) and hardcopies of KFAS application forms and proposals are required for submission.
• The letter of intent must be signed and mailed to the address above as a hardcopy.

Preliminary Assessment

• All proposals are screened by KFAS based on the requirements outlined in the present call.
• Proposals in line with KFAS research scope will have the advantage to undergo peer review to assess the scientific merit of the proposal.

Contact Us

If you have any inquiries, please email us at research@kfas.org.kw

CYCLE DEADLINE

31st January 2019

Please note that KFAS expects to announce its next call in April – June 2019