

Call for Research Proposals Competitive Research and Research Capacity Building (25 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 bi-annual 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**.

Scope of Competitive/Capacity Building Research Proposals

KFAS welcomes proposals that span all research fields; from fundamental sciences to industrially applicable sciences, that address research capacity building (exploratory projects) or have clearly demonstrated a high value potential application to Kuwait's society and economy.

Requested funding for research projects under this category have a ceiling of KD 50,000 per award, except exploratory projects which have a grant ceiling of KD 10,000 per award.

KFAS Competitive Research Priorities

KFAS will place special emphasis and give priority to research proposals that:

- Address important national priority issues such as housing, traffic, diversification of Kuwaiti economy and food security within a national strategy;
- Explore new science frontiers by integrating related disciplines (inter-disciplinary) to enhance areas of research;
- Promote Inter-institutional research involving several institutions (local, regional, international);
- Account for jointly funded research to support collaborative partnerships amongst several research institutions (local, regional, international).

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:

**Director of Research,
Research Directorate,
Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences
Ahmad Al Jaber St. Sharq, State of Kuwait
Telephone: (965) 22278125/22278126
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Email: research@kfas.org.kw**

Please visit our website (www.kfas.org.kw) and refer to the newly updated 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.

*Submitted Proposals for **EXPLORATORY GRANTS** will undergo a fast-track expedited process **after** the preliminary assessment and written acknowledgment of grant funding.

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***