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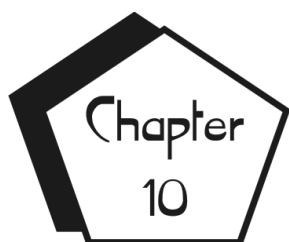
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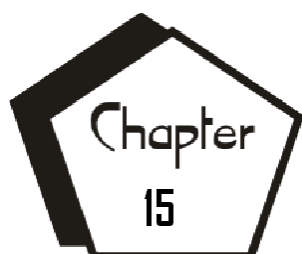
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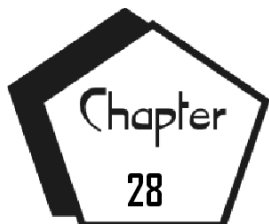
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## Grant and Funding Research

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### ***What is a Grant?***

A grant can be a source of funds for many different kinds of projects and groups. They are donations of money given to groups or individuals to meet specific, agreed-upon goals. Grants may come from charitable foundations, corporations, clubs, or government agencies. They take time to apply for and receive - often 3-12 months between application and, if approved, delivery of the money. They are most often given by small, local foundations that care about local citizen efforts. They can be as small as \$500 and are more frequently in the range of \$2000-\$15,000. They most often pay for specific projects or programs, rather than ongoing operating expenses. In the end, one grant will never pay for all your needs.

A grant can be compared to a deal between two colleagues with similar interests, but with different resources. Foundations and other grant makers are organizations like non-profits and schools. They have missions and goals just like you do. When a funder awards you a grant, they are doing so because what you plan on doing with the money fits in with their own goals and initiatives and often with their founder's stated wishes.

Grants may be able to help your group raise significant sums of money with less work than other fundraising alternatives, but there are a few statistics you should know. Individuals give more than 70% of our country's donations to charity each year, while foundations give less than 10%. In addition, many foundation grants are not renewable year-to-year. So if you decide to approach grants, you should do so as part of a diverse mix of funding that will keep you or your group operating for the long-term.

### ***Introduction to Funding Research***

One fundamental truth about successful fund-raising is that it involves hard work. Research is only one of the many steps of the fundraising process, and a time consuming one. Although good research does not immediately guarantee you successful fundraising, it is a worthwhile investment as it will certainly contribute to building successful and lengthy relationships with foundations and corporate funders.

A high number of funding requests, estimated at 90 percent, are declined immediately: either because they fall outside a funder's stated interest areas, or because they are inadequately prepared and do not reflect the organisation's expertise and its ability to carry out the project's

objectives.

This guide aims to give you some tips on how to research potential funders more effectively. Do not forget, however, that before you start looking for funding, you should first draw a clear profile of your organisation and develop a long-term organisational strategy. Your projects should be then designed in line with your organisation's strategy and expertise. Knowing your organisation well puts in a strong position and helps establish your credibility with the funders.

Blanket or scatter-approach funding, whereby requests are sent to a wide group of foundations and corporate funders, is ineffective and can damage your organisation's credibility. Research on funder's stated programme interests is essential. The goal of your research is to determine those few funders whose interests are in line with your organisational and project objectives. Your guiding funding research principle should be: if you do not qualify, do not apply.

Funding research can be viewed as a two-step process:

- Step One: compile an initial list of potential funders
- Step Two: conduct in-depth research and refine the list of prospect funders

### ***SERVICE Steps***

**Step One** The first step in your research is to compile a list of various types of funders - private and governmental - whose areas of interest are in line with your organisation's and your project's goals. To develop this list, you can build on your organisation's previous experience and knowledge, you can gather information from your peers, from community leaders and the media, from the local Chamber of Commerce, and, last but not least, from specialised directories. Keep your selection criteria fairly broad at this stage - in case of doubt, still include the donor in your list until further research tells you otherwise.

By the end of this phase, you should have a fairly good idea of what funding resources are available in your community for your type of work. Now you are ready to proceed with the next step - the in-depth research.

**Step Two** In-depth research should expand your knowledge and understanding of the philosophy and values of the funders from your initial list, and should provide you with all the details on their funding priorities, selection criteria and requirements. Funding directories and databases, such as those of the European Foundation Centre, can serve as your starting point but you should not limit your research to these resources only. We believe that the very best sources of information on foundations and corporate funders are those that they release themselves, both printed and online. Therefore, your next step should be to get in touch with the funders and request their most recent funding and programmes materials or publications.

What are these materials or publications? These include: annual reports, newsletters, grants lists, press releases and application guidelines and forms. They are generally free of charge and

can be obtained upon a simple request. They are also becoming increasingly available in electronic form - either via e-mail or via the funder's website.

The two most valuable information resources are a foundation's annual report and its grants list. While the annual report will give you insight in the foundation's philosophy, beliefs, funding policy and strategy, its grants list will tell you what the foundation actually does or supports, i.e. how the policy is translated into action. Grants lists will also help you understand the types of organisations a funder tends to support and the average size of their grants per programme area.

Use the Prospect Funder Checklist to develop profiles of the funders you research - this may prove very helpful and can save you and your organisation a lot of time in the future.

Based on the information you gathered during your research, you should now be able to identify from your initial list those 4 or 5 funders that are most likely to support your organisation. Next, you should request their current grant application forms and guidelines, and get the names of the programme directors you should contact in the future. You can now tailor your project proposal to better meet the funder's requirements.

# **PART-I**

## **NATIONAL FUNDING AGENCIES**



## **National Research Program for Universities (NRPU)**

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### ***Introduction***

Dearth of research literature / equipment is a major impediment to the productivity of many creative and talented faculty members / researchers in all disciplines in Universities/Degree awarding institutions. In most cases these researchers need substantial financial support for research projects to allow them in their research pursuits.

In the absence of such facilities the researchers, specifically the young ones, are discouraged and are looking for better opportunities in developed countries. To avoid this brain-drain, HEC has initiated a research grant program under which creative researchers are awarded research grants.

To meet the current challenges of researchers working in local universities/DAIs of Pakistan and to promote the R&D with facilitation, HEC has modified the existing policy of National Research Program for Universities (NRPU) as per researcher's needs / requirements. The new policy of NRPU is implemented w.e.f. 01-12-2010.

### ***Objectives***

- To encourage research in all disciplines.
- To strengthen the indigenous capacity and reduce exodus of talent from the country.

### ***Areas:***

- The research grant program provides financial support for research projects in Social Sciences, Management Sciences, Humanities, Basic Sciences, Natural Sciences, Medical Sciences, Engineering & Technology and Agricultural Sciences.

### ***Eligibility Criteria***

All Faculty Members & Researchers holding full time position of Public Sector Universities and some selected Private Sector Universities.

### ***Terms & Conditions, Duration:***

The research grants normally be provided for a period of one to three years.

### ***Application and Agreement:-***

Application form is available on the HEC website. Six hard copies and one soft copy are required to be submitted by registered mail/courier to Director (R&D) HEC; there is no deadline for submission of the research proposal.

An agreement on stamp paper will be signed between HEC, the Principal Investigator and the concerned host institution. Equipment, material and literature provided for the project through research grant program will remain the property of the institution after the research project is completed.

### ***Financial Assistance:-***

HEC Provides research grants to a maximum of Rs. 20.00 million (w.e.f. 01-12-2010) as per table below:

For Physics, Chemistry and Biology		For Remaining Disciplines	
Impact Factor	Eligible Amount	Impact Factor	Eligible Amount
100 or above	20 million	50 or above	20 million
50-99	17 million	25-49	17 million
20-49	15 million	10-24	15 million
10-19	12 million	5-9	12 million
0-9	10 million	0-4	10 million

Meritorious Scientists may apply for grant up to 20 million.

### ***Final Report:-***

PI is required to submit progress report annually to HEC along with the expenditure statement duly vetted by the Audit of University/Institute concerned.

### ***How to Apply***

Application form is available on the HEC website. Six hard copies and one soft copy are required to be submitted by registered mail/courier to Director (R&D) HEC; there is no deadline for submission of the research proposal.

[Application form \(can be downloaded from given web site/ please see index\)](#)

## ***Other Related Information***

### **Processing Producers:**

Research Proposals submitted to HEC for funding are forwarded to Focal Point of the respective discipline who, after going through the project details, forwards the project to three Reviewers. On the favorable recommendation of two Reviewers the project is approved for funding or other wise. On the recommendation of the Reviewers, the same is sent back to PI for revision along with reviewer's comments for revision of the project. After receiving the revised project the same is forwarded to Reviewers for final decision. This whole process may take 3 to 6 months.

The present status of the project can be viewed on the HEC website Link

### **HEC funded projects:**

The list of presently HEC funded projects under National Research Program for Universities is available on the HEC website Link

### **Website Address:**

<http://www.hec.gov.pk/InsideHEC/Divisions/RND/ResearchGrants/NRPU/Pages/Default.aspx>

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## University Industry Technology Support Program (UITSP)

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### ***Introduction***

University – Industry Technology Support Program of the Higher Education Commission is an important step towards fostering high level of tangible cooperation between academia and industry for capitalizing on emerging international demands for products and processes in discrete and continuous manufacturing that shall contribute to national economy. This program is focused on industrial sectors where the country is already a major contributor to world trade. It focuses on harnessing the potential of highly competitive sectors for international trade which need developments both for local and international consumption. The focused sector wise identification of products and processes in discrete and continuous as well as import and export trends is available from public domain local and international statistical data.

University – Industry Technology Support Program (UITSP) of the Higher Education Commission proposes that the researchers preferably with PhD degree and affiliation with international professional bodies collaborate with local industry involved in discrete and continuous manufacturing for tangible results in terms of improvement of product and processes leading to decreased import of raw material and increased export of the finished product and processes. The products and processes needing improvement should ideally be in priority areas relevant to national needs for socio-economic development of the country.

University – Industry Technology Support Program (UITSP) are awarded on competitive merit by HEC for high-level and promising industrial research projects of direct relevance to current needs of the industry to be carried out in Pakistan by creative scientists of public-sector universities and degree-awarding institutions in collaboration with professionals from local industry. The purpose of these grants is to promote scientific research in applied sciences in the country, to strengthen the indigenous capacity for industrial competition in the world market. The research grant will be provided for a maximum period of two years with a budget up to Rs. 6.0 Million.

### ***Objectives***

The increased globalization of trade, formulation of policies and procedures to streamline the globalization trend and application of international standards by national, international and

professional organizations has increased the trade competitiveness and thus has opened new avenues for worldwide industrial sector. To avail these new opportunities, the local industry and the universities at home shall be competitive and compliant with the international standards. The result of this collaboration exercise between industry and academia should be tangible and should reflect in the Gross National Product of the country. Generally, applied sciences section of the academia and discrete and continuous manufacturing sector of the industry needs high level of cooperation to improve products and processes in order to compete worldwide.

University – Industry Technology Support Program of the Higher Education Commission is an important step towards fostering high level of tangible cooperation between academia and industry for capitalizing on emerging international demand for products and processes in discrete and continuous manufacturing that shall contribute to national economy. This program is focused on industrial sectors where the country is already a major contributor to world trade. It focuses on harnessing the potential of highly competitive sectors for international trade which need developments both for local and international consumption. The focused sector wise identification of products and processes in discrete and continuous as well as import and export trends is available from public domain local and international statistical data.

### ***Eligibility Criteria***

The applicant (Principal Investigator, PI) should:

- Have an advanced academic degree and relevant research experience,
- Be a member of the international professional organization and hold a position in a public University/Institution.

Applications should be submitted in English on a ‘University – Industry Technology Support Program Form’ by electronic mail, and five hard copies along with floppy disk by registered mail/courier service may also be provided. The applications shall be reviewed and processed in (at least) 06 months.

### ***How to Apply***

Applications should be submitted in English on a ‘University – Industry Technology Support Program Form’ by electronic mail, and five hard copies along with floppy disk by registered mail/courier service may also be provided. Proposes should allow at least 06 months for review and processing.

[\*Application form \(can be downloaded from given web site/ please see index\)\*](#)

### ***Terms & Conditions, Duration:***

**Purpose and Nature:** University – Industry Technology Support Program are awarded on competitive merit by HEC for high-level and promising industrial research projects of direct relevance to current needs of the industry to be carried out in Pakistan by creative scientists of public-sector universities and degree-awarding institutions in collaboration with professional from local industry. The purpose of these grants is to promote scientific research in applied sciences in the country, to strengthen the indigenous capacity for industrial competition in the world market. The grants (for 2 years duration) are given only to the best proposals after a vigorous peer review.

**Research Domain:** The University – Industry Technology Support Program provides support for research projects in disciplines of industrial importance.

**Duration:** A research grant will normally be provided for a period of two years.

**Entitlement:** Purchase of scientific apparatus/equipment, expendable supplies, specialized literature, on-line literature search and other items needed for the project. The grant covers the honoraria of the Principal Investigator (and co-principal investigator ideally from the industry with advance academic degree), and salaries of research associate(s) and supporting staff. It may also cover travel within the country for project-related activities.

**Agreement:** After the Research Grant is approved for funding, a written agreement is required between the HEC, the collaborating Industry and the grantee (PI) and his/her institute. The host institute must administer the grant according to the Agreement and must agree to provide laboratory space, salaries and other facilities necessary for the project. The equipment, material and literature provided for the project through the University – Industry Technology Support Program remains the property of the institute after the project is completed. The total project cost shall be borne by the HEC and the Industry where HEC shall contribute 80% of the total project cost while the rest of the amount shall be disbursed by the industry before the commencement of project to HEC. The HEC Finance Division usually makes the award (first year grant) to the PI's institute in approximately 30 days after the agreement deed and other requirements are formalized.

### **Report:**

- A short annual report is required from the PI within fifteen days of the completion of each year to both HEC and collaborating industry. Progress report should highlight major achievements during the reporting period and completion of targets/goals as

envisaged in the Proposal for the subject year. The release of the subsequent year award is tied up with the receipt and review of the Annual Progress Report.

- The grantee (PI) is required to submit a Final Report including a financial report within one month (three months) of the completion of the project.
- The grantee must keep HEC and the collaborating industry properly informed about applications of the results obtained and must acknowledge support from HEC and the collaborating industry in all publications or presentations. Any research result under this Research Grant shall be the joint property of HEC and collaborating industry based on the proportion as in equity supplied to researcher by the HEC and the collaborating industry. The researchers shall be able to present/publish the results in all types of normal academic publication mediums.

**Financial Assistance by HEC:** The research grant will preferably have a duration of 2 years with a budget of upto 6.0 million where HEC component will be 80% of the total budget and the participating industry will share 20% of the total budget. In very special cases, where the PI has proven track record of applied research or have patents, research proposal with a maximum budget of upto Rs. 8.00 ( Eight) million may be considered.

**Arbitration:** In case of any dispute, related to any matter pertaining to subject research grant, the decision taken by HEC shall be final and binding

### ***Other Related Information***

#### **Website Address:**

<http://www.hec.gov.pk/InsideHEC/Divisions/RND/IndustrialLiaison/Programs/UITSP/Pages/Default.aspx>

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## **Pak-US Joint Academic & Research Program By HEC**

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### ***Introduction***

In 2003, the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Government of Pakistan and the United States Department of State signed a comprehensive Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement that established a framework to increase cooperation in science, technology, engineering and education for mutual benefit and peaceful purposes between the science and education communities in both countries. In 2005, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) joined with the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) and the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan to support the joint Pakistan-US Science and Technology Cooperation Program. Beginning in 2008, the United States Department of State (DOS) joined USAID as US co-sponsor of the program. This program, which is being implemented by the US National Academy of Sciences on the US side, is intended to increase the strength and breadth of cooperation and linkages between Pakistan scientists and institutions with counterparts in the United States.

Each country has contributed funds to support projects under this program that would enhance the ability of the science and technology community to positively contribute to human and economic development in Pakistan.

In 2005, 11 projects were selected for funding, receiving a combined total of more than \$4.9 million from the Pakistani and US sides, in 2006, 13 more projects were funded for a total of more than \$5.2 million, and in 2007 another 19 new projects were chosen to receive more than \$6 million. Lists of all projects selected to date may be accessed at <http://www7.nationalacademies.org/dsc/PAKUS.html>). The US-side budgets of the grants have ranged from \$40,000 for a one-year project to \$350,000 for each of several three-year projects. On the Pakistani side, budgets have ranged from \$30,000 to \$500,000. The Financial support from HEC side is subject to availability of funds from Government of Pakistan.

Applicants are reminded that priority is given to projects in which the main locus of activity is in Pakistan, not the United States, so budgets should be allocated accordingly.

Proposal submission deadline will be announced with the call for proposal 2010-11.

## **Objectives**

Cooperative relationships in one or more of the following ways:

1. Improving the quality, relevance, or capacity of education and research at Pakistani institutions of higher education in science and technical fields.
2. Improving the capacity of Pakistani public and private science institutions to support industry competitiveness.
3. Increasing the capacity of science and technology to improve the well-being of ordinary Pakistani people. Topics include, but are not limited to, education, health, nutrition, water/sanitation, agriculture, democracy and governance, environment, and economic development.

Proposals should clearly explain how the project would facilitate capacity building at the institutional level in Pakistan. Projects that would only enhance the capabilities of their individual participants, with no demonstrated broader impact, will be at much lower priority for funding.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to review the lists of projects funded in 2005, 2006, and 2007 to gain a better understanding of the types of activities supported under this program. Additional weight will be given to projects that demonstrate a clear strategy for uptake or adoption of research outputs, including via further investment by the public or private sectors.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

**PI Eligibility Limit:** Proposals are to be developed by partnerships that should include at least one Pakistani partner and one US partner. Projects involving participants from only one country (Pakistan or the United States) are ineligible and will not be reviewed. In developing proposals, proposing partners are urged to take advantage of the widest range of Pakistani talent capable of contributing to the achievement of objectives. In particular, partners should explain in their proposals how they will encourage the participation of women and ensure that they are provided equal opportunities for involvement in the proposed projects, whether as co-investigators, post-doctoral researchers, students, trainees, or conference participants.

**Topical Eligibility Limit:** Due to US government regulations, the program cannot fund research involving *“testing or breeding, feasibility study, variety improvement or introduction, consultancy, publication, or training in connection with the growth or production [of a crop] in a foreign country for export if such export would compete in world markets with a similar commodity grown or produced in the United States.”* Before preparing their proposals,

applicants intending to submit proposals involving research on citrus crops, sugar cane, or cotton are advised to e-mail a brief explanation of their proposed projects to [pkcontract@nas.edu](mailto:pkcontract@nas.edu) for an advance determination of eligibility by program staff in consultation with USAID and DOS.

Private sector universities of Pakistan eligible to participate in the program

- Institute of Business and Technology, Karachi.
- National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, Islamabad.
- National Textile University, Faisalabad.
- Indus Institute of Higher Education, Karachi.
- Aga Khan University, Karachi.
- GIK Institute of Engg. & Tech, Topi.
- Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore.
- Foundation University, Islamabad.
- Ripah International University, Islamabad.

### ***Terms & Conditions:***

Anticipated Type of Awards: Requests for funding can vary in amount and length but should not exceed three years. In order to achieve significant progress towards one of the program objectives, proposals are generally expected to involve multiple individuals and contribute to building strengths of key institutions in Pakistan. Project funding is generally expected to be in the range of \$100,000 to \$300,000 per year (combined total for the Pakistani and US partner institutions); however, proposals requesting support for brief visits for project development purposes will also be considered. Capital costs for the construction of new buildings will not be covered. Salary costs for senior individual participants are expected to be covered from other sources, but salary support for junior team members and technical support staff may be included as appropriate. An annual progress report will be required. Continuing-year funding of multi-year projects will be contingent upon a merit-based annual evaluation of progress.

Proposals should include all activities and costs necessary to achieve the results stated in the application. Leveraging of resources is encouraged; therefore, the entire cost of the project should be included. Applicants are required to disclose any other funding received or applied for from other sources that would support the proposed project.

Projects funded through this solicitation will not be given any preference for funding under future USAID- and DOS-supported programs.

Selection Criteria: Proposals will be evaluated in separate peer review processes organized by the Pakistani and US sponsors according to 1) relevance to the goals enumerated above under “Program Objectives,” 2) the scientific and technical merit of the proposal, 3) the cost-effectiveness of the project, 4) the capabilities of the participating institutions and individuals to successfully complete the project, and 5) the nature and quality of the collaboration, including the demonstrated commitment of the proposing partners to ensuring the participation of women in the project. Final funding decisions will be reached by consensus among the Pakistani and US sponsors.

### ***How to Apply***

**A. Proposal Deadline Date:** *October 31, 2009*

**B. Proposal Preparation Instructions :** Please click [here](#) to see the full text of this solicitation for further information on the format and procedure for submitting proposals

**C. Submittal Addresses: Proposals should be submitted electronically to all three of the following web sites, simultaneously.** Submissions not sent to all three addresses may not be reviewed.

pakusrd@hec.gov.pk

dea2@most.gov.pk

pkcontract@nas.edu

[Application form \(can be downloaded from given web site/ please see index\)](#)

### ***Proposal Preparation and Submission Instructions:***

#### **Proposal Submission Overview**

Proposals to be submitted for review under this program are to be developed by Pakistani and US institutions or consortiums of institutions.

All submittals are to be submitted electronically as specified in the procedures in this solicitation. Paper submissions are not accepted.

#### **Proposal Instructions:**

The text of the proposals should be in single-spaced 12-point type. Tables and lists in the project description may be in smaller but readable type.



The required format for proposals is indicated below. The proposal must include the information requested. Successful proposals will address the Selection Criteria listed above and will include clear statements of the project goals and explanations of how these goals will be addressed.

**(1.) Cover sheet.** In the indicated space below the project title, please note the field and subfield of the proposed project: for example, “Medicine – infectious diseases,” “Biology – plant virology,” or “Environment – water resources.” For planning purposes, July 1, 2010, should be shown as the start date. Specify the lead (principal) investigator on both the Pakistani and US sides.

**(2.) Project summary (one page).** The summary should be succinct and clearly state the goals of the project. It should be informative to specialists in the same or related fields as well as understandable to a well-informed non-technical reader. Include the title of the project, the names of the co-director(s), and the names of the US and Pakistani partner institutions at the top of the page. Include a clear description of the project, stating its specific aims and long-term goals. Briefly indicate the unique aspects of the project and interdisciplinary composition (if any).

**(3.) Project description.** The project description (sections **3.a through 3.k** described below) is limited to the equivalent of **10 printed pages** including all figures, tables, and charts but not including lists of additional participants, advisors, and supporters (if any). All applicants must use the standard proposal forms provided. The project description should be prepared with reference to the review criteria and the guidance provided in this and the preceding sections of this solicitation. Incomplete proposals, those not submitted on the standard forms, and those exceeding the established page limits may not be considered.

**(3.a) Background and rationale.** If relevant, present a critical and comparative summary of the literature justifying the activity proposed.

**(3.b) Problem statement.** Describe accurately the problems or opportunities to be addressed by the project.

**(3.c) Prior experience/capability.** Describe relevant prior efforts by applicants to address the problems identified. Illustrate how the proposed work will build upon existing expertise, if applicable. Proposals offering to contribute to program objective #2, *Improve the capacity of Pakistani public and private science institutions to support industry competitiveness*, should further demonstrate the role that industry played in developing the proposal and articulate how the program builds upon other measures undertaken by industry to improve competitiveness.

**(3.d) Scope and objectives.** Specify the scope of the project accurately and list the specific aims of the project. It is important that the specific aims be compatible with the requested proposal duration.

**(3.e) Methods.** Describe the project design, conceptual framework, procedures, and analyses to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the project. If relevant, include how the data will be collected, analyzed, and interpreted as well as any data-sharing plan. Describe any new methodology and its advantage over existing methodologies. Describe any novel concepts, approaches, tools, or technologies for the proposed activity. Discuss the potential difficulties and limitations of the proposed procedures and alternative approaches to achieve the aims. Describe proposed strategy for encouraging and ensuring the participation of women in the project. As part of this section, provide a tentative sequence or timetable for the project.

**(3.f) International cooperation.** Explain in detail which elements of the project will be carried out by which counterpart involved and why such a division of labor is appropriate both for the project and for the overall program goals of promoting capacity building in Pakistan.

**(3.g) Relevance.** Indicate which of the three “Program Objectives” listed above will be addressed through the project. Discuss the potential for uptake of research outputs through policy decisions, commercialization or other means.

**(3.h) Results statement.** Clearly and concisely state the final results expected from the activity. The ability of the project to positively impact the goal area should be obvious.

**(3.i) Additional benefits.** Explain any other anticipated scientific, technological, or economic benefits that will accrue to Pakistan besides those already articulated in the Results Statement.

**(3.j) Executive matters/Budget requirements.** Provide a timetable for execution of the project. Give a detailed justification for each piece of equipment or service to be purchased for which the expected cost is more than \$5,000. Provide the duration, location, timing, and justification for any project-related trips planned by project participants on either side.

**(3.k) Budget.** Provide an itemized budget for the project separately for US and Pakistani partners, using the budget forms provided. Projects may last no more than three years. Proposals for multi-year projects must provide budgets separately detailing the resources required for each year of implementation. Value for the investment will be an important consideration in proposal evaluation and selection.

As noted above, capital costs for building construction are not to be included.

Remuneration for professional leadership on the two sides is discouraged and must be thoroughly justified if requested. Remuneration for other researchers, technical personnel, and students working on the project is allowed.

Contingency costs are not allowed as line items on either side of the budget.

Travel costs for US participants should be included on the US side of the budget only. It is strongly recommended that travel costs for Pakistani participants be included on the Pakistani side of the budget, but such costs may be included on the US side if necessary.

Proposal budgets may not contain indirect costs exceeding 15 percent on the US side of the budget or more than 2 percent on the Pakistani side of the budget.

For further details on allowable costs on the Pakistani side of the budget, Pakistani applicants are advised to refer to HEC's standard financial guidelines. (The Financial support from HEC side is subject to availability of funds from Government of Pakistan.)

**(3.I) Curricula vitae.** Provide brief CVs—1 or 2 pages each—for all Pakistani and US project participants. Please do not include extended CVs, lengthy publications lists, or copies of publications, as they will not be forwarded to the reviewers.

***HEC provides funds as per following details:***

SR#	ITEMS	TOTAL ALLOCATION
1	Equipment	As per requirement of the project
2	Chemical / Glassware(with full justification and details of quantity required for the project)	As per requirement of the project
3	Accessories (with full justification)	As per requirement of the project
4	Publication / on line material	Rs.10,000/- per Annum
5	Remuneration to P.Is.	One month Basic Pay per year
6	Remuneration to Co-PIs ( if justified)	One month Basic Pay
7	Senior Research Associate (must be a Ph.D. Degree Holder and if justified by PI and approved by the reviewers)	Maximum Rs.30,000/- per month w.e.f.1stSeptember 2008

8	Research Associate /Assistant / Field Assistant	@ Rs.10,000/- per month for MS/M.Phil. student @Rs.13,000/- per month for PH.D. student w.e.f. 1stJanuary 2008
9	Secretariat Staff ( if required)	Rs.18,000/- per year w.e.f 1st September 2008
10	Stationary / Contingencies	Rs.10,000/- per year
11	Audit / Accounts Fee	Rs.20,000/- (maximum)
12	Other specific requirements	Depending upon the nature of the project

### ***Other Related Information***

#### **Website Address:**

<http://www.hec.gov.pk/InsideHEC/Divisions/RND/ResearchGrants/PakUSJointAcademicResearchProgram/Pages/Default.aspx>

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## HEC-BC INSPIRE Strategic Partnerships 2010

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**INSPIRE:** International Strategic Partnerships in Research and Education

### ***Introduction***

In order to facilitate research and development in the higher education learning system, a partnership was established between the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and the British Council Pakistan under the project of Higher Education Links with British Universities in two phases. 50 higher education links between Pakistani and UK universities/education institutions were activated under the projects.

Seventeen more partnerships and exchanges are expected through INSPIRE, by which collaboration between HEC and British Council will be expanded so that the immense potential of the higher education sector in Pakistan can be enhanced and strengthened.

INSPIRE funding is being made available to support the development of higher education academic and research partnerships between the UK and Pakistani Institutions.

INSPIRE Strategic Partnerships are part of a five-year programme designed to grow high level strategic relationships between UK Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and Higher Education Institutions in Pakistan. Selection of projects for support will be according to clear criteria that include high quality, innovative research and / or academic excellence.

For the purposes of this project, a Strategic Partnership is one that is based on the development of collaboration at institutional level. Over the course of the partnership, institutions should aim to involve diverse teams at different levels and multiple departments within the university to create a multi-dimensional, international relationship.

### ***Objectives***

- To strengthen UK - Pakistan links by encouraging the development of a wider partnership agenda;

- To raise the profile of the UK - Pakistan partnership as innovative and high quality through demonstrating how researchers and academicians can collaborate effectively;
- To contribute to capacity building in HEIs through contributing to the further development of staff, their professional skills and international research competencies;
- To facilitate and build effective and sustainable partnerships based on research and / or teaching agendas which grow across the institutions involved;
- To trial possible models for future co-operation between the UK and Pakistani HEIs.

### ***How to Apply***

Funding will be made to seventeen projects which include both bilateral and / or multilateral partnerships in the following fields.

- Education (including English language)
- Law Governance and Leadership
- Economics
- Clean Drinking Water
- Health Sciences (non clinical)
- Environment
- Power and Energy
- Intercultural Understanding and Relations

### ***Other Related Information***

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## **Pakistan Program for Collaborative Research (PPCR)**

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### ***Introduction***

Pakistan Program for Collaborative Research (PPCR) primarily targets the Faculty of Pakistani Universities and the Faculty Members and Researchers of Foreign Universities. The experts from foreign universities will be involved in developing curriculum, updating laboratory techniques, and provide guidance to post graduates students in Pakistani universities. Community of foreign experts will be encouraged to develop joint-research programs with local faculty and to provide expertise for the overall development of concerned departments.

Innovative support and encouragement of collaborative research between faculty at Pakistani Universities/Institutions and those abroad, through PPCR research program, will also support the faculty and students at Pakistani Universities. Such foreign visits will also be very useful for Pakistani researcher to conduct certain short experiments/analysis during the research projects which would not be possible to perform in the local institution.

Under PPCR, grant is extended to scholars for short-term visits to the foreign institution taking up joint research studies. Such visits help develop joint research proposals, ready for submission to foreign/international funding agencies. This program also provides the opportunity to foster collaboration between the universities/DAI's and the academics abroad to advance research, higher education and high tech industry in Pakistan.

### ***Objectives***

#### **General Objectives of the Program:**

The purpose of PPCR is to promote the quality academic research in all disciplines in the country by initiating collaboration between faculty members abroad and those in Pakistan which will strengthen the indigenous capacity in academic research and will, in general, raise the overall standard of teaching and research.

### **Specific Objectives:**

In consonance with the general objectives of the program, the specific objectives of different components/activities in quantifiable term are:

#### **a. Foreign Expert Visit to Pakistan:**

1. To foster collaborative research efforts among the host institute and parent organization by initiating at least one joint research proposal, which should be submitted to foreign/international funding agency for funding. (core objective)
2. To conduct at least two workshops/seminars during the visit.
3. To conduct lectures/courses in the host institute.
4. To train the host institution's faculty.
5. To update laboratory techniques and provide guidance to post graduates students.
6. To assist in curriculum development/course contents.
7. To participate in policy guidelines and/or standards of education in the host institute.
8. To develop shared resources.

#### **b. Foreign Visit of Local Faculty Members:**

1. To develop/initiate at least one joint research proposal in the relevant field for submission to foreign/international funding agency. (core objective)
2. To establish a linkage between foreign Institute/University and Pakistani University.
3. To develop collaborative programs with foreign university.
4. To sign MOU's/agreements.
5. To learn, exchange, collaborate and share related information.
6. To share national and international educational & research activities/ resources.

#### **c. Short Term (4 months or less) consultant at HEC for PPCR program:**

1. To assist in curriculum development.
2. To provide consultancy in the specific field, as desired.
3. To conduct workshops/seminars/symposia etc.



## Eligibility Criteria

Sr. No	Category	Eligibility Criteria	Financial Assistance
1.	Foreign Experts Visit to Pakistan  Duration: Maximum three Months.	Rector/Dean/Faculty members of Public Sector Universities/ approved for funding Private Sector Universities/Degree Awarding Institutions can apply under PPCR Program. The Faculty Member includes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appointed on Tenure Track System (TTS).</li> <li>Engaged through FFHP of HEC.</li> <li>Hired on contract for at least two (2) years</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economy class international return airfare, maximum up to Rs. 125,000/-</li> <li>Local hospitality up to Rs. 2500/- per day maximum for 3 months will be paid as remuneration.</li> <li>Accommodation will be provided by the host university/Institute.</li> </ol>
2.	Foreign visit of Local Faculty Members of Public Sector Universities / Degree Awarding Institutions  Duration: Maximum one Month.	Faculty Member of Public Sector University/approved for funding Private Sector Universities/Degree Awarding Institution can initiate the proposal through his/her university/institute. The Faculty Member includes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appointed on Tenure Track System (TTS).</li> <li>Engaged through FFHP of HEC.</li> <li>Hired on contract for at least two years</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economy class international return airfare, maximum up to Rs. 125,000/-</li> <li>Daily allowance USD 1500/- or UK£1000/- or € 1200/- maximum for one months will be paid as remuneration.</li> </ol>
3.	Short Term consultant at HEC for PPCR program  Duration: Maximum 4 months or less.	The request can only be moved by the focal person (Head of R&D division) of HEC.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economy class international return airfare, maximum up to Rs. 125,000/-</li> <li>Local hospitality up to Rs. 2500/- per day maximum for 4 months will be paid as allowance/remuneration.</li> <li>Accommodation will be provided by HEC.</li> </ol>

**Note:** The faculty member in Pakistan, holding a full time position in a public sector university/approved for funding Private Sector Universities/degree awarding institution can submit the application. Application should be submitted in English by registered post or electronic mail on the prescribed form at least three months before the commencement of the proposed activity. There is no deadline for submission of the application.

## ***How to Apply/Application Procedure***

### **Application Procedure for Foreign Expert Visit to Pakistan & Foreign Visit of Local Faculty Members**

1. There is no deadline for submission of the application.
2. Applicants can apply in more than one component of PPCR program.
3. Applicants can apply under PPCR program once in one financial year.
4. Applicants, once availing the PPCR grant will be considered for next grant, only upon provision of the status/outcome of the proposal developed as a result of previous PPCR grant.
5. The faculty members in Pakistan holding a full-time position with a public sector university/degree awarding institution can submit the application 3 months prior to the commencement of the proposed activity.
6. The application should be signed by the Principal Investigator/Focal Host Person/ Local Faculty Member and duly signed by VC/Rector/Head of Institution or his nominee.
7. Application (two sets) should be submitted in English by registered post & electronic mail (MS word format) on the prescribed application form. The application form can be downloaded from HEC website.
8. In case of Foreign Visit of Local Faculty Member, the invitation letter from the Foreign Collaborator must be attached with the application form.
9. In case of Foreign Expert Visit to Pakistan, the invitation letter from the Principal Investigator and the consent letter/acceptance letter from the foreign expert must be attached with the application form.
10. For the component, short-term consultant at HEC for PPCR Program, Head of R&D Division, as the focal person, initiates the proposal on prescribed form. An invitation letter from HEC and acceptance letter/consent letter from the consultant must be attached with the application form.
11. Application, furnished on prescribed application form must reach HEC, at least three months prior to the proposed date of the activity.
12. Applications meeting the prescribed criteria are sent for peer-review, subsequently it is placed on the agenda of the meeting for consideration & approval of the Management Committee.
13. Award letter is issued to the successful applicant.
14. For approved cases, funds are released in 2 phases:
  - a. 1st installment equivalent to 80% of the total approved amount is released to the applicant, subject to the submission of following documents:
    - A copy of visa,

- A copy of air ticket.
- An NOC/study leave for the entire period of foreign visit, approved under this program, from parent department/university.
- b. After completion of foreign visit, the applicant should submit claim for the remaining amount equivalent to 20% along with following documents:
  - Audited expenditure statement.
  - Project comprehensive report duly signed/endorsed by the supervisor, clearly reporting the outcomes of visit in-line with the proposal initially submitted.
  - Copy of joint research proposal along with acknowledgment receipt of the foreign funding agency (on the prescribed form/format of the foreign funding agency). (Core objective of the program)
  - Notification of joining the parent university/department after successful completion of foreign visit.
  - Copy of used air ticket along with boarding cards.

### ***Terms & Conditions:***

Preference will be given to those faculty members who have teaching/research experience.

### **Foreign Expert Visit to Pakistan:**

- The duration of visit of Foreign Expert should be minimum of two weeks and maximum of 12 weeks.
- Foreign Expert has to conduct/teach a course/part of course at Pakistani University.
- The Foreign Expert must have minimum 10 years of relevant experience in his field of specialization.
- Assignment will be discussed in advance with the Foreign Expert before his/her joining by the host university itself.

### **Foreign Visit of Local Faculty Member:**

- The duration of visit of local faculty member to foreign should be minimum of two weeks and maximum of 4 weeks.
- The applicant must develop a joint research proposal and submit for funding to any funding agency after the visit.
- A copy of joint research proposal must be submitted to HEC.
- A foreign PhD degree holder can visit the same foreign university under PPCR, after one (01) year of completion of the PhD.

### **Consultant at HEC:**

- For short term consultant at HEC for PPCR Program, the request can only be moved by the focal person (Head of R&D division) of HEC.
- The duration of visit of Consultant should be minimum of two weeks and maximum of 12 weeks.

## ***Other Related Information***

### **Website Address:**

<http://www.hec.gov.pk/InsideHEC/Divisions/RND/ResearchGrants/POCR/Pages/Default.aspx>

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## Commercialization and Industry Linkages

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### 6.1 University Industry Interaction

#### ***Introduction***

This project was initiated to establish strong interaction between academicians and industries and to create awareness regarding science and technology among the industries, legislators, students and general people.

#### ***Data-Base for Interaction between Academia & Industry***

In 2005, Higher Education Commission has launched an umbrella project titled “University-Industry Interaction” (UII), aims to establish a strong foundation of linkage between academia and industry of Pakistan. The project has been designed after realizing a dire need to anchor and uplift the industrial sector by using the potential of our highly qualified and professional researchers of academia. Moreover, this interaction will provide researchers an opportunity to work in their own field of interest.

In view of the above, it was felt necessary to develop a data base of Academic staff of Public Sector and following Private Sector Universities approved by Govt. of Pakistan for funding to be uploaded on HEC website.

- GIK Institute of Eng. & Technology, Topi
- Institute of Business Administration, Karachi
- National University of Computer & Emerging Sciences, Islamabad.
- Agha Khan University, Karachi
- Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore
- Foundation University, Islamabad.
- Ripah International University, Islamabad.
- National Textile University, Faisalabad.
- Indus Institute of Higher Education, Karachi

The purpose is to make industrial sector acquainted with the local experts of Pakistan and enable the industries to use our own indigenous potential for solving the production, research and management problems. The activity would definitely enhance the quality and quantity of the products of Pakistan which would consequently play a vital role in economical growth of the country.

### Data Collection Form for Interaction between Academia & Industry

<http://www.hec.gov.pk/InsideHEC/Divisions/RND/ResearchGrants/UniversityIndustryInteraction/Pages/Data-BaseforInteractionbetweenAcademiaIndustry.aspx>

### **Objectives**

Objectives of the project are:

1. To educate the youth of society about the sophisticated scientific outcomes.
2. To create general awareness among students, general public, Legislators and industrialists about the wonders of science and new inventions in frontier technologies.
3. To create awareness about integration of scientific technologies in the socio-economic development of the country.
4. To highlight socio-economic problems in the country and their possible scientific solutions.

### **How to Apply**

Prescribed form for conducting a one day workshop is available on HEC web site, accessible through the following route:

www.hec.gov.pk ® Research & Development ® Industrial liaison ® Projects ® University-Industry interaction Project request form for conducting workshop/ symposium

### Request Form for Workshop/ Symposium

### **Terms and Conditions**

1. Workshop must fulfill the objectives of the project.
2. Speakers and participants of the workshop/symposia must include researchers, academicians, industrialists, legislators and students.

3. Funds will be released on provision of expenditure statement duly attested by the audit section of the concerned university/institution/ department.
4. Scientists, researchers, industrialists and legislators may send their names for discussions to be aired on TV and radio. Honorarium, travel and lodging to the expert will be paid from the project.
5. Main theme of both the workshop and panel discussion will be to find ways and means for enhancing interaction between universities and industries.

### ***Other Related Information***

All the activities of the project would be conducted under the following four areas as per decision of the National Committee for Development of Science and High Tech. for Economic Growth meeting held on 10.09.2005.

1. Energy
2. Water
3. Health
4. Environment

### **Website Address:**

<http://www.hec.gov.pk/InsideHEC/Divisions/RND/ResearchGrants/UniversityIndustryInteraction/Pages/Default.aspx>

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## **6.2 Offices of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORICs)**

### ***Introduction and Purpose***

The purpose of the Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) is to develop, expand, enhance and manage the university's research programs and to link research activities directly to the educational, social and economic priorities of the university and its broader community. The ORIC is also responsible for assuring that the quality of research reflects the highest international standards and advances the stature of the university among the world's best research institutions.

In pursuit of this mission the ORIC has the responsibility of guaranteeing that all research programs and policies reflect the core values of academic freedom, professional integrity and ethical conduct and full compliance with all policies, legal requirements and operational standards of the university.

### ***Goals***

The ORIC seeks to enhance the environment for all research and scholarship by:

- Supporting the university's strategic research directions and policies
- Increasing and diversifying external research funding
- Improving recruitment and retention of top faculty
- Improving integration of research and education at all levels of the university
- Improving translation of research into the public benefit
- Strengthening university-industry relationships
- Promoting entrepreneurship, technology-transfer and commercialization activities that energize and support the local and national economy
- Promoting and enhancing cross-cutting and multi-disciplinary research initiatives

### ***Structure of ORIC***

The following are the administrative structure of the Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) which also reflect the key functions of the ORIC:

- **Director**

Manage and enhance the research activities of the university, develop research policies and priorities, and serve as an effective advocate for research with the university and to its broader community of stakeholders and supporters.



- **Manager of Research Operations**

Responsible to oversee all aspects of the operation of the ORIC including research administration (budgeting, auditing and accounting, human resources, management and maintenance of facilities and equipment, implementation of research contracts and human resources)

- **Manager of Research Development**

Develop programs and activities that will increase funding for research from all public and private sources, establish and maintain excellent relationships with donors and stakeholders, oversee proposal development and submission.

- **Manager of University-Industrial Linkages and Technology Transfer**

Promote the development of public-private partnerships in support of university research, link the university's research community with the needs and priorities of the corporate sector, develop opportunities for applied research and explore opportunities for technology transfer and the commercialization of university research (including incubators and research parks).

### ***Established ORICs***

- PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi
- University of the Punjab, Lahore
- DOW University of Health Sciences, Karachi
- University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore
- The Aga Khan University, Karachi
- University of Agriculture, Faisalabad
- Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad
- National University of Science and Technology, Rawalpindi
- Institute of Management Science (IMSciences), Peshawar
- Institute of Space Technology (IST), Islamabad
- Bahria University, Islamabad

## ***Other Related Information***

### **Website Address:**

[http://www.hec.gov.pk/InsideHEC/Divisions/RND/ORI/Pages/OfficeforResearchInnovation\(ORI\).aspx](http://www.hec.gov.pk/InsideHEC/Divisions/RND/ORI/Pages/OfficeforResearchInnovation(ORI).aspx)

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## **6.3 Establishment of Business Incubation Centers in Public Sector Universities**

### ***Introduction***

Business Incubation is a business support process that accelerates the successful development of start-up and fledging companies by providing entrepreneurs with an array of targeted resources and services. These services are usually developed or orchestrated by incubator management and offered both in the business incubator and through its framework of contacts. A business incubator's main goal is to produce successful firms that will leave the program financially viable and freestanding. These incubator graduates have the potential to create jobs, revitalize neighborhoods, commercialize new technologies, and strengthen local and national economies.

It is apparent that incubators have a greater impact on the economy when they maintain ties with the university because of the impact on three important groups i.e. entrepreneurs, students, and universities. Higher Education Commission (HEC) has taken this initiative to form Incubation Centers at Public Sector Universities. The purpose of Business Incubation Center (BIC) is to provide an atmosphere where small businesses can grow and prosper. HEC is accentuating on establishment of BICs in Public Sector Universities to support researchers/young entrepreneur /startups, who are intended in developing promising early-stage business ventures.

This program is designed to:

- promote the commercial research culture through the strong venture of university-industry Tag.
- boost the economic development by verge of Industrial Research output.
- foster the formation and development of start-up businesses to the point of obtaining significant, third-party investment support.
- educate startup companies/entrepreneur about the process of new venture development to improve their potential for future entrepreneurial success.
- create an entrepreneurial community to give students the experience of learning through mutual support, a process critical for successful entrepreneurship.

### ***Incubates and Graduated Companies***

[Incubates and Graduated Companies.pdf](#)

### ***Criteria for Selection of Universities for Establishment of Business Incubation Center***

1. Equal regional distribution( at least one in each province)
2. Availability of market/ Industrial area
3. Availability of Research Facilities
4. Active/ strong R&D
5. Availability of active Business School/Institute to provide entrepreneurial support

### ***List of Incubates at Business Incubation Center, UAF***

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of firm</b>	<b>Name of product</b>
1	M/s Sana Laboratories Fsd. <a href="http://www.sannalab.com">www.sannalab.com</a>	Mastitis Vaccine
2	Roshan Enterprises, Bhalwal	Certified Citrus Nursery
3	Agrow Pvt. Ltd. Lahore <a href="http://www.agrow.pk">www.agrow.pk</a>	Rose Perfume
4	Agri. Tech. Pvt. Ltd Multan	University Boom Sprayer
5	Amjad Brothers Agri. Industries, Fsd.	Zone Disk Tiller Drill
6	Amjad Brothers Agri. Industries, Fsd.	Four Row Wheat Bed Planting Machine
7	Abdul Samad & Co. Fsd.	Drip Irrigation Power Unit
8	Ali Engineering Associates Fsd.	Self Propelled Rotary Hoe
9	Ali Engineering Associates Fsd.	Self Propelled Reaper
10	Seth Tufail & Co.Pvt. Ltd. Fsd.	Chaff Cutter
11	Adeel Sarfraz & Co. Fsd.	Thermocouples for Tem. Control
12	Dr. Baber Sher Bajwa	Gemmo Products

13	Ali Akbar Group, Lahore <a href="http://www.aliakbargroup.com">www.aliakbargroup.com</a>	Development of seeds & Agrochemicals
14	Meer S. Bashir & Co, Lahore.	Establishment of Solar Pvc load system
15	Cure MD Pak. Pvt. Ltd. <a href="http://www.curemd.com">www.curemd.com</a>	CurePet Products lines
16	UAF- Tech. Co.	U-Tech Co. Products.

### ***Commercial Projects***

Decryters-solutions.docx

Foot Ball Measuring Machine.Docx

Jatropha Cultivation For Bio-Diesel.Docx

Jatropha Cultivation For Bio-Diesel.Docx

Power Management System.Docx

Solar Water Heating Solution.Docx

### ***Commercialization of Research***

Innovative Projects ready for commercialization at UET Peshawar

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## **6.4 National Innovation Policy**

### ***Introduction***

Innovation spurs competitiveness, economic growth and prosperity. To enhance innovation in Pakistan, the Competitiveness Support Fund (CSF) in collaboration with HEC initiated the process of policy and strategy formulation.

It was started with the creation of an Innovation Strategy Working Group (I-SWOG) in May 2009 comprising members from the triple helix i.e. the government, private sector as well as academia.

Subsequently two consultative workshops were organized, one in Karachi on 4th March 2010 and the second one in Lahore on 24th May 2010. Following the Karachi workshop, CSF released a Draft Strategy document called 'Pakistan Innovation Initiative: Towards Strategy and Implementation'. This paper became the sounding board for the Lahore workshop.

### **Scope of Work of Current Assignment**

- 1.** To indigenize the strategy document and contribute citing from Pakistani specific examples and contexts of innovation enhancement in various institutional and historical settings;
- 2.** To review the strategy document from a macro policy perspective and identify linkages of innovation policy/strategy with other economic policies of the Government of Pakistan; and
- 3.** To recommend mechanism to involve the private sector in agenda setting as well as evaluation of public sector research and development initiatives

### **Rationale**

Innovation is not a new word for Pakistan. The history goes back as far as 1953, when Pakistan Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR) was created. Similarly in the agriculture sector, numerous institutions were created such as Pakistan Agriculture Research Council and National Agriculture Research Council.

Although a strategy document is too small a place to review the contribution of inventions carried out in these institutions towards economic development, a precise reference as to the key factors must be made as 'Lessons Learned'.

The innovation policy cannot be implemented in isolation from other socio-economic policies. Therefore linkages must be established and qualifications be made for successful implementation of innovation policy. For instance, universities become the natural breeding ground for innovations throughout the world. Therefore higher education policy promoting innovation is a pre-requisite. Similarly, a carrot and stick model should be adopted to engage the private sector to promote innovation. The companies adopting innovation must be rewarded and any policy obstacles that reduce the incentive to innovate be removed.

Scientific inventions not surviving the rigor of market are not suitable for economic development. There is a lot of research going on in the Pakistani public sector institutions without any institutional and valid links with the private sector. In both agenda setting and evaluation of performance of the public sector organizations, the representatives from the private sector must be taken on board. Without a strong demand-intensive approach, leaving reasonable space for academic research, innovation cannot contribute towards competitiveness.

### **Key activities proposed**

Meetings and Interviews with present and former heads of key research institutes in Pakistan

### **Deliverables**

A report on Pakistani experience/Lessons Learned;

A document identifying linkages of innovation policy with overall policy environment; and

A document on policy recommendations to suggest mechanism for active and meaningful participation of the private sector in innovation enhancement

Any reports obtained from other institutions

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## **6.5 Monograph & Text Book Writing**

### ***Introduction***

There is a need to develop a tradition of authorship in Pakistan, particularly in scientific and technical disciplines. In addition to that, the lack of detailed information on several topics of syllabi for students needs to be dealt with effectively. There is also serious shortage of quality textbooks and other supporting material. The available imported books are very expensive and are thus beyond the purchasing power of teachers and students.

Although local publishers in Pakistan are providing the requisite services at college and school levels, they are reluctant to enter the field of publications at the university level. Therefore, in order to cater to the publication needs at university level, Higher Education Commission has embarked upon a publication scheme of "Monograph and Textbook Writing" based on national curriculum topics in all disciplines including specialized subject areas. The 5 year PC-1 based scheme, approved at a capital cost of Rs.35.3 million comprises of national curriculum topics in all disciplines as well as specialized subject areas. The Scheme has been especially developed to provide high quality literature regarding various topics.

The Monograph and Textbook Writing Scheme aims to rectify the shortage of textual and support materials and encourages academicians to write high quality monographs/text book, giving them due recognition as writers. This publication scheme, therefore, attempts to create a cadre of authors.

### ***Objectives***

The Scheme has following set of objectives.

#### **Qualitative Objectives**

- Making available low-cost textbooks and reading material to university and college students and teachers.
- Encouraging, identifying and promoting talent while developing authorship in universities and post-graduate colleges.
- Developing monographs that shall provide incisive knowledge in core areas along with special topics.
- Developing textbooks in specified areas of subjects of the curriculum.



## **Quantitative objectives**

- To produce at least 60 (36 Master level and 24 Bachelor level) monographs on selected topics of the curricula in 5 years in Basic, Social, Management, Behavioral Sciences, Art & Humanities, IT, Agriculture, Engineering and Health Sciences.
- To produce at least 78 Textbooks on the specified areas of curriculum related subjects in 5 years in Basic, Social, Management, Behavioral Sciences; Arts & Humanities, IT, Agriculture, Engineering and Health Sciences.

## ***Eligibility Criteria***

### **1. Who can write?**

The opportunity to write is open to teachers/ researchers/professionals either in service - or retired from public or private sector universities, Centres of Excellence, Area Study Centres, Woman Study Centres, Pakistan Study Centres, degree awarding colleges/institutions and research/professional organizations across the country.

### **2. What topics can be covered?**

The authors may choose from a diverse range of topics-keeping in view the HEC approved curricula-in new emerging fields such as IT, Robotics, Biotechnology, as well as Basic Sciences, Social Sciences, Management Sciences, Behavioral Sciences, Arts & Humanities, Agriculture, Engineering and Health Sciences.

### **3. How to submit the proposals?**

In service authors may submit their monograph/text book through proper channel along with documentary proof of expertise in their particular field. However, retired participants shall be required to submit two reference letters establishing credentials with a research organization.

### **4. What support HEC provides?**

**i. Cost of Remuneration:** The author is paid remuneration equivalent to that of Rs.1,00,000/- for the textbook(250-350 pages)for the M.A. /M.Sc. A writer aspiring to write a monograph at M.A./ M.Sc. level (150-250 pages) will be paid remuneration of Rs.80,000/ and Rs.60,000/- for monograph prepared for the B.A./B.Sc. students (150-250 pages). In case a monograph or a textbook is written by two or more authors, the remuneration will be distributed equally among them.

**ii. Cost of Production:** Actual expenditure incurred in preparing the manuscript of textbooks to be paid to the author/s on submission of relevant/actual receipts will be equivalent to Rs.12,000/- while that for the Manuscripts for monographs including M.A./M.Sc. and B.A/B.Sc. levels will be Rs.8,000/- which shall be paid to the author/s on submission of relevant/actual receipts.

**iii.** The Higher Education Commission will publish 500 copies of each monograph / textbook. Hundred copies will be provided to the author free of cost. Copies will be distributed gratis amongst central libraries, departmental libraries of universities and post-graduate colleges of the public sector wherein the concerned subject is taught. The remaining copies will be maintained in the Commission for sale on individual demand of institutions, teachers and students.

**iv.** Besides the publication of 500 copies, on-line subscription of monograph / textbook will also be available on clicking "**Book – House**". Whereas, the payment on account of sale of monograph or textbooks to students, teachers and or/others shall be received through bank/draft in favor of Director Finance, the Higher Education Commission.

### ***How to Apply***

Publish with HEC:-

Introductory Procedure comprises of six steps which shall be strictly followed during the publishing process. It follows as:

1. A teacher / researcher, inspired to write must first develop a book project proposal. The proposal must include a rationale of the project, its research plan, its relevance to the subject taught and its expected market. In case of a university teacher, the proposal must be officially certified by vice-chancellor of the concerned university. In case of a post-graduate college teacher, the proposal must be officially certified by principal of the concerned college. In case of researcher, the proposal must be officially certified by director/chairman of the concerned research organization/institute. The certified proposal must then be sent to the Project Director 'Monograph & Textbook Writing Scheme' Publication Division, of the Higher Education Commission for its further processing.
2. The proposal is reviewed at the Higher Education Commission and the author is subsequently informed of its acceptance or rejection. All administrative requirements are fully observed before starting the review process.

3. The synopsis for monograph or textbook outline, as the case may be, is then referred to two subject specialists for evaluation. In case of radical difference amongst the two subject's specialists, a third subject specialist is appointed for the job. These subject specialists are selected from institutions other than the one wherein the aspirant author is teaching.
4. Once the subject specialists have approved the synopsis / textbook outline, the author/s are advised to write the monograph or textbook manuscript keeping in view the subject specialists' comments and are expected to submit the same in 4 - 6 months for monograph & textbooks.
5. After the manuscript is finalized by the author, he sends it to the Higher Education Commission from where it is redirected to the specialists for comprehensive review and final evaluation.
6. Upon clearance given by the subject specialists, the monograph / textbook is accepted by HEC wherein it is processed for printing.

**Author Booklet:** The booklet has been developed for monograph / textbook authors to provide them a standard format. The guidelines would ensure uniformity in preparation of the submission form, writing a book presenting the author's research plans/findings in a standard style. The manuscript according to the guidelines would also facilitate its speedy publication at the Higher Education Commission. It provides accessible information in three documents that are easily downloaded.

[Book Proposal Submission Form](#)

[Synopsis Writing \(Textbook/Monograph\)](#)

[Manuscript Writing \(Textbook/Monograph\)](#)

**Reviewer Booklet:** This booklet contains two downloadable evaluation forms. Occasionally, reviewers may ask for soft copies so that the process may be expedited.

[Book Writing Evaluation Form – Synopsis Stage](#)

[Book Writing Evaluation Form – Manuscript Stage](#)

### ***Terms and Conditions***

1. HEC accepts only book proposals from in-service persons who will apply through proper channel, while retired persons may submit two reference letters stating that he/she has either taught in a university/college or conducted research in a research organization. Professionals may also submit through proper channel along with documentary proof of expertise in that particular field.

2. Topics / subject areas should be based on recent changes introduced in the national curriculum approved by the various HEC Committees established by Curriculum Division of the Higher Education Division.
3. A book proposal should be submitted on 'Format for Book Proposal Submission' while manuscript should be submitted also on 'Format for Manuscript Writing' respectively (details are available at link page Publish with HEC).
4. The book proposal should be forwarded to the Project Director 'Monograph & Textbook Writing Scheme' Publication Division, of the Higher Education Commission through administrative channels of a university/ institution/post-graduate college.
5. A finalized manuscript is accepted for publication only after clearance is given by two subject specialists or evaluators.
6. A manuscript once accepted by HEC shall not be published elsewhere as 'All rights reserved by HEC' shall apply. However, in case the author asks for the transfer of rights for reprinting/second edition to an organization other than HEC, an agreement may be sorted out between both parties as per intellectual rights.
7. A complete and final text of the manuscript is expected to be submitted error free. The author may employ an editor for his publication where the charges for the same shall be drawn within limits of Rs. 12, 000/- for textbook and Rs.8, 000/- for Monograph. The cost of production of book will be reimbursed by HEC on submission of actual bills.
8. The Scheme accepts only fresh and original book proposals as there is no provision for revised or second edition in the Scheme.

## **FAQs**

### **Q.1: Can I write a textbook at the graduate level?**

**Ans:** No. There is no provision to write a textbook at the graduate level. However, you may write a monograph at the graduate level.

### **Q.2: Please mention, at which level a textbook can be written?**

**Ans:** A textbook could be only written at the post-graduate level on all topics of HEC approved curricula.

**Q.3: May I invite someone as co-author in writing a monograph / textbook and what is the procedure of remuneration distribution?**

**Ans:** Yes, a book can be written by more than one author. The sum of remuneration would then be equally distributed among all participating writers as per rules of the Scheme.

**Q.4 At what level can I write a Monograph?**

**Ans:** A monograph can be written at both levels. i-e graduate and post-graduate.

**Q.5: Is there any provision for second or revised edition in the Scheme?**

**Ans:** No. there is no provision for processing of any second or revised edition in the scheme. The Scheme accepts only fresh and original book proposals either Monographs or Textbooks.

**Q.5 What is a Monograph?**

**Ans:** According to the definition of monograph as spelled out by Dr. Saeed A. Durrani in his book on Technical Writing (HEC-Publication, 2005) it is as follows: “By Monograph is meant a special book on a single – usually scientific – subject. There are two slightly different variant formats: it is a book written by a single author; or by two or more authors; or it is collection of articles or chapters written by several authors – covering different aspects of the given subject – and edited by one or two Editors.

**Q.6: What is HEC – Book House?**

**Ans:** HEC – Book House is particularly developed to develop/create interest of teaching /researcher community for writing and in general terms to give information.

### ***Other Related Information***

#### **Website Address:**

<http://www.hec.gov.pk/insidehec/divisions/rnd/others/MTBW/Pages/Default.aspx>

#### **Contact of Concerning Official:**

**Mr. Samiullah**  
**Assistant Director**  
(Monograph & Textbook Writing Scheme)  
Higher Education Commission,  
Sector H-9, Islamabad.  
Email: [smullah@hec.gov.pk](mailto:smullah@hec.gov.pk)



### ***Introduction***

PARB will finance research projects to resolve stake holder's issues in Punjab. Any individual (local or foreigner), public and private sector in Pakistan and International companies can bid for these projects. The project proposals will be evaluated by the Technical Working Groups (TwGs) specially formulated for this purpose.

The institution outside the province however will have to designate its Project Manager from any public or private sector research organization of the Punjab province. The research proposals maximum for three years with additional two years for testing, adaptation, and commercialization will be funded.

### ***High Priority Research Areas:***

Our main objective is to transform the agricultural production system into a commercial, competitive, and diversified system that can meet the market needs, enhance farmers' income, and generate new employment opportunities in rural areas. In this transformation, we believe that the research system can play an important role by enabling farmers' to adjust their production system to meet emerging high-value demands.

To meet these goals, we will focus not only on major agriculture commodities produced traditionally in the country, but also identify new emerging markets and prepare farmers and processors for these markets by resolving technological and institutional constraints on participating in these markets. This will enable farmers to shift to these new products when productivity enhancement in traditional commodities reduces their prices and profitability.

What are new emerging markets? Consumers in the domestic and international markets want balance, quality, diversified, and safe food. In our research strategy, we will introduce the production systems rich in micronutrient, and generate high income and employment to farmers such as fruits, vegetables, and pulses. Oilseed crops are especially important to our economy, because of its large import bill.

The importance of marketing and agricultural business activities in agriculture growth, job creation, and poverty alleviation is increasingly being recognized. We will expand our research

beyond farms gate, and will focus on resolving marketing issues of crops, develop technologies for value addition, improve food processing methods, and reduce post-harvest losses. This will improve the competitiveness of agriculture sector in the domestic and international market, and enhance bioavailability of food nutrients.

The impact of agricultural production on climate change is increasingly a concern of various stakeholders. It has been estimated that the health and environmental cost of pesticide use in cotton is Rs. 2.2 billion per annum. The intensification of agriculture production has caused the mining of soil and water aquifer, and reduced organic matter in soils. PARB will pay special attention to develop technologies that can reduce the environmental impact of agriculture production. Similarly, we also want to give high priority to research which can generate technologies for the production of safe and quality foods. This will not only safe our environmental, but also reduce farmers cost and increase their income. PARB will also focus on developing cropping systems and production technologies to improve crop production per drop and per unit of external inputs. Similarly, we can tackle environmental change through research by analyzing how temperature change will impact our production system, and design new systems that can fit in the new climate.

In summary, the research priorities of Punjab Agricultural Research Board will have five major themes:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>% Res. Alloc.</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Detail/ Link</b>
1	Enhance productivity with sustainability of major cropping system	35%	Enhance total factor productivity of various production systems in the province with emphasis on those system where large number of poor lives	<a href="http://www.parb.gop.pk/documents/theme1.pdf">http://www.parb.gop.pk/documents/theme1.pdf</a>
2	Promote diversification & commercialization	15%	Eradicate poverty by increasing small farmers' income, employment & nutritional security through improved production & marketing efficiency of high value crops	<a href="http://www.parb.gop.pk/documents/theme2.pdf">http://www.parb.gop.pk/documents/theme2.pdf</a>
3	Conserve Resources & Protect Environment	25%	Conserve natural resources (land, water, range, pasture) and environment by improving resource use efficiency in the long and medium terms	<a href="http://www.parb.gop.pk/documents/theme3.pdf">http://www.parb.gop.pk/documents/theme3.pdf</a>
4	Improve Competitiveness by	15%	Enhance agri. competitiveness and vertical divers. of rural incomes by promoting agri. processing,	<a href="http://www.parb.gop.pk/">http://www.parb.gop.pk/</a>

	Value Addition		reducing post-harvest losses, & improving marketing efficiency	<a href="#">documents/theme4.pdf</a>
5	Cross Cutting issues, & knowledge based agri. Policies	10%	To take research on policy issues to enhance research efficiency and promote knowledge-based policy formulation	<a href="http://www.parb.gop.pk/documents/theme5.pdf">http://www.parb.gop.pk/documents/theme5.pdf</a>

**Note:** To Download High Priority Research Areas Complete File, visit/browse the following link.

<http://www.parb.gop.pk/Documents/AllThemes.pdf>

### ***Research Strategies:***

#### **Demand Based:**

We transform the research system from supply-oriented to demand based. Rather than asking the scientists what they are researching for, we will ask our agricultural stakeholder every year what issues we should resolve through research. The PARB is setting up a Research Planning Cell that will continuously consult with agriculture stakeholders, bring emerging issues for agriculture research, and use scientific methodologies to prioritize these issues. Shifting from scientists to stakeholders for setting up research strategies is a big change, which will bring growth by resolving high priority problems in agriculture sector.

#### **Multi-disciplinary and Multi-institute:**

Our Coordination Cell will announce the issues and challenges the scientists to come forward to propose research to resolve these issues. As the challenge is to resolve the issues, the proposed projects must be multi-disciplinary and multi-institute. In this way, we want to break the wall built around research institute by encouraging cross-institute cooperation.

#### **Competitive:**

The Coordination Cell will set up anonymous Technical Working groups who will evaluate these proposals and judge the competency of the team proposing the research. The projects will be awarded based on competency of the proposal and the professional team. Special marks will be given for those teams which is multi-disciplinary and multi-institutes. The project will also include activities to promote the research results to stakeholders.

#### **Incentives to Researchers:**

Each scientist in the team will have clear activity, and budget will be assigned for each activity. Depending upon the delivery of output (i.e., solving the issue), each scientist will receive a fixed proportion of the cost handled as a personnel reward.



**Monitoring and Evaluation:**

We have also set up a Monitoring and Evaluation Cell which will oversee the progress of the project and suggest measures to overcome problems in its implementation. It will also analyze the impact of the farmers on various stakeholders.

**Import of Technologies:**

PARB will also facilitate to import of technologies and materials, and adapt these technologies to the local environments. Our main strategy will be to overcome the shortage of germplasm the research system is starving with now-a-days. Moreover, the import of parental lines, genes, and machinery models will be funded. During the short-term training visits, the scientists will be encouraged to import relevant technologies and materials. Funds will also be allocated for this purpose.

**International Collaboration:**

We strongly feel that lack of resources as well as bureaucratic procedures involved in getting clearance for the scientists to go abroad has limited the collaboration of our scientists with international agriculture research centers and advance laboratories. We will link each project with these centers of excellence in agriculture research and facilitate our scientists to go short-term training in these centers. Reasonable funds will be allocated for foreign training in each project wherever it is appropriate.

**Involvement of Private Stakeholders:**

We should realize that we cannot resolve all the problems facing to agriculture sector through research in the public sector. Our main strategy will be to involve the private sector as much as possible in setting up research priorities and conducting research. The board of directors of PARB consists of farmers, agricultural business people, politicians, bureaucrats along with research professional who will guide us in setting research priorities. I would like to point out here that the research to formulate solution of the problem can be suggested by any provincial and federal public sector institute, and/or private sector with in the county, or abroad.

**Funding to Corporate Companies:**

We are setting up Research and Development Companies in major crops which will perform in corporate mode and improve the collaboration with the private sector. The independent board of directors of these bodies will set up research priorities of these companies and each will be

autonomous in managing their resources. Initially, corporate companies in rice, cotton, sugarcane, citrus, and mango have been established. These corporate will compete or research funds from PARB and they will be free to get additional funds from any other sources as well.

### ***Guidelines & Proformas:***

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Please, read the following Guidelines and Proformas to submit CGS Project:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Guidelines</b>	<b>Detail/ Link</b>
1	Preparation of Research Proposal	<a href="http://www.parb.gop.pk/documents/guidelinesforproposalpreparation.pdf">http://www.parb.gop.pk/documents/guidelinesforproposalpreparation.pdf</a>
2	Standing Instructions	<a href="http://www.parb.gop.pk/pdf/standing_instructions-consolidated.pdf">http://www.parb.gop.pk/pdf/standing_instructions-consolidated.pdf</a>
3	SOP: Procedure of CGS Projects After Board Approval	<a href="http://www.parb.gop.pk/documents/sopcgspjproject.pdf">http://www.parb.gop.pk/documents/sopcgspjproject.pdf</a>
4	TWG Criteria	<a href="http://www.parb.gop.pk/pdf/twgcriteria.pdf">http://www.parb.gop.pk/pdf/twgcriteria.pdf</a>

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Proformas</b>	<b>Detail/Link</b>
1	Research Proposal	<a href="http://www.parb.gop.pk/documents/researchproposalproforma.doc">http://www.parb.gop.pk/documents/researchproposalproforma.doc</a>
2	Curriculum Vitae	<a href="http://www.parb.gop.pk/documents/cvformat.doc">http://www.parb.gop.pk/documents/cvformat.doc</a>

3	Six Monthly Physical Progress	<a href="http://www.parb.gov.pk/documents/halfyearphysicalprogressreportproforma.doc">http://www.parb.gov.pk/documents/halfyearphysicalprogressreportproforma.doc</a>
4	Quarterly Planning	<a href="http://www.parb.gov.pk/documents/quarterlyplanningreportproforma4cgsproj.doc">http://www.parb.gov.pk/documents/quarterlyplanningreportproforma4cgsproj.doc</a>
5	Annual Research Progress	<a href="http://www.parb.gov.pk/documents/annualresearchprogressreport.doc">http://www.parb.gov.pk/documents/annualresearchprogressreport.doc</a>
6	Annual Performance Evaluation	<a href="http://www.parb.gov.pk/documents/annualperformanceevaluationreport.doc">http://www.parb.gov.pk/documents/annualperformanceevaluationreport.doc</a>
7	Administrative and Financial Monitoring, Project Manager	<a href="http://www.parb.gov.pk/documents/administrativefinancialmonitoringproforma.doc">http://www.parb.gov.pk/documents/administrativefinancialmonitoringproforma.doc</a>
8	Administrative and Financial Monitoring, Team Leader	<a href="http://www.parb.gov.pk/documents/administrativefinancialmonitoringproforma-teamleader.doc">http://www.parb.gov.pk/documents/administrativefinancialmonitoringproforma-teamleader.doc</a>
9	Project Proposal Evaluation	<a href="http://www.parb.gov.pk/documents/projectproposalevaluationproforma.doc">http://www.parb.gov.pk/documents/projectproposalevaluationproforma.doc</a>
10	Contract Agreement	<a href="http://www.parb.gov.pk/documents/contractagreement.doc">http://www.parb.gov.pk/documents/contractagreement.doc</a>

### ***Funding Procedures:***

Please visit the following website:

<http://www.parb.gov.pk/pdf/FundingProcedure4Projects.pdf>

### ***Other Related Information***

#### **Website Address:**

<http://www.parb.gov.pk/index.aspx>

#### **Mailing Address:**

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 47-The Mall, Lahore.  
 PHONE: +92-42-37232744  
 FAX: +92-42-37247594  
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## Research Project of Pakistan Science Foundation

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### ***Introduction***

The Promotion of Scientific Research and related activities is the major objective of Pakistan Science Foundation, which provides funding for research projects in the areas of Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences, Bio-technology and Genetic Engineering, Chemical Sciences, Computer/Information Technology, Mathematical Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Engineering, Earth sciences, Medical sciences and Physics. The Foundation provides grants to universities and other R&D organizations for projects undertaken by individuals or groups of scientists. The Foundation has developed requisite infrastructure for carrying out its research support activity.

Research projects funded by the Foundation produce trained manpower in the form of M.Phil and Ph.D graduates and other staff appointed in the projects, patents and a number of local and international publications. Some projects with industrial base have also gone from Lab to land resulting in utilization of results of PSF Supported projects for Socio-economic development of the country.

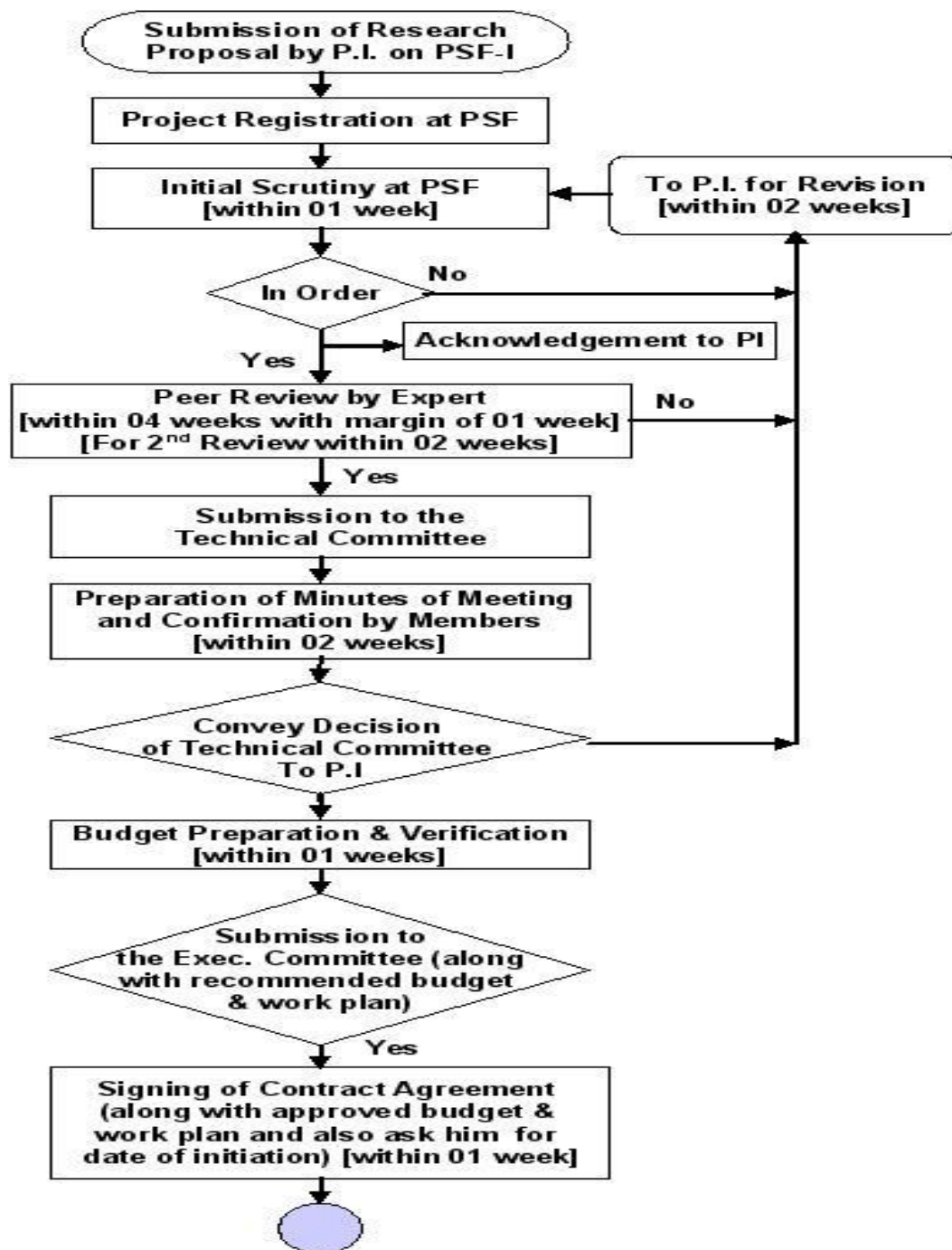
The Foundation has so far funded 1031 research Projects in various fields of Science and Technology that have resulted in publication of 612 research papers in national and international journals and 5 patents have been filed from PSF sponsored projects. 169 research scholars have acquired their M.Phil degrees and 115 have done their Ph.D.s out of work done in PSF supported research projects.

### ***Areas:***

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES	CHEMICAL SCIENCES
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	EARTH SCIENCES
BIOTECHNOLOGY	ENGINEERING SCIENCES

## ***Procedure for Project Funding:***

### ***Flow chart of the process step 1:***



## Chapter 8: Research Project of Pakistan Science Foundation



Projects proposals, submitted to the Foundation, are evaluated initially by Subject Experts in the relevant fields and then by the PSF Technical Committees which recommend the projects for approval on the basis of technical merit and relevance to the socio-economic needs of the country. Research grants are released to P.Is on 6-monthly basis. The progress of research is monitored through evaluation of semi-annual and annual reports from grantees.

### ***Other Related Information***

#### **Website Address:**

<http://www.psf.gov.pk/>

<http://www.psf.gov.pk/rsupport.php>

#### **Mailing Address:**

Pakistan Science Foundation,  
1-Constitution Avenue,  
Sector G-5/2, Islamabad (Pakistan).  
Tel: + 92 51 9202469-70  
Fax: + 92 51 9202468



## Research Grant/Project of Pakistan Medical Research Council (PMRC)

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### ***Guidelines for Applying For A PMRC Research Grant:***

<http://www.pmrc.org.pk/guidelines.htm>

#### ***Introduction:***

One of the major functions of the Pakistan Medical Research Council (PMRC) is to organize, coordinate and promote scientific research in various disciplines of medical sciences and public health. PMRC also provides support to investigators wishing to carry out research on important national health problems.

The purpose of these guidelines is to assist investigators applying to PMRC for a research grant, in filling in the prescribed application form as completely and accurately as possible, so as to enable the reviewers to take the decision promptly.

Please visit the following link.

**Application Form:** <http://www.pmrc.org.pk/downloads.htm>

**Check List:** <http://www.pmrc.org.pk/downloads.htm>

**Sample CV:** <http://www.pmrc.org.pk/downloads.htm>

**Guidelines:** <http://www.pmrc.org.pk/downloads.htm>

#### ***Guidelines:***

##### **Submission of Research Projects:**

Research projects can be submitted to PMRC throughout a year.



**Review of Research Projects:**

Research projects received in the organization will be reviewed by the panel of experts in the relevant field of research. Only those projects will be sent for peer review which are prepared according to the guidelines. Each project will be sent to two reviewers of relevant field.

**Approval of Research Project:**

After reviewing, projects are discussed in the meetings of T AC which are scheduled in the First Half of the year (first meeting) and Second Half of the year (second meeting) to consider the projects for funding. The final decision for funding is made by T AC on the relevance of the application to the important national health problems and on its scientific quality as judged by the reviewers.

**Funding of Approved Projects:**

Approved projects are funded by the Council on yearly basis subject to availability of funds, as per PMRC Funding Policy

**Payments:**

Payments will be made in Three Installments, as 1st. Installment (50% of the approved cost of the project) initially; 2nd. Installment (30% of the approved cost of the project) after completion of field work/laboratory investigations, etc. and submission of bills/vouchers justifying the expenditure made so far; and 3rd. Installment after completion of the project and submission of Final Report All prescribed forms/bills should reach head office as early as possible to make payments quickly.

**Principal Investigator and Institution:**

The Principal Investigator is the individual who shall be responsible for the direct supervision of the project and will participate in it.

The institution is the organization with which principal investigator is associated and to which he is responsible.

The principal investigator, through his institution will be responsible for all matters connected with the implementation of the project. In addition principal investigator will provide following information for each project proposal:

- i). Research facilities available in the institute including equipment and manpower.
- ii). He/she should provide the time schedule and the commencement of research.

**Equipment and Supplies:**

Consumable supplies for the project being supported includes chemicals, reagents, drugs, glassware and other items may be purchased from PMRC funds. The principal investigator and Centres are responsible for the care and maintenance of equipment provided. PMRC reserves the right to supply equipment to the centre for a project, instead of providing the institution with the funds to make the purchase itself. Funds provided by PMRC should not be used for the maintenance, repair, or other matters except as otherwise agreed with the Council.

Funds allocated for the purchase of equipment should be utilized within one year of the availability of funds alternately any balances of such funds will revert to PMRC.

**Other Costs:**

PMRC will consider financial support only for services or materials clearly itemized and justified in the budge accompanying the proposal. Request for "overhead" or administrative costs will not be considered.

**Reports:**

The principal investigator shall submit a quarterly progress report, and annual report in the required format at the time specified, to PMRC. This report constitutes a part of the project evaluation and is necessary for continuation of support for the project. Final reports of each project are required at completion and shout summarize the course of research and give in some detail the positive and negative findings of the work.

**Publications:**

The principal investigator/institution may publish in any journal the results of work supported by the PMRC research programmes. In instances of a collaborative research projects involving more than one institution, is recommended that the publication be submitted in the name of all investigators who participated in the project. All publications should have a foot note identifying PMRC having supported the research, for example:

"This work received financial support from the Pakistan Medical Research Council, Pakistan".

In the event of publication, five reprints or copies should be sent to Pakistan Medical Research Council, head office, Islamabad.

**Departure or Change of Principal Investigator:**

If the principal investigator leaves, the institution/centre with which the agreement is made must notify PMRC which shall have the right to terminate the agreement. If another principal

investigator is appointed by the institution centre, the project may be continued, provided the consent of the PMRC is obtained.

### **Submission of Applications:**

Applications should be submitted using the PMRC application form. Complete information is essential for rapid consideration of a project.

Application can be submitted to respective PMRC centres for onward transmission to head office, Islamabad, or can be sent directly to PMRC head office addressed to:

### ***PC-1 submitted to Ministry of Health for approval***

1. Establishment of National Cancer Registration Programme (NCRP)
2. Second Round of Health Survey of Pakistan-II (NHSP-II)
3. Determination of disease Vs healthy status of Hepatitis B & C using serological markers.
4. Strengthening and expansion of PMRC: Construction of an additional floor on existing PMRC Head Office Building.
5. Pakistan Health Information Online: Capacity building of PMRC Health Information Resource Centre (HIRC)
6. Establishment of Biosafety / Biosecurity system of 4 Public Sector Hospitals / Health Institutions dealing with infectious materials
7. Establishment of Molecular Diagnostic Lab at PMRC Central Research Centre, NIH Islamabad

### ***PMRC Routine Research Grant (0.2M)***

The maximum Limit for this Grant is Rs. 0.2 Million. Projects should deal with a health problem of national importance / related to public health. PMRC does not support basic research studies. A list of PMRC funded projects is available on the website (on the left hand).

Projects under this grant are accepted through out the year. Projects are peer reviewed by the expert panel and if approved by them then are presented to PMRC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for final evaluation and approval for funding. The TAC meeting is held twice in

a year (i.e. 1st and 2nd half of the year) depending upon the number of approved projects to be presented in the meeting.

For submission of project please see the Check List which is very important and should be strictly followed especially the instructions for budget. One Page CV of Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator should be submitted along with the project.

### ***PMRC Research Grant for Projects in High Priority Areas of Health (0.3 M)***

The maximum Limit for this Grant is Rs. 0.3 Million. This grant has recently been announced. Recently, PMRC invites research projects for funding in high priority areas of health in which the country's National Health Programs are working. The theme for the projects should be chosen in the following priority areas:

1. Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI)
2. AIDS Prevention & Control
3. Nutrition
4. Hepatitis Prevention & Control
5. Blindness
6. TB Control
7. Malaria Control
8. Maternal, Neonatal & Child Health (MNCH)
9. Family Planning and Primary Health Care
10. Lady Health Workers (LHW) Problems, Assessment & Evaluation
11. Food Fortification
12. Trauma Prevention and Care

Projects can be submitted through out the year. The instructions for submission of research projects under this grant are same as for Routine Research Grant except the maximum limit for budget i.e. Rs. 0.3 Million.

### ***Dr. Sarwar Jehan Zuberi Research Grant (0.5 Million)***

The maximum limit for the grant is Rs. 0.5 Million.

Each year one research project is funded under this grant. The theme is chosen from one of the priority areas for health research in Gastroenterology & Hepatology by the PMRC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

The Theme is circulated to all health institutions of the country and posted on the PMRC website. The deadline for submission of projects is also given.

Projects are peer reviewed by PMRC Expert Panel and those recommended are presented to PMRC Technical Advisory Committee for final evaluation and selection of the best project to be awarded the grant.

The Dr. S. J. Zuberi Grant is awarded to one project only in a year.

The instructions for submission of projects are same as for other PMRC grants but the Theme and deadline for submission of projects are given.

### ***Other Related Information***

#### **Website Address:**

<http://www.pmr.org.pk/>

#### **Mailing Address:**

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Islamabad, Pakistan  
Tel: +1 92-51-9216793; 9207386, Fax: +1 92-51-9216774  
Email: pmrc@comsats.net.pk



## Research and Advocacy Fund

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### ***Introduction:***

Pakistan's maternal and child mortality rates are the sixth highest in the world. Despite the Government of Pakistan (GoP) targeting improvements in maternal and child health over the last 15 years, maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity remain significant challenges. An estimated 30,000 women die each year because of complications during pregnancy and delivery – the equivalent of one woman dying every 20 minutes.

Nearly all maternal deaths worldwide are preventable. The Maternal and Newborn Health Research and Advocacy Fund (RAF) recognises that policies implemented accountably through interventions that aim to improve health outcomes for poor and marginalised women and children can reduce the premature death of women in pregnancy and childbirth and increase their chances of survival. And when they survive, their families, communities and countries thrive. It's a virtuous circle.

RAF is working to help change the future for Pakistan's women and newborns and their families alongside other stakeholders to help put Pakistan on track for MDG 4 and 5.

### ***What kind of work does RAF fund?***

Experience shows that a strong credible evidence base that is translated into clear, relevant and achievable policy recommendations through advocacy can have a direct impact on the policy uptake of research, and the development of informed and relevant development strategies that can benefit the lives of poor and marginalised women and communities.

RAF aims to fund research and advocacy proposals which are clearly focussed on bringing about policy and practice change. RAF looks particularly favourably on those research and advocacy proposals that aim to provide deep insights into those context-specific behaviours, attitudes, practices that shape maternal and newborn health for the poor and address issues of

quality of services, lack of investment in public sector facilities, lack of skills and training amongst health sector staff and discrimination by service providers.

All research and advocacy initiatives seeking RAF funding must clearly define the desired policy and practice change.

**Advocacy:**

RAF will encourage and support innovative communications, networking and advocacy projects to get key messages out to target audiences with the potential to implement policy and practice reforms. RAF funded advocacy should demonstrate that advocacy messages are evidence-based, and have been developed on the basis of an analysis of rigorous and robust research.

Advocacy proposals can be stand-alone, targeted initiatives but should include analysis which informs the development of the key messages. This analysis can be built upon primary or secondary research, and RAF-funded advocacy strategies may include a situational analysis that is based upon primary research. In either case, proposals should aim to push for effective policies and scaling up cost effective interventions that address the MNH needs of poor women. Advocacy proposals should support the capacity and voice of local communities to act as advocates for their MNH needs to service providers and policy makers.

**Research:**

RAF funded research work should aim to rigorously analyse the realities of poor people's needs and experiences. It should also draw on existing research and programming experience - both in Pakistan and from other country contexts – in order to develop innovative models that address real gaps in a meaningful way. Rigorous and inclusive research methodologies and innovative dissemination ideas are also required.

A research proposal which addresses one or more of the following components is considered eligible for funding:

**Analysis:** Address key gaps in understanding the factors that affect maternal and newborn health, poor people's care-seeking behaviour, and the quality of services they receive.

**Lessons learned:** Review experiences from recent or existing models and programmes in Pakistan, and from other country contexts to uncover important findings and insights and assess the potential of interventions for replicability, scalability and sustainability.

**Operational research:** Pilot interventions based upon a robust review of existing work, and a clear identification of key gaps, in order to develop scalable, sustainable models for improving MNH outcomes.

## ***Funding Models***

### **Open Competition:**

The Open Call is designed to build a body of work on a given priority area and to encourage organisations with relevant experience, knowledge as well as innovative research and advocacy ideas to apply for funding.

RAF issues bi-annual Calls for Proposals through print and e-media. These Calls seek advocacy and/or research concept notes on specified priority areas. Applicants can apply for small grants of up to GBP 50,000 or large grants of up to 500,000 GBP. Concept notes that are shortlisted are then invited to develop full proposals that undergo assessment and appraisal process before selection for grant funding.

RAF encourages local organisations with strong roots in their community to apply. Such organisations can request technical assistance and guidance for carrying out the project. Please review ["Who can Apply"](#) for more details on eligibility criteria and Terms and Conditions for Applicants.

### **Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI)**

Organisations may also access RAF's funding by responding to RAF's Invitation for Expressions of Interest (EOI). Organisations submitting the EOI documents as per RAF specified format and within the stipulated deadline may be shortlisted for potential opportunities to access funding through limited competition or in special cases through direct commissioning.

Organisations working in MNH, health, gender, political and policy analysis, poverty and social equity and social development are eligible to apply.

### **Who Can Apply?**

RAF recognises the need for much greater understanding about the lived realities for poor women and communities, in terms of their access to services, the quality of care that they receive and the extent to which these processes are empowering or disempowering. To this



end, RAF proactively encourages organisations from multiple disciplines - including social science, health, economics and political/policy analysis to apply.

RAF strongly encourages applications from national/international organisations working in partnerships and consortiums.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Organisations registered with a public authority under relevant acts in Pakistan:
  - For a minimum of 5 years if applying for a Large grant.
  - For a minimum of 2 years if applying for a Small grant.
- Only Pakistani nationals may apply as Individuals for a small grant for research.
- International Organisations with presence and valid permission to work in Pakistan from a competent authority of Pakistan. Organisations must be authorised to open bank account in Pakistan and receive funds in Pak Rupees.

### **Terms and Conditions for Applicants:**

1. The maximum duration of any one project will not be more than two years. As RAF draws to an end the projects funded by RAF will be of a shorter duration to ensure that all projects must end by May 2013.
2. Organisations may apply for multiple grants but they can be recipients of only one grant per call.
3. All funds are processed in PAK Rupees only.
4. All organisations/individuals excluding 'not for profit' and government institutions, must demonstrate availability of funds to carry out activities as no advance payment will be made.
5. Applicants with a conflict of interest are required to declare their interest and in case of direct association with RAF will not be eligible to apply (e.g. consortium partners).

### ***Call for Proposals***

The deadline for responding to the fourth round of Call for Proposals has passed. The next Call for Proposals will be issued at the end of 2011 and will be publicized through national and regional newspapers, and RAF's website.

### ***Expressions of Interest***

The deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest has passed. The next Invitation for Expression of Interest will be publicized through national and regional newspapers, and RAF's website.

### ***Other Related Information***

#### **Website Address:**

<http://www.rafpakistan.org/raf/contents/Home/1.html>



## **Pakistan-US Science and Technology Cooperation Program**

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### ***Synopsis of Program and Background***

In 2003, the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Government of Pakistan and the United States Department of State signed a comprehensive Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement that established a framework to increase cooperation in science, technology, engineering, and education for mutual benefit and peaceful purposes between the science and education communities in both countries. In 2005, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) joined with the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) and the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC) to support the joint Pakistan-US Science and Technology Cooperation Program. Beginning in 2008, the United States Department of State (DOS) joined USAID as US co-sponsor of the program. This program, which is being implemented by the US National Academy of Sciences on the US side, is intended to increase the strength and breadth of cooperation and linkages between Pakistan scientists and institutions with counterparts in the United States.

Each country has contributed funds to support Cooperation Program projects under this Agreement that would enhance the ability of the science and technology community to positively contribute to human and economic development in Pakistan.

In November 2005 (Phase 1), 11 projects were selected for funding, receiving a combined total of more than \$4.9 million from the Pakistani and US sides. In December 2006 (Phase 3), 13 more projects were funded for a total of more than \$5.2 million, plus 3 additional projects received more than \$1 million in a special competition devoted to earthquake-related collaboration. In February 2008 (Phase 3), 19 new grants were awarded, and the most recent batch of selections (Phase 4) was announced in September 2010. The US-side budgets of the grants have ranged from \$40,000 for a one-year project to \$350,000 for each of several three-year projects. On the Pakistani side, budgets have ranged from \$30,000 to \$500,000.

Applicants are reminded that priority is given to projects in which the main locus of activity is in Pakistan, not the United States, so budgets should be allocated accordingly.

## ***Program Objectives***

Projects funded under this solicitation should contribute to building capacity in Pakistan and strengthening US-Pakistan cooperative relationships in one or more of the following ways:

1. Improving the quality, relevance, or capacity of education and research at Pakistani institutions of higher education in science and technical fields.
2. Improving the capacity of Pakistani public and private science institutions to support industry competitiveness.
3. Increasing the capacity of science and technology to improve the well-being of ordinary Pakistani people. Topics include, but are not limited to basic education, basic health, nutrition, water/sanitation, environment, and economic development.

Proposals should clearly explain how the project would facilitate capacity building at the institutional level in Pakistan. Projects that would only enhance the capabilities of their individual participants, with no demonstrated broader impact, will be at much lower priority for funding. Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to review the lists of projects funded in 2005, 2006, and 2007 to gain a better understanding of the types of activities supported under this program.

As part of the current call for proposals, we are pleased to offer a special opportunity for proposals in the biological sciences, with emphasis on human and animal infectious disease, as well as best practices in laboratory management. Another special opportunity exists for proposals in the chemical sciences that focus on best practices in chemical management, pesticide management, and chemical safety education.

### ***Eligibility Information:***

**PI Eligibility Limit:** Proposals are to be developed by partnerships that should include at least one Pakistani partner and one US partner. Projects involving participants from only one country (Pakistan or the United States) are ineligible and will not be reviewed. In developing proposals, proposing partners are urged to take advantage of the widest range of Pakistani talent capable of contributing to the achievement of objectives. In particular, partners should explain in their proposals how they will encourage the participation of women and ensure that they are provided equal opportunities for involvement in the proposed projects, whether as co-investigators, post-doctoral researchers, students, trainees, or conference participants.

**Topical Eligibility Limit:** Due to US government regulations, the program cannot fund research involving “testing or breeding, feasibility study, variety improvement or introduction, consultancy, publication, or training in connection with the growth or production [of a crop] in

a foreign country for export if such export would compete in world markets with a similar commodity grown or produced in the United States." Before preparing their proposals, applicants intending to submit proposals involving research on citrus crops, sugar cane, or cotton are advised to e-mail a brief explanation of their proposed projects to [pkcontract@nas.edu](mailto:pkcontract@nas.edu) for an advance determination of eligibility by program staff in consultation with US government sponsors.

### ***Award Information:***

**Anticipated Type of Awards:** Requests for funding can vary in amount and length but should not exceed three years. In order to achieve significant progress towards one of the program objectives, proposals are generally expected to involve multiple individuals and contribute to building strengths of key institutions in Pakistan. Project funding is generally expected to be in the range of \$100,000 to \$300,000 per year (combined total for the Pakistani and US partner institutions). Capital costs for the construction of new buildings will not be covered. Salary costs for senior individual participants are expected to be covered from other sources, but salary support for junior team members and technical support staff may be included as appropriate. An annual progress report will be required. Continuing-year funding of multi-year projects will be contingent upon a merit-based annual evaluation of progress.

Proposals should include all activities and costs necessary to achieve the results stated in the application. Leveraging of resources is encouraged; therefore, the entire cost of the project should be included. Applicants are required to disclose any other funding received or applied for from other sources that would support the proposed project.

Projects funded through this solicitation will not be given any preference for funding under future USAID- or DOS-supported programs.

### ***Selection Criteria:***

Proposals will be evaluated in separate peer review processes organized by the Pakistani and US sponsors according to 1) relevance to the goals enumerated above under "Program Objectives," 2) the scientific and technical merit of the proposal, 3) the cost-effectiveness of the project, 4) the capabilities of the participating institutions and individuals to successfully complete the project, and 5) the nature and quality of the collaboration, including the demonstrated commitment of the proposing partners to ensuring the participation of women in the project. Final funding decisions will be reached by consensus among the Pakistani and US sponsors.

***Projects:***

The current running projects detail is available at the following web site:

[http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/dsc/PGA\\_052577](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/dsc/PGA_052577)

***Other Related Information*****Website Address:**

<http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/dsc/pakistan/index.htm>

<http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/dsc/index.htm>

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***IMPORTANT NOTE:***

The presented information in this chapter 11 is also available on HEC website and in Chapter 03 page 12 of this guidebook.



### ***Overview and Introduction:***

- Planning, Coordinating and directing efforts to initiate and launch scientific and technological programs.
- Responsible for the preparation and implementation of all science and technological research policies and plans.

### ***Objectives:***

Scientific and Technological Research Division

- Preparation of and implementation of S&TR Policies and Plans.
- To promote the S&TR for achieving rapid economic development Enhancing self reliance through the
- S&TR inputs.
- To develop and maintain an adequate national science and technology system.
- To improve the living standard of masses and ensuring the national security through S&TR applications.

### ***Functions:***

Charter of Functions/Duties Assigned to Scientific and Technological Research Division  
(As per Rules of Business)

- Establishment of Science Cities
- Establishment of Institutes and Laboratories for Research and Development in the Scientific and Technological Fields.
- Establishment of Science Universities as specifically assigned by the Federal Government.

- Planning, Coordination, Promotion and Development of Science and Technology monitoring and evaluation of research and development works, including scrutiny of development projects and coordination of development programs in this field.
- Promotion of applied research and utilization of results of research in the Scientific and Technological fields carried out at home and abroad.
- Coordination of utilization of manpower for scientific and technological research.
- Promotion of scientific and technological contacts and liaison nationally and internationally, including dealing and agreements with other countries and international organizations.
- Initiate promotional measures for establishment of venture capital companies for technological development and growth.
- Support of NGOs concerned with development of Science and Technology.
- Promotion of Technology, Standards, Testing and Quality Assurance System.
- Support to NGOs concerned with development of science and Technology.
- Promotion of metrology Standards, Testing and Quality assurance System.
- National Commission for science and Technology.
- Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.
- Omitted videocab: Div: Notification No.4-6/97-Min. I dated 3.3.1998.
- Pakistan council of research in water resources.
- Drainage and Reclamation Institute of Pakistan.
- Council for works and Housing Research.
- National Building Research Institute.
- Pakistan Council of Appropriate Technology.
- Center of Applied Molecular Biology.
- Pakistan Science Foundation.
- National Institute of Electronic.
- Pakistan Council for Science and Technology.



- National Institute of Oceanography.
- National Institute of Power.
- National Institute of Silicon Technology.
- Scientific and Technology Development Corporation.
- National University of Science and Technology.
- Pakistan Standards Institute.
- Prescription of standards and measure for quality control of manufactured goods.
- Establishment of standards of weight and measures.
- Development, Deployment and demonstration of renewable sources of energy.

***List of Projects for the year 2010-2011 with release status***

Please visit the following link.

<http://202.83.164.27/wps/wcm/connect/6ebde2004578c87386d0ae9a4c72e258/MoST+Projects+List.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CACHEID=6ebde2004578c87386d0ae9a4c72e258&CACHEID=6ebde2004578c87386d0ae9a4c72e258>

***Other Related Information***

**Website Address:**

<http://www.most.gov.pk/>

**Concerning Official:**

Akhlaq Ahmad Tarar, Secretary for Ministry of Science and Technology



## **Pakistan Council for Science & Technology (PCST)**

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### ***What is PCST:***

Pakistan Council for Science and Technology (PCST) is responsible to advise the Government on S&T policies and plans and suggest measures for the promotion, development and application of science and technology in the country. For seeking expert opinion and advice in different S&T areas the Council constitutes “Think Tanks / Expert Committees” as and when required.

PCST is also the Secretariat of the National Commission for Science and Technology (NCST), the apex decision-making body for S&T development, headed by the Prime Minister of the Country. PCST, in consultation with the federal ministries and provincial departments, major R&D organizations and universities, eminent scientists and technologists, and representatives of industrial sector, plans for civilian S&T and R&D activities in the country. These plans are reviewed by the Executive Committee of the National Commission for Science and Technology (ECNCST) before they are presented to NCST for approval.

### ***Research Productivity Award (RPA):***

Considering the fact that the Universities, as well as the R&D organizations are experiencing problems of retaining high quality S&T manpower, NCST, in its 2nd meeting, decided, inter-alia, that the salaries of highly qualified Scientists and Technologists should be brought at par with those prevailing in Industry, so as to attract the brightest students to opt for careers in various Scientific and Technological fields. The Ministry of Science and Technology, in consultation with PCST, decided to grant Research Productivity Allowance to active scientists on the basis of their publications in international Journals and their performance, as evaluated empirically by Journal Impact Factors, Citations and Peer Review.

***Criteria for the award of RPA as recommended by the review committee and duly approved by the competent authority:***

- i. The RPA scheme is achieving its main objective of increasing the number of research papers published internationally from Pakistan. This number has already shown a more than five-fold increase since the introduction of the scheme and the rising trend is continuing. The scheme should, therefore, be continued, as it is good for the promotion and internationalization of Pakistan science.
- ii. The scheme has been rationalized to broaden its base on the basis of annually achievable JIF+CI scores. The following revised categorization based on JIF+CI scores and the corresponding amounts will be followed:

Category	Impact Factor + Citation Index	Amount (Rs)
A	30.000 and above	350,000
B	25.000 – 29.999	250,000
C	20.000 – 24.999	200,000
D	15.000 – 19.999	150,000
E	10.000 – 14.999	100,000
F	5.000 – 9.999	75,000
G	1.000 – 4.999	50,000

- iii. The scheme is renamed as **Research Productivity Award**, as it is an award by an independent agency and not an allowance paid by the parent organization.

- iv. Applied research that is not published in the form of research papers but is, nevertheless, of national importance has now been included in the purview of the scheme. The output of applied research in the form of products and processes that are patented nationally or internationally and approved crop varieties are eligible for award under RPA. The following equivalence applies:

Output of Applied Research	JIF+CI Score
International Patent (commercialized)	19.5
International Patent (granted)	14.5
Local Patent (commercialized)	9.5
Local Patent (granted)	4.5
Approved crop variety	19.0

The score shall be divided equally, where there is more than one scientist.

v. Researchers working in the universities and institutions in the private sector should be eligible for RPA, as their research papers published from Pakistani institutions contribute to the total number of international research publications from the country. Inclusion of these researchers would encourage the institutions in the private sector to give more emphasis to research, which would eventually lead to raising the quality of education in these institutions.

vi. Foreign faculty working in Pakistani universities in the private as well as the public sector should be eligible to receive RPA provided that

- They were employed there for at least one year, and their papers were published with address of the Pakistani institutions.

***Criteria:***

Applications are invited for [Research Productivity Award](#) for the year 2011. Scientists/Engineers working in public and private sector universities, S&T/R&D organizations and ministries / divisions as well as foreign faculty working in Pakistani institutions for at least one year who are engaged in basic and applied research and who have published research papers in international impact factor journals with address of Pakistani institutions are also eligible to apply. Applicants are required to send their applications alongwith the following supporting documents:

An updated resume and list of research publications alongwith attested copies of first page of reprints for the last FIVE YEARS (2006-2010) published in international journals having impact factor.

The applied researchers should send details of their patents / crops varieties approved by concerned authorities of Pakistan alongwith the proof.

Incomplete applications and those received after the due date will not be considered. The last date for receipt of applications is 31st October 2011.

ONLY those applications will be accepted which are received through COURIER SERVICE/ REGISTERED mail.

PCST reserves the rights to postpone / cancel grant of RPA 2011 without giving any reason.

Note: Research Productivity Awards are usually announced in September/October of every year.

### ***Science and Technology Policy Research Institute (STPRI):***

PCST has submitted a proposal for the establishment of STPRI at Islamabad. STPRI will provide the institutional arrangement to review Science and Technology Policies regularly.

Details can be obtained from the following link

[http://www.pcst.org.pk/pcst\\_webpages/introduction/STPRI.htm](http://www.pcst.org.pk/pcst_webpages/introduction/STPRI.htm)

### ***Productive Scientists of Pakistan:***

Scientists and Engineers working in Public Sector Institutions / R&D Organizations who are involved in Basic and Applied Research may provide...

Details can be obtained from the following link

[http://www.pcst.org.pk/pcst\\_webpages/RPA%20Ads/RPA%20Ads%202006-07.htm](http://www.pcst.org.pk/pcst_webpages/RPA%20Ads/RPA%20Ads%202006-07.htm)

### ***Other Related Information***

#### **Website Address:**

<http://www.pcst.org.pk/index.htm>

[http://www.pcst.org.pk/pcst\\_webpages/RPA%20Ads/RPA%202011.html](http://www.pcst.org.pk/pcst_webpages/RPA%20Ads/RPA%202011.html)

#### **Concerning Official:**

Please send complete information to:

**MRS. SHIREEN TAJ**

Senior Research Officer / Officer Incharge

Pakistan Council for Science and Technology

Shahrah-e-Jamhuriat, Sector G-5/2

Islamabad-44000.

Tele: 051-9222625



## World Wildlife Fund Pakistan (WWF)

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### ***Introduction:***

From the jagged, snow-covered mountains in the north to the deep waters of the Arabian Sea, Pakistan contains a diverse topography of geographical features. Because of this, it is home to an incredible diversity of flora and fauna. As with the rest of the world, in the last century, lack of understanding and awareness led to human practices that exploited the country's natural resources without replenishing them. Population explosion and growing infrastructure needs also led to decimation of animal habitat and forests, and resulted in loss and endangerment of animal and plant species that are only found in Pakistan. This unsettled the delicate balance of nature. There was an urgent need for a conservation organisation to meet and counter the growing conservation and environment issues, and so WWF – Pakistan was formed in 1970.

### ***Small Grants Programme:***

WWF-P's Small Grants Programme (SGP) was established to encourage nature conservation initiatives in Pakistan.

The Small grants Programme(SGP) of WWF - Pakistan was launched in 1986 to support the community led initiatives that work towards the conserving the environment. The SGP is concerted efforts to consolidate various local NGOs, CBOs and researchers to work towards the common goal of improving local environment through addressing issues such as conserving threatened and endangered species pollution control, conserving and protecting the forest, maintaining freshwater, marine life and coastal ecosystem balance and addressing climate change issues and their implications.

The core objective is not only to address issues of environmental concerns but to involve the local communities in order to help them better understand their fundamental dependence on environment and their responsibilities towards conserving it.

### ***SGP Objectives***

- Capacity building of individuals/organizations, working at the grassroots level

- Provide technical & scientific assistance to WWF – Pakistan.
- Address local and national environmental issues.
- Establish linkages and partnerships with actors at the grassroots level.

SGP is administered by the Scientific Committee, which includes scientists from various fields of environmental conservation, such as forestry, wildlife, and oceanography.

***Note: Applications for SGP are considered quarterly throughout the year. The researchers are requested to visit the site frequently to check the quarterly dead line.***

Deadlines for application submission for 2011 were:

**18th February, 2011**

**17th May, 2011**

**18th August, 2011**

**17th November, 2011**

For further information about SGP

Humaira Ayesha

SGP Officer

hayesha@wwf.org.pk

## ***Other Related Information***

### **Website Address:**

To download the English version of the Project proposal Format, Please visit the following website/link:

<http://www.wwfpak.org/sgp/index.php>

To download the Urdu version of the Project proposal Format, Please visit the following website/link:

[http://www.wwfpak.org/sgp/pdf/sgpproposal\\_form\\_urdu.pdf](http://www.wwfpak.org/sgp/pdf/sgpproposal_form_urdu.pdf)

### **Concerning Official:**

Please return the completed Form to WWF-Pakistan at the following address:

**Humaira Ayesha**

Small Grants Programme

**WWF – Pakistan**

**PO Box 5180, Ferozepur Road**

**Lahore 54600**

Email: [hayesha@wwf.org.pk](mailto:hayesha@wwf.org.pk)

Tel: 042-111 993 725

Fax: 042-5862358



## Pakistan Academy of Science

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### ***Introduction:***

It is generally recognized that any progressive country, which aspires to occupy a befitting place in the comity of nations, encourages the establishment of a supreme scientific organization, usually designated as the Academy of Sciences devoted to the promotion of science and its applications for the general welfare of humanity. While these organizations may not carry out actual laboratory researches, they do provide a forum for the advancement of scientific research, popularization of science, motivation of scientists and technologists, as well as studies on new areas of S&T.

As utmost importance is attached to the membership of such an academy, only scientists of the highest merit, who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of scientific knowledge, are elected its Fellows. The Academy is regarded by the public and the government as a repository of the highest scientific talent available in the country, and is generally supported and consulted in all matters relating to scientific education, research and development.

The idea of establishing Pakistan Academy of Sciences was mooted in November 1947, soon after the creation of Pakistan, at the first National Educational Conference held at Karachi. Subsequently, nine senior and eminent scientists were elected as Foundation Fellows of the proposed Academy. One of the Foundation Fellows, Dr. M. Raziuddin Siddiqi, drafted the constitution of the Academy which was approved. The Pakistan Academy of Sciences was inaugurated by the then Prime Minister of Pakistan, Khwaja Nazimuddin, on 16th February 1953, during the fifth Pakistan Science Conference at Lahore. On 19th February 1953, the Foundation Fellows elected Prof. M. Afzal Hussain as President and Dr. M. Raziuddin Siddiqi as Secretary of the Academy.

The Pakistan Academy of Sciences is a non-governmental and non-political supreme scientific body of distinguished scientists in the country. The Government of Pakistan has given the consultative and advisory status to the Academy on all problems relating to the development of



scientific efforts in the country, and generally on such matters of national and international importance in the field of science as may be referred to the Academy. The affairs of the Academy are regulated by its Charter and Bye-Laws approved by the Fellows.

The Academy is governed by a 17-member Council that includes Prof. Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman, FRS, N.I., H.I., S.I., T.I., as its President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary General, Associate Secretary General and Treasurer. At present, there are 87 Fellows and 22 Foreign Fellows, and 8 Members, who have been elected by the General Body.

### ***Aims & Objectives:***

- To promote higher studies and research on pure and applied sciences in Pakistan and to disseminate scientific knowledge.
- To formulate standards of scientific effort and achievement in Pakistan and to recognize outstanding contributions to the advancements in science.
- To publish and assist in the publication of scientific Proceedings, Journals, Transactions, Monographs, Books and other scientific literature.
- To establish and maintain association and relations among Pakistani scientists and the international groups and unions of scientists and organize meetings including coordination of scientific activities of Pakistani and overseas scientists.
- To award grants, scholarships, fellowships, prizes and medals for scientific research.
- To undertake such scientific work of national or international importance as the Academy may be called upon to perform by the Government of Pakistan.
- To have advisory and consultative status with the Ministries and Divisions of the Government dealing with scientific and technical matters, and to represent internationally the scientific work of Pakistan.
- To secure and administer funds, endowments and other grants for the promotion and development of scientific research or projects of a scientific nature, and for the attainment of the aims and objectives of the Academy.
- To do all other lawful things that the Academy may consider conducive to or necessary for the attainment of its aims and objectives.

### ***Fellowship:***

The Academy consists of Foundation Fellows, Fellows and Foreign Fellows.

Foundation Fellows are persons borne on the Register of the Academy as Fellows immediately prior to the coming in force of the Charter of the Academy.

Fellows are Pakistani Scientists eminent for their original contribution to science, who are elected according to the procedure laid down in the Bye-Laws. Not more than five Fellows may be elected in any one year until the total number of Fellows reaches the limit of one hundred.

Foreign Fellows are scientists who are nationals of countries other than Pakistan and who are eminent for their contributions to science and who are elected according to the procedure laid down in the Bye-Laws. Not more than three Foreign Fellows may be elected in any one year until the total number of Foreign Fellows reaches the limit of thirty.

The procedure for the election of Fellows and Foreign Fellows is laid down in the Bye-Laws.

### ***Financial Resources:***

The Ministry of Education, Government of Pakistan has been providing grant-in-aid regularly to the Academy since its inception (1953) to carry out scientific activities. Occasionally, the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of Pakistan, has helped the Academy financially. The Fellows also voluntarily make annual contributions to the Academy. Besides, the Academy receives yearly grants from Higher Education Commission, Islamabad, Pakistan, Pakistan Science Foundation and Hamdard Foundation, Karachi, Pakistan. The management of the funds of the Academy is under the control of a full time Treasurer who receives and holds for the use of the Academy all moneys paid to the Academy, disburses all sums due from the Academy and keeps proper accounts of all such receipts.

### ***Other Related Information***

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## Pakistan Agricultural Research Council

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### ***Research Establishments:***

PARC has following major research establishments in Pakistan conducting research according to the agro-ecological needs of various regions. Please click on the links below for details of research work undertaken at these establishments:

- 1 National Agricultural Research Centre ([NARC](#)), <http://www.parc.gov.pk/NARC/narc.html>  
Islamabad
- 2 Southern Zone Agricultural Research Centre ([SARC](#)), Karachi <http://www.parc.gov.pk/1SubDivisions/SARCKHY/sarc.html>
- 3 Arid Zone Research Centre ([AZRC](#)), Quetta <http://www.parc.gov.pk/1SubDivisions/AZRCQTA/azrc.html>
- 4 Arid Zone Research Institute ([AZRI](#)), Bhawalpur <http://www.parc.gov.pk/NARC/azrc-bwalpur.html>
- 5 National Tea Research Institute ([NTRI](#)), Mansehra <http://www.parc.gov.pk/ntri.html>
- 6 National Sugar Crops Research Institute ([NSCRI](#)), Thatta <http://www.parc.gov.pk/1SubDivisions/SARCKHY/nscr.html>
- 7 Mountain Agricultural Research Centre, ([MARC](#)), Gilgit <http://www.parc.gov.pk/marc.html>
- 8 Research Station Shaheed Benazir Bhuttoabad (RSSBB), Sakrand, Sindh (Page under construction)
- 9 Summer Agricultural Research Station ([SARS](#)), <http://www.parc.gov.pk/1SubDivisions/NARCCSI/HARI/hari.html>  
Kaghan.

Besides, PARC has Coastal Area Research Station, Karachi; Federal Pesticide Research Lab, Multan; and PARC-IPM Lab, Multan.. Agricultural Economics Research Units (AERUs) are functioning in all the provinces and Azad Jammu and Kashmir. PARC also has its Liaison Offices in Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta and its research units in Rice Research Institute, Kala Shah Kaku, Lahore and Dokri, Sindh.

## ***Research for Agricultural Development Program***

### **Introduction**

The Research For Agricultural Development Program (RADP) an umbrella research project of Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) was approved by the ECNEC on 7th March 2007 at total cost of Rs.2963 million (FEC Rs. 876 million). The project started from 3rd April 2007 with first release on 21st May 2007. It has completed 49 months by 30th June 2011. The project has been extended up to 30th June 2013.

### **Background:**

The background for approving this project is the overwhelming evidence of very high rate of returns to investment in agricultural research and gross under investment in Pakistan as compared to other countries of the region. Therefore, government of Pakistan approved the RADP – a program in support to achieve long term objectives of agriculture sector.

### **Management Structure:**

The management structure of the project authorizes the Program Executive Committee (PEC) of the project to approve and fund research projects on priority basis. Mechanism for approvals and implementation of the project has been provided in the project. Program Steering Committee (PSC) under Secretary MINFA provides overall guidance and authorizes technical revision and reappropriation of funds within approved cost and scope.

### **Scope of Program:**

1. Research Themes: 22, Research Activities in priority areas: 120
2. Upgradation of research facilities (Green house, Labs etc):
3. Scientific Equipment for Labs & Fields.
4. Human Resource Development
5. International / National Research Collaboration

### **Program Objectives:**

- Address the current and emerging needs of science based agricultural development to achieve food security on sustainable basis, poverty reduction, economic efficiency and export competitiveness as articulated in MTDF (2005-2010);
- Serve as a mechanism for timely response to emerging research issues and problems such as pest epidemics for crops and livestock, nutrient deficiency, climate change, etc;

- Maximize productivity per unit of land, water, animal, labor and capital;
- Move from research output to innovations in terms of products, technologies and services suitable for smallholders.
- Upgrade research equipment, laboratories, green houses

### ***Other Related Information***

#### **Website Address:**

<http://www.parc.gov.pk>

<http://www.radp.gov.pk/>

# **PART-II**

## **INTERNATIONAL FUNDING AGENCIES**



## Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany

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*For the researchers intends to stay in Germany seeking scholarship for higher studies*

### ***Introduction***

The Humboldt Foundation thrives on the expertise of the huge Humboldt Family in scientific and research policy matters. It not only embraces more than 24,000 active Humboldtians worldwide but also hosts, reviewers, committee members, partner organisations and the Foundation's team in Bonn and Berlin. We promote the exchange and mutual enrichment of knowledge in international dialogue for example via the Foundation's International Advisory Board or in in publications like the Discussion Papers. Here we present the results and invite further discussion.

In our role as the first port of call for researchers coming to Germany or going abroad on research stays, we manage EURAXESS Germany, the National Coordination Point at the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. We advise several hundred researchers every month on sponsorship opportunities, social security and taxation issues and many other topics related to researcher mobility.

### ***Support during Research Stay***

Being an Humboldtian is something special. That is why we care for every one of you individually and flexibly. We want you and the family accompanying you to feel at home in Germany so that you are able to focus completely on your work. Academic success for the guest and the host and a worthwhile stay from a private point of view are the objectives. The Humboldt Foundation's portfolio of measures for their fellows and award winners includes German language courses, networking meetings and study visits for fellows, annual meetings, and symposia for research award winners. Our German fellows going abroad on a research stay also receive individual mentoring and support.

### How to find the forms of sponsorship linked to the respective programs:

- [Fellowships](http://www.avh.de/web/support-in-germany.html) (<http://www.avh.de/web/support-in-germany.html>)  
for researchers coming to Germany
- [German Chancellor Fellowships](http://www.avh.de/web/buka-support.html) (<http://www.avh.de/web/buka-support.html>)  
for prospective leaders coming to Germany
- [International Climate Protection Fellowships](http://www.avh.de/web/icf-support.html) (<http://www.avh.de/web/icf-support.html>)  
for prospective leaders coming to Germany
- [Fellowships](http://www.avh.de/web/support-abroad.html) (<http://www.avh.de/web/support-abroad.html>)  
for researchers going abroad
- [Research Awards](http://www.avh.de/web/support-awards-1.html) (<http://www.avh.de/web/support-awards-1.html>)

Practical hints and useful information for foreign academics planning a research stay in

Germany can get information in PDF format by click on the following:

[http://www.avh.de/pls/web/docs/F15600/practical\\_hints.pdf](http://www.avh.de/pls/web/docs/F15600/practical_hints.pdf)





### 1. Funding schemes for non-government organizations

- [AusAID NGO Cooperation Program \(ANCP\)](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/ngos/ancp.cfm) <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/ngos/ancp.cfm>
- [Funding to Developing Country NGOs](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/ngos/devel_ngos.cfm) [http://www.ausaid.gov.au/ngos/devel\\_ngos.cfm](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/ngos/devel_ngos.cfm)
- [Cooperation Agreements](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/ngos/agreements.cfm) <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/ngos/agreements.cfm>

Funding schemes for non-government organisations (NGOs) aim to provide or supplement funding for Australian NGOs to implement development, relief and rehabilitation activities in developing countries.

A program of NGO activity funding (NGO scheme) may be agreed between the Australian Government and a partner government as a suitable contribution to the aid program's strategy in that country. NGO funding schemes also contribute to the global reach of the Australian aid program.

There are a number of ways that NGOs can access funding from the Australian Government; these include the AusAID-NGO Cooperation Program and the Direct Aid Program and Small Activities Scheme which are available to developing country NGOs.

### 2. Competitive research funding schemes

#### A. Australian Development Research Awards

##### ***2010 call for Systematic reviews***

The 2010 round of the Australian Development Research Awards featured a call for systematic reviews of evidence addressing key development questions. AusAID partnered with the UK [Department of International Development \(DFID\)](#) and the [International Initiative for Impact Evaluation \(3ie\)](#) in administering the call.

As the amount of new development research available is growing rapidly, consolidated but robust evidence that can be more readily applied to decision making in both developing countries and donor agencies is in high demand. Systematic reviews are an important way of ensuring that evidence can better inform policy.

The Research Selection Committees, consisting of systematic review and development specialists, shortlisted 76 applications, which were then externally peer reviewed.

In total 18 grants totalling USD 1.33 million have been awarded under AusAID's 2010 Australian Development Research Awards Funding Round under the following themes:

- Aid Delivery and Effectiveness
- Agriculture and Rural Development
- Economic Development
- Education
- Environment
- Governance, Fragile States, Conflict and Disasters
- Health
- Infrastructure and Technology
- Social Protection and Social Inclusion

The full list of AusAID funded reviews can be seen [here](#).

### ***2012 Australian Development Research Awards***

It is anticipated that the next round of the Australian Development Research Awards will be held in early 2012 following the publication of the next AusAID research strategy and the completion of a review into the Research Awards.

[Previous Australian Development Research Award winners](#)

## **B. International Seminar Support Scheme**

([http://www.ausaid.gov.au/business/other\\_opps/issc.cfm](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/business/other_opps/issc.cfm))

The International Seminars Support Scheme (ISSS) is an Australian Government aid activity administered by AusAID.

ISSS funds attendance at international development-oriented seminars in Australia and overseas.

The scheme helps to develop knowledge and technical expertise in developing countries, and builds linkages between the government, academic and community sectors in Australia and our partner developing countries.

ISSS is a discretionary scheme. Funds are limited and competition for them is strong. Applications need to provide a convincing case for support, with clear objectives and details of how they will be achieved. Successful applications must demonstrate tangible outcomes and practical contributions to the economic development/social advancement of developing countries.

**Note:** *Applications can only be made by the seminar organizer.*

**Guidelines** (<http://www.aisaid.gov.au/business/pdf/issguidelines.pdf>)

[Guidelines \[PDF 156kb\]](#)

[Guidelines \[Word 624b\]](#)

**Application form** (<http://www.aisaid.gov.au/business/pdf/issappform.pdf>)

[Application form \[PDF 222kb\]](#)

[Application form \[Word706kb\]](#)

**Eligible countries** (<http://www.aisaid.gov.au/business/pdf/isscountries.pdf>)

[List of countries eligible for ISSS funding \[PDF 166kb\]](#)

[List of countries eligible for ISSS funding \[Word 571kb\]](#)

**Allowance rates** (<http://www.aisaid.gov.au/business/pdf/iss-allowance-rates-july-2011.pdf>)

[Allowance Rates commencing from 1 July 2011 \[PDF 45kb\]](#)

[Allowance Rates commencing from 1 July 2011 \[Word 154kb\]](#)

### 3. Australia Funds Overseas Aid Research

([http://www.aisaid.gov.au/media/release.cfm?BC=Media&ID=9253\\_8421\\_2775\\_2615\\_3533](http://www.aisaid.gov.au/media/release.cfm?BC=Media&ID=9253_8421_2775_2615_3533))

As a first step in the long process of improving the quality and effectiveness of Australia's overseas aid, the Australian Government is implementing an enhanced three-year Development Research Strategy.

'It is not good enough to just increase the quantity of aid, although that is very important, we must increase the quality of the aid as well,' said Bob McMullan, Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance.

'Therefore, the Australian Government will provide \$8.8 million for 27 new Australian Development Research Awards.

'Good research leads to a more effective aid program.

'The research will provide decision-makers with practical solutions to the most difficult development challenges in the Asia-Pacific region.'

Mr McMullan announced the strategy and the Development Research Awards at an international development conference in Brisbane.

The Development Research Strategy includes more research funding, higher quality research, improved communication and sharing of research findings, a commitment to build research capacity in the Asia-Pacific region, and a focus on research into the problems facing fragile states.

The strategy will also strengthen important research partnerships across the Australian Government and with major donors in the region.

This inaugural round of the Australian Development Research Awards will fund 27 research proposals including seven proposals from overseas-based institutions.

Through these awards, Australia's research base will be strengthened in six key sectors: economic growth, gender equality, humanitarian assistance, health systems, HIV/AIDS and environment, forests and climate. The funding will support research into the impact of HIV/AIDS harm reduction programs on law enforcement in South East Asia, incentives for reducing deforestation in Indonesia and PNG, and obstacles to economic reforms in the Pacific.

The awards will be conducted annually and complement other development research funded by AusAID, such as through our long-term partnerships with key Australian and international institutions, through directly commissioning research and engaging as an industry partner with Australian research organisations under the Australian Research Council Linkage Program.

See [Full list of Australian Development Research Award recipients \[PDF 37KB\]](#).

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## **4. Research rewards**

The 'perfect storm' that caused the food price crisis back in 2008 has not disappeared. Recent natural disasters have highlighted the need for greater investment and research and development into agriculture to boost production and reduce poor farmers' vulnerability. At a recent Crawford Fund conference on food security, it was reported that an independent analysis of 120 Australian agricultural research projects had proved their total benefit was \$31.6 billion from an outlay of \$372 million. Here are some Australian-supported examples of agricultural research currently under way. These examples focus on helping poor people to cope with climate change, land degradation, loss of biodiversity, rising food prices, the energy crisis, and a world population explosion.

### **Rice rewards**

Rice is the most important food staple for humans with more than three billion people eating it every day. It is particularly important in Asia where the supply of rice is closely linked to food security and where ensuring there is enough affordable rice for everyone is the key to addressing poverty. India is the world's second largest producer of rice yet many Indian farmers, particularly those with land least-suited to rice production, suffer crop losses because of flooding every year. Through a research project that took 20 years to complete, the International Rice Research Institute developed a rice variety that, unlike any other, can survive for up to 17 days under water and still produce rice grain. This submergence-tolerant rice is being adopted at unprecedented rates, proving its capacity to improve rice production across Asia and to improve the lives of farmers and their families.

Harvested tilapia in Bangladesh. Photo: WorldFish Center

Mini-kits containing five kilogram packets of the so-called 'scuba rice' seeds are currently being distributed to farmers across India. Mostafa Kamal is a Bangladeshi farmer recruited to test the submergent rice on the six-hectare farm he shares with his brothers. The farm must feed 22 family members. While a large farm by Bangladeshi standards, it suffers heavy losses because

of flooding every four out of five years. 'In the past, many of my plots became fallow because they were flooded too often,' said Mr Kamal. 'If we can cultivate on these plots, it will help us produce rice to sell on the market.' When 95 to 98 per cent of the plants recovered after the next flood, Mr Kamal was so encouraged he planned to give away—not sell—a kilogram of flood-tolerant seeds to each of his neighbours who lost their entire crops.

## **Tilapia a GIFT**

Aquaculture, or fish farming, is the world's fastest-growing food production sector. In South-East Asia, tilapia farming is a major contributor to this growth. For more than two decades, the WorldFish Center and partners have worked together on the Genetic Improvement of Farmed Tilapia (GIFT) project. This project has resulted in both the development of an improved tilapia strain and new technology that can be applied to the production of tilapia and other species. Scientists at the centre have proved that the new strain outperforms farmers' strains in Asia, with growth rates improving between 30 and 80 per cent with no changes to the survival rate. These strains are being grown across Asia, which produces about 80 per cent of all farmed tilapia. The technology is now being taken to Africa with remarkable success in Egypt, Ghana and Malawi.

Ayele Bedaso with haricot beans monitored in a SIMLESA intercropping trial in Boset district, Ethiopia. Photo: John Dixon, ACIAR

## **More maize'ing results to come**

Maize is an important source of food, especially for poor people in southern and eastern Africa. Sadly, not enough is grown to go around. Legumes are a rich source of protein and vitamins. They also act as a natural soil fertiliser and can be sold for cash. As a result, legumes and maize are essential to improving food security and incomes. Farmers in five African countries are getting the opportunity to improve their maize and legume crops to levels closer to what's experienced in other parts of the world. This is thanks to Australian-supported program, SIMLESA, led by the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center. Scientists from Australia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique and Tanzania are working with farmers to find ways of boosting crop yields in the face of pests, droughts and diseases. The program is also introducing new farming techniques such as 'minimum' or 'zero' tillage—where seeds are planted without ploughing to help retain moisture, reduce soil erosion and cut the drudgery of work involved. It's hoped that this four-year program, an initiative of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR), will increase small-scale farmers' food production by 30 per cent within the next decade. The program is targeting 500,000 farms in the five countries, which is expected to increase the food security of three million people in eastern and

southern Africa. During a SIMLESA farmers' field day with about 300 farmers in Embu, Kenya, Erasmus Njiiru Clement talked about the farm he and his wife have. Their farm is being used as a pilot for the SIMLESA program. They're trying out manure, fertiliser, new tillage practices and intercropping. 'The methods we are using are better from the methods we were using, and we are expecting a better yield than the former days,' Erasmus said.

### ***More information***

- [Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research \[external site\]](http://aci-ar.gov.au/) <http://aci-ar.gov.au/>
- [Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research \[external site\]](http://www.cgiar.org/) <http://www.cgiar.org/>
- [The Crawford Fund \[external site\]](http://www.crawfordfund.org/home.html) <http://www.crawfordfund.org/home.html>

## **5. Cooperation Agreements**

(<http://www.aisaid.gov.au/ngos/agreements.cfm>)

Cooperation Agreements are one of AusAID's primary mechanisms for partnering with Australian Non-Government Organisations (NGOs).

Cooperation Agreements enable Country/Sector Programs to partner with NGOs to deliver objectives of AusAID's Country/Sector strategy.

Through Cooperation Agreements AusAID seeks to maximise collaborative, strategic engagement at both a program and policy level with selected fully accredited NGOs. There are two kinds of Cooperation Agreements - Cooperation Agreements and Periodic Funding Agreements.

For further information see [Cooperation Agreement Policy \[PDF 28KB\]](http://www.aisaid.gov.au/ngos/pdfs/agreement.pdf)  
<http://www.aisaid.gov.au/ngos/pdfs/agreement.pdf>

See also [List of Cooperation Agreements and Periodic Funding Agreements \[PDF 83KB\]](http://www.aisaid.gov.au/ngos/pdfs/capfa.pdf)

<http://www.aisaid.gov.au/ngos/pdfs/capfa.pdf>

To view PDF files you need Acrobat Reader, available as a [free download](#) (see also the 'About this site' link below).

## **6. Agricultural research to grow food security**

Half the world's poor are smallholder farmers, with another 10 per cent of those living in poverty relying on fisheries, forestry or pasture resources. In many cases, these farmers have not benefitted from technological advances that have raised yields in the developed world.

The potential to raise yields is great despite the barriers that must be overcome. Agricultural science has already demonstrated its potential through the Green Revolution of the 1960s.

This revolution introduced improved crop varieties in India and elsewhere, lifting the yields of smallholder farmers. It was led by scientists and contributed to a transformation of agriculture that significantly lifted food production.

Agricultural science has continued to lift yields since the 1960s. Most of the advances that have lifted yields since the Green Revolution have not reached many of the world's poor smallholder farmers.

With limited technologies and knowledge flowing to developing country agriculture, growth has been at a slower rate than in western countries. Smallholders miss out and the potential for agriculture to become a catalyst of broader growth is lessened.

Broad-based economic growth in developing countries is achieved by focusing on the largest sector—agriculture. In most developing countries, between 60 to 80 per cent of the population are employed in, or reliant for their livelihood on, agriculture.

Achieving productivity gains in this sector lifts incomes, reduces poverty and creates opportunities in other sectors, through freeing up of labour and generating growth in communities.

As Australian history has shown, the benefits of investment in agricultural research can be substantial. Productivity growth has accounted for the entire increase in output by the Australian agricultural sector over the last 30 years and has produced sizeable benefits—an estimated productivity dividend of more than \$170 billion.

A number of drivers have underpinned this growth. New knowledge and technology is one. The spillovers from this knowledge and technology may have also contributed to the ability of farmers to better organise production—another driver of productivity.

The challenges that prompted the Green Revolution, and demonstrated the role of agricultural research as a powerful driver of poverty reduction, are greater and more complex today. They



include climate change impacts, the increased pressures on available land, and increasing competition for inputs such as water. At the same time, demand for outputs is rising with competition from biofuels and changing dietary preferences.

These factors all impact on those least able to adapt—smallholder farmers.

Helping lift these people out of poverty requires the delivery of productivity gains without imposing additional costs. Science must lead this challenge, leveraging scientific knowledge and developed-world expertise.

Agricultural research, appropriately targeted to the needs of developing countries, can lift production. Designing the appropriate response allows the technology and knowledge developed in Australia to be transferred to those smallholders who can benefit from it, throughout the Asia-Pacific region and Africa.

The Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) facilitates partnerships between Australian research experts, and their counterparts in developing countries, to identify the problems holding back agricultural growth and transfer the knowledge and technologies that overcome those problems.

ACIAR is making a genuine contribution to meeting this challenge, in our region and beyond. Through this cooperative effort, Australian science—a vital driver of achieving food security, contributing to the Millennium Development Goals and ending poverty— is making a difference.

### ***More information***

- [Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research \[external site\]  
http://aciar.gov.au/](http://aciar.gov.au/)



## Ford Foundation

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The Ford Foundation works mainly by making grants or loans that build knowledge and strengthen organizations and networks. Since our financial resources are modest in comparison to societal needs, we focus on a limited number of problem areas and program strategies within our broad goals. Since its inception it has been an independent, nonprofit, non-governmental organization. It has provided slightly more than \$10 billion in grants and loans. These funds derive from an investment portfolio that began with gifts and bequests of Ford Motor Company stock by Henry and Edsel Ford. The Foundation no longer owns Ford Motor Company stock, and its diversified portfolio is managed to provide a perpetual source of support for the Foundation's programs and operations.

The Ford Foundation is on the frontlines of social change around the world, working with visionary leaders and organizations to change social structures and institutions—so that everyone has the opportunity to achieve their full potential and have a voice in decisions that affect them.

### [Grants and Fellowships](#)

## Types of Grants

Each year the Ford Foundation receives about 40,000 proposals and makes about 1,400 grants. Requests range from a few thousand to millions of dollars and are accepted in categories such as project planning and support; general support; and endowments. Grant applications are reviewed at our New York headquarters and in our regional offices. Please check the locations of our regional offices to determine if we operate in your country of interest.

A grant is a commitment by the foundation to make payments to an organization or an individual over a set period of time to further the work of one of our initiatives. The foundation gives the grantee autonomy over management of the funds, but all grantees must sign a letter agreeing to abide by the terms and conditions of the grant. Grants administrators ensure that the grant-making process—from preparation of the grant recommendation to processing final reports—conforms to the foundation's procedures and standards.

Here are the types of grants we make:

- General/core support
- Project
- Planning
- Competition
- Matching
- Recoverable
- Individual
- Endowment
- Foundation-administered project
- [Program-related investment](#)
- [For Organizations](#)
- [For Individuals](#)

Our grant making focuses on reducing poverty and injustice; promoting democratic values; and advancing human knowledge, creativity and achievement. If your project reflects these priorities, you may submit a grant inquiry using our online form.

## Organizations Seeking Grants

### *How To Apply for a Grant?*

- Review the Initiatives most relevant to your work.
- Read our [Grant Application Guide](#) (PDF), which describes our grant-making process.
- If you determine that your work aligns with our priorities, submit a [Grant Inquiry](#). (While we welcome submissions, please keep in mind that our funds are limited in relation to the large number of worthwhile inquiries we receive. In a typical year, less than 1 percent of unsolicited inquiries result in a grant.)

- **Please Note:**
- It is important that you use our grant inquiry form—and refrain from contacting program officers directly. Given the volume of inquiries we receive, this allows us to log, track and respond quickly to your application.

### **Individuals seeking fellowships**

We make a very limited number of grants to individuals, generally restricted to fellowships for advanced study. The foundation does not award undergraduate scholarships or make grants for purely personal needs.

The vast majority of Ford Foundation grants go to organizations. Historically, we have provided a very limited number of fellowship opportunities for individuals, focusing on advanced degrees in areas of interest to the foundation. When available, recipients are selected by universities and other organizations that receive grants from the foundation to support fellowships.

Grant application guidelines are available at:

<http://www.fordfoundation.org/pdfs/grants/grant-application-guide.pdf>

### **Program-Related Investments**

Program-related investments offer foundations an alternative to the traditional grant. They provide a tool that can help bring long-term financial stability to organizations that are addressing critical social needs.

In 1968, the Ford Foundation pioneered use of a new tool known in the philanthropic sector as program-related investments (PRIs). Ford-funded PRIs use low-cost loans, loan guarantees and equity investments in a strategic way to strengthen the work of our grantees and to provide risk-capital for cutting-edge initiatives.

Financed from the foundation's endowment, PRIs support the work of organizations in the United States and around the world by helping them to establish a loan repayment history, generate earned income, gain access to new funding from mainstream banks and other funders, and to develop new financial management strategies.

To date, the foundation has committed \$560 million for program-related investments, and sets aside annually an average \$25 million for new investments.

If you are interested in learning more about program-related investments, read GrantCraft's [Assessing and Managing PRI Risk](#) (PDF)

[http://www.grantcraft.org/pdfs/assessing\\_risk.pdf](http://www.grantcraft.org/pdfs/assessing_risk.pdf)

and the foundation's guide, [Investing for Social Gain](#) (PDF).

[http://www.fordfoundation.org/pdfs/library/Investing\\_For\\_Social\\_Gain.pdf](http://www.fordfoundation.org/pdfs/library/Investing_For_Social_Gain.pdf)

## ***International Fellowships Program***

The Ford Foundation [International Fellowships Program](#) (IFP) provides higher education fellowships for emerging leaders from underrepresented communities outside the United States.

Below, IFP participants from Kenya share their stories about overcoming adversity and how the knowledge gained from their experience with the program will benefit their communities.

### ***About IFP***

The Ford Foundation has committed \$340 million to the International Fellowships Program since it was established in 2001. IFP builds on a half century of foundation support for higher education and underscores our belief that education enables people to improve their own lives and assist others in the common pursuit of more equitable and just societies.

### ***Facts About Fellows***

- Nearly 4,350 selected from 22 countries since 2001
- 50 percent are women
- Represent historically disadvantaged groups, including racial, ethnic and religious minorities, and people with disabilities
- Two-thirds are from outside major cities
- More than 80 percent are the first in their communities to earn advanced degrees
- 91 percent of alumni earned their masters and doctoral degrees
- 80 percent of alumni have returned home to serve their community or country

### ***Learn More***

Intended as a decade-long program, IFP is now entering its concluding phase. The final cohort has been selected. In the remaining years of the program—from 2011 through 2013—IFP will

strengthen its alumni networks and organizations, evaluate program results, build a permanent archive, and will seek to disseminate and replicate the IFP model for social justice in international higher education.

Visit [IFP](#) to learn more about the fellowships and the organizations that administer the program in your country.

Other related information:

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## International Development Research Center (IDRC):

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### ***Introduction***

IDRC supports research in developing countries to promote growth and development. We pursue that goal by funding research focused on reducing poverty and creating equitable access to resources and services. We support work that promotes good governance and builds strong policies. The applied research we back directly addresses existing or emerging problems in developing countries.

We also offer expert advice and support to our grantees. And through our fellowships and awards, we're helping to train a new generation of developing-country and Canadian researchers.

### ***Who Can Apply***

- [Developing-Country Researchers](#)
- [Master's, PhD, and Post-Doctoral Students](#)
- [Funding for Canadians](#)

IDRC funds research activities that are designed to directly benefit developing countries and their citizens. Our approach focuses on collaborative partnerships and projects proposed by research institutions and individuals.

To build a critical mass of knowledge in our priority areas, we fund individual research projects as well as larger research programs in collaboration with other donors.

We mainly support developing-country researchers. There are opportunities, however, for joint research projects between developing-country institutions and Canadian or international researchers and institutions. Our Canadian Partnerships program also supports research and related activities at Canadian institutions.

We also offer fellowships and awards to both Canadian and developing-country graduate students. For more information, click on the category below that applies to you:

- [Developing-country researcher or institution](#)
- [Graduate student \(master's, PhD, and post-doctoral\) at a Canadian or recognized developing-country university](#)
- [Canadian researcher or institution](#)

## ***How to Apply for Funding***

- [Research Grant Idea](#)
- [Research Grant Proposal](#)

The process for submitting proposals to IDRC is lengthy and thorough. It generally includes the steps below. Please note that because of limited funding, we are not able to fund all interesting ideas.

### **1. Share our vision**

Before approaching us, we recommend that you familiarize yourself with our approach and priorities. You can do this by reviewing our website or reading the [IDRC Strategic Framework 2010-2015](#).

### **2. Propose your idea**

Have a great research idea you want to pursue? First, contact the relevant program officer who can advise you about regional and thematic priorities. Please consult our [Programs Page](#) to see a list of programs and program staff. Starting a dialogue early on will help to ensure closeness of fit between your area of interest and IDRC's program priorities. Alternatively, you may send the officer a [research grant idea](#).

Please note that, in most cases, we will only support research that is defined, conducted, and managed by developing-country researchers. If your research includes a developed-country partner, we ask that the developing-country research institution submit the research grant idea on behalf of the partnership, and host the project. In exceptional circumstances, we may consider requests to support research ideas led by a Canadian or international organization.

Proposals and ideas are reviewed by our program officers. These highly qualified researchers will act as a sounding board to refine your ideas, define the issues, and develop the best methodologies.

Our program officers work as a team and consult other members to ensure the research proposed meets our criteria. If we're interested in your idea, we will follow up with you within 12 weeks to invite you to submit a full proposal.

### **3. Write a detailed proposal**

If your idea is accepted, you will be asked to write a detailed [proposal](#). For more information, review our [How to apply for a research grant](#) document, or our detailed guide to writing proposals.

Some program areas have specific requirements. These will be outlined on each program's webpage, under the Approach tab.



All IDRC proposals are evaluated for scientific and technical merit, and potential to solve development problems. It generally takes six to 12 months from the time you submit a research grant idea to when the proposal is finalized.

After you submit your proposal to IDRC, the relevant program officer will prepare an internal project approval document which is submitted to the team or a member of senior management for review and funding approval.

Please remember that several months can elapse between the time your proposal is finalized and approved and the first payment is released.

#### **4. Obtain clearance**

In many cases, developing-country governments need to approve funds from external sources before a proposal can be finalized. If this is the case, clearance should be initiated by the research institution while your proposal is being evaluated by IDRC. It is important that this process be started early on as this can take many months in some countries and delay the start of a project.

#### **5. Accept IDRC funding**

If approved, IDRC will send a Memorandum of Grant Conditions to the recipient institution. This is a formal agreement that sets out the value and purpose of the grant, how it will be administered, the project's objectives, obligations, and formal start date. We will release funds only after this document is signed and an official start date is set.

### ***Guides and Forms***

Whether you're a research grant applicant, successful grantee, or fellowships and awards applicant, there are guidelines, brochures, information packages, and forms specific to your needs. You'll find them below.

#### **For applicants**

Before you propose a research idea, consult the following forms and documents. Different IDRC programs may also have specific requirements and forms, which you'll find on the program page, under Approach.

- Research grant idea ([Word](#)) ([PDF](#))
- Application for an IDRC research grant ([Word](#)) ([PDF](#))

### For grantees

Once you have received project funding, these documents explain our financial and administrative procedures.

- Grants to Institutions: A Guide to Administrative [Procedures](#)
- guidelines for preparing interim technical [reports](#)
- guidelines for preparing final technical [reports](#)
- acceptable project [expenditures](#)
- financial reporting forms ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))
- answers to [frequently asked questions](#)
- IDRC Patent [Policy](#)
- Management and Administration of IDRC-Funded Grant Projects: A Source Book and [Guide](#)
- support for travel [form](#)
- standard terms and conditions for a research [grant](#)
- standard terms and conditions for a research-support [grant](#)
- additional terms and conditions for the travel grant [notification](#)
- operational guidelines for ethics [committees](#)
- institutional profile [questionnaire](#)
- bank information [form](#)
- tax reporting for individuals and [institutions](#)

### For fellowships and awards

If you're interested in applying for an IDRC fellowship or award, you will need to consult and complete several forms.

- [application and budget form](#) for IDRA, CANWIN, BENE and BENTLEY
- [checklist](#) for IDRA, CANWIN, BENE and BENTLEY
- [template of letter of approval](#) for IDRA, CANWIN, BENE and BENTLEY
- [checklist for Research Awards only](#) (formerly Internship Awards)
- [budget form for Research Awards only](#) (formerly Internship Awards)

If you receive an award, you will also need to provide reports on your activities:

- guidelines for field research [reports](#)
- award recipient's final report [form](#)

Science journalism award recipient's final report [form](#)

### Website Address:

(<http://www.idrc.ca>)



## International Foundation for Science

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### About IFS

#### *The Organization*

One of the principal recommendations of the Pugwash Conference in Venice<sup>1</sup> in 1965 was to establish the International Foundation for Science 'in order to address the stultifying conditions under which younger faculty members in the universities of developing countries were attempting to do research'. IFS was founded as a Research Council and registered as a non-governmental organisation (NGO) in Sweden in 1972. IFS receives funding from a portfolio of donors and funders including development organisations and science academies. The annual budget is approximately USD 5 million. IFS has 135 Affiliated Organisations in 86 countries, mainly in the developing world. IFS has an international Board of Trustees. The IFS Secretariat is located in Stockholm, Sweden.

#### *Our mission*

We live today in a world that faces many interlinked crises. The challenge before us is not only to provide sufficient food, water and energy (to a population that will peak at around 9 billion people by 2050) but also to ensure security of supply, at affordable cost and within acceptable limits of environmental change. Some of the greatest challenges are in the developing world where the scientists of tomorrow must secure their career in research today and to contribute to a global research community that is reducing poverty and supporting sustainable development. Our overall goal therefore, is that: 'Young men and women scientists in developing countries conduct relevant and high quality research that is put into use'.

In order to contribute to this goal, IFS provides opportunities for young scientists to propose research into biological and water resources in low income countries. These proposals are rigorously assessed by international experts, with grants and support provided to the very best early career scientists to enable them to work in their own country and tackle research issues related to local needs. Local training courses contribute towards strengthening the capability of developing country scientists to propose, conduct, report and share relevant and

high quality research. The research can involve the study of physical, chemical, and biological processes, as well as relevant social and economic aspects and issues related to securing entitlements. It can be theoretical or applied and will be likely to address aspects of sustainable management, conservation, or renewable and equitable utilisation of the natural resource base.

[» IFS Mission statement](#)

### ***The Granting Programme***

IFS has awarded over 7,000 small grants, in over 100 countries, building capability of tens of thousands of young developing world researchers. An individual IFS Research Grant amounts to USD 12,000 and may be renewed twice. It is intended for the purchase of the basic tools needed to conduct a research project: equipment, expendable supplies, and literature. A new collaborative research approach for teams of 3-5 grantees is being piloted amongst scientists in East, West and Southern Africa working on under-utilized crops. Once the collaborative research pilot is concluded, the aim is to open up this approach for general applications.

[» IFS Programme](#)

### ***Awards to Grantees***

From time to time IFS gives awards for excellence in research to outstanding IFS Grantees. Grantees must be nominated for these awards, but may not nominate themselves. Further details in the following pages:

[» Awards](#)

1. The Pugwash Conferences take their name from the location of the first meeting, which was held in 1957 in the village of Pugwash, Nova Scotia, Canada. The stimulus for that gathering was a manifesto issued in 1955 by Bertrand Russell and Albert Einstein -- and signed also by Max Born, Percy Bridgman, Leopold Infeld, Frederic Joliot-Curie, Herman Muller, Linus Pauling, Cecil Powell, Joseph Rotblat, and Hideki Yukawa -- which called upon scientists of all political persuasions to assemble to discuss the threat posed to civilization by the advent of thermonuclear weapons. Since then the Nobel Prize winning conference series of scientists meeting in private as individuals, rather than as representatives of governments or institutions has expanded its remit to seeking cooperative solutions for global problems. The 1965 meeting first proposed the creation of IFS.

## IFS Programme


The most recent call for applications by IFS closed on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2012. Applications received during that session will now be evaluated and grants will be awarded to successful applicants. Those who applied will be informed of the progress of their applications in due course (please do not send inquiries in the meantime). This represents the conclusion of the foregoing programme. The Secretariat are now busy administering the evaluation process and also finalizing the procedures for implementing its programme within the new strategy.

The established core component of the IFS Programme remains the competitive grant scheme that focuses on individuals - promising young developing-country scientists – who conduct research into the sustainable utilisation, management and/or conservation of biological and water resources in developing countries. The grant enables the grantees to conduct their research projects in their home institutions – university departments, national research institutes and research oriented NGOs. Research topics are demand led and IFS interprets the area of biological and water resources quite widely, to include technical as well as socio-economic and other issues that impact on these topics.

Following the participatory envisioning process that concluded last year, the IFS Programme is now undergoing a radical change and the new programme will be introduced gradually during 2012.

There is currently no open call for research applications. When a further research call is opened it will be announced on the 1<sup>st</sup> page of this website under the section 'Call for Applications'. Speculative applications are not accepted by IFS. Applications received outside of calls for applications cannot be processed.

There are therefore no Application Forms available at this time; these will be next available when the new programme launches.

We recommend that you subscribe to the RSS feed ([what is RSS?](#)) on the first page of this website to receive notification of new calls for research applications as they are published. You can subscribe by clicking on the symbol  on the first page. (More detailed instructions [here](#).)

### ***New Programme 2012***

The key objectives of the new programme are to support excellent science and equitable and sustainable development towards the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals, and the Individual Research Grant remains the cornerstone of IFS support to developing country

scientists. Over the next decade, the new programme aims to support excellent individual and collaborative research, to build capability of early career scientists in the developing world, and to contribute innovation to the sustainable management of biological and water resources. In particular, to enable young scientists to contribute to a global research community that is reducing poverty and supporting sustainable development.

More detail on the new IFS Programme can be found here:  
(please note that the pages describing the new Programme will develop and change during 2012, as the details become known).

- » [New Programme 2012](#)
- » [IFS Strategy 2011-2010](#)

### ***Eligibility***

The eligibility criteria (both individual eligibility and country eligibility) for the new programme will be somewhat different from the previous criteria. The new criteria will be described in the side boxes on the pages describing the new programme.

### ***Capability Enhancing Support***

From time-to-time IFS offers workshops and other supporting services to applicants and to grantees, which are collectively referred to as Capability Enhancing Support or CES. This support can include travel and publication grants, a purchasing service and a range of different types of CES workshops. Some of the workshops are relevant to individual or collaborative research approaches or to both. For more information see the link below.

- » [Capability Enhancing Support](#)

### ***Financing the Grants***

The IFS Programme is financed by our donors and some grants are co-funded by collaborating organisations.

- » [Donors](#)
- » [Collaborating organisations](#)

Other related information can be obtained from:

<http://www.ifs.se/ifs-programme/>

<http://www.ifs.se/partners/donors.html>



## Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

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The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is advancing its activities around the pillars of a field-oriented approach, human security, and enhanced effectiveness, efficiency, and speed.

### ***Mission Statement: Our Vision, Mission and Strategy***

Marking its launch as a renewed organization, New JICA has announced an all-new Vision. Together with this Vision it has defined four Missions, to be achieved through four main Strategies. It has also declared a set of Guiding Principles meant to help advance its Strategies.

- [Vision](#)
- [Activity Guiding Principles](#)
- [Introducing JICA \(movies\)](#)

### ***Vision***

#### ***Inclusive and Dynamic Development***

"Inclusive development" represents an approach to development that encourages all people to recognize the development issues they themselves face, participate in addressing them, and enjoy the fruits of such endeavors. The role of New JICA is to effectively provide backing for this process.

"Dynamic development" refers to the creation of self-reinforcing virtuous cycles of mid- to long-term economic growth and poverty reduction in a constantly changing environment of developing countries where a variety of issues arise simultaneously and get entangled each other. New JICA will provide creative, highly effective support toward this end, at times moving swiftly and at times acting from the longer-term perspective as the situation calls for.

### ***Mission 1: Addressing the global agenda***

The advance of globalization brings positive effects, sparking economic development and providing people with new opportunities. It also has its negative side, though, including such effects as uneven wealth distribution and the cross-border issues of climate change, infectious diseases, terrorism, and expanding economic crises. These effects pose a threat to the stability and prosperity of Japan—which depends on resources from around the world—and the rest of the international community. The threat is particularly dire for developing countries. New JICA will make full use of Japan's experience and technologies as it works in concert with international society to address the various globalization-related issues developing countries face in a comprehensive manner.

### ***Mission 2: Reducing poverty through equitable growth***

Impoverished people in developing countries are particularly susceptible to the effects of economic crisis, conflict, and disaster and are constantly exposed to the risk of even deeper poverty. Moreover, growing wealth gaps are a destabilizing factor in societies. Helping people to escape poverty and lead healthy, civilized lives is a vital task not only for the growth of developing countries but also for the stability of the international community. To reduce poverty, employment opportunities must be expanded through equitable growth that gives proper consideration to impoverished members of society, and public services like education and healthcare must be enhanced. New JICA will provide support for human resources development, capacity building, policy and institutional improvements, and provision of social and economic infrastructure, thereby pursuing sustained poverty reduction through equitable growth.

### ***Mission 3: Improving governance***

A state's capacity for governance refers to its status as a society that can take the resources available to it and direct, apportion, and manage them efficiently and in ways that reflect the will of the people. Improving governance is of vital importance to the stable economic growth of developing countries. However, these states often have underdeveloped legal and judicial systems and administrative organs, which present obstacles to efforts to reduce poverty through economic growth. New JICA will offer support aimed at improving the fundamental systems needed by a state, as well as systems for effectively providing public services based on the needs of people, and at fostering the institutions and human resources needed to manage those systems appropriately.



#### **Mission 4: Achieving human security**

The advance of globalization causes an increase in various cross-border dangers and exposes many people in developing countries to civil strife, disasters, poverty, and other humanitarian threats. The concept of human security places individual human beings at its core, seeking to defend them from fear and want: fear of things like conflict, terrorism, disaster, environmental destruction, and infectious disease, and want in the face of poverty and in social services and infrastructure. By building up people's abilities to address these issues themselves, this approach aims to build societies in which they can live with dignity. In order to defend the weakest members of society from these various threats, New JICA will support efforts to bolster social and institutional capacity and to increase people's ability to deal with threats themselves.

#### **Strategy 1: Integrated assistance**

New JICA will undertake the integrated management of three modalities of assistance—technical cooperation, ODA loans, and grant aid—to offer comprehensive support that organically combines such elements as policy and institutional improvements in developing countries; human resources development and capacity building; and improvements in infrastructure. We will also make use of diverse approaches and take advantage of the expanded scale of our operations to tackle issues that go beyond borders and affect entire regions or that span multiple sectors. Through such integrated assistance, New JICA will pursue international cooperation with even more development impact in terms of both its quality and scale.

#### **Strategy 2: Seamless assistance**

New JICA brings together a wide variety of aid approaches to provide seamless assistance that spans everything from prevention of armed conflict and natural disasters to emergency aid following a conflict or disaster, assistance for prompt recovery, and mid- to long-term development assistance. Among developing countries are states at various stages of development, from the least developed countries where most of the population lives in poverty to middle-income countries that are on the growth track but are still wrestling with the problems of wealth gaps in society. New JICA will provide assistance in ways that best match the level of development in each recipient nation, taking a long-term perspective and offering seamless assistance to ensure sustainable development into the future.

#### **Strategy 3: Promoting development partnerships**

New JICA aims to be a good partner for developing countries, accurately grasping their changing needs through a focus on the field and promoting their own self-help efforts swiftly

and effectively through a focus on results. We will also promote public-private partnerships, pooling the experience, technologies, and resources of local governments, universities, nongovernmental organizations, and other actors. Furthermore, to fulfill our responsibilities as one of the largest donor organizations in the world with more than 40 years of experience, we will strengthen partnerships with international organizations and other donor institutions, leading the creation of a broad framework for development assistance in a global community that is seeing growing numbers of players in the international cooperation field and increasingly diverse forms of aid to developing countries.

#### **Strategy 4: Enhancing research and knowledge-sharing**

In the face of the advance of globalization and the rise of new international cooperation actors, global trends in the issues affecting developing countries are undergoing sweeping change. Through the establishment of the JICA Research Institute, New JICA will put its wisdom gained in the field to work, building broad networks of academics from Japan and elsewhere around the world to create new knowledge value in the field of international development assistance not just for Japan but also for the entire world. To play a leading role in guiding the newest development trends, we will enhance our research and knowledge-sharing capacities. We will also actively carry out surveys and research grounded in actual assistance projects, focusing on the subjects in both regional and issue-based contexts.

#### **Activity Guiding Principles**

##### **1. Achieving synergies of the merger**

By smoothly combining diverse aid modalities, we will make use of our synergies by speeding up the aid process, scaling up pilot and model projects, and spreading them out in other regions and communities.

##### **2. Tackling complex, difficult issues flexibly with the field-based approach**

By accurately grasping the development needs on the ground and designing activities with their focus on the field, we will deal flexibly with complex, difficult and intertwined development issues.

##### **3. Fostering expertise for providing professional solutions**

As an organization specialized in international cooperation, we will perform internationally competitive work, putting our experience and wisdom gained in the field to work and using our

expertise and knowledge-sharing capabilities to quickly and accurately address a wide range of development issues.

#### **4. Efficient and transparent operations**

By managing and evaluating our operations efficiently and transparently, we will remain constantly committed to renewing and streamlining our organization, thereby maintaining a high level of accountability.

### **Introducing JICA**

#### **Movies**

- [JICA: Building a Better World \(Windows Media Player/103MB/00:13:42\)](#)
- [JICA Image Movie \(Windows Media Player/30.2MB/00:04:15\)](#)

#### **Publications**

- [JICA's World](#)
- [Annual Reports](#)
- [Brochures](#)

### ***Message from the Chief Representative***

It is about 7 years since my last duty in overseas office. But in the meanwhile, three forms of assistance -technical cooperation, concessionary loans (Japanese ODA Loans) and grant aid, previously administered by separate agencies -are seamlessly managed by a single entity known as "New JICA". This will enable us to provide high quality international cooperation to meet the needs of people living in developing countries. We at JICA Pakistan realize that enforcement of the international cooperation is demanded more than before, and we are working with a fresh feeling every day.

The population of Pakistan is more than 160 million. Besides, it is geographically very important country because it is located in south Asia and next to Afghanistan. The Sustainable development of Pakistan is indispensable for total regional peace and stability. For the realization of sustained economic growth, an action for the total regional stability is extremely important and more support by the global community including Japan is demanded.

In 2009, the Government of Japan expressed support of 1 billion US dollars in two years to support Pakistan. JICA Pakistan office believes it important to make use of our knowledge,

experience and know-how for greater impact. Cooperating with various partners quickly and effectively, we would like to support Pakistani people and government to get over difficulty in various economic developments.

I will make maximum efforts as Chief Representative of Pakistan Office in understanding the responsibility to promote the partnership between Pakistan and Japan.

Sincerely,

Takatoshi Nishikata, Chief Representative  
JICA Pakistan Office

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**JICA ACTIVITIES IN PAKISTAN**

<http://www.jica.go.jp/pakistan/english/activities/index.html>

<https://libportal.jica.go.jp/fmi/xsl/library/Data/PlanInOperation-e/EastSouthAsia/Pakistan-e.pdf>

[http://www.jica.go.jp/english/publications/jbic\\_archive/annual/2003/pdf/04.pdf](http://www.jica.go.jp/english/publications/jbic_archive/annual/2003/pdf/04.pdf)

[http://www.jica.go.jp/english/operations/evaluation/tech\\_and\\_grant/project/term/asia/pdf/thailand\\_2010\\_01.pdf](http://www.jica.go.jp/english/operations/evaluation/tech_and_grant/project/term/asia/pdf/thailand_2010_01.pdf)

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## International Funders for Indigenous Peoples (IFIP)

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### About IFIP

International Funders for Indigenous Peoples (IFIP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and is a recognized Affinity Group of the Council on Foundations.

We work to increase philanthropic investment in Indigenous communities around the world promoting cross-cultural understanding, sharing of knowledge, and the cultivation of relationships among international donors and Indigenous grant-seekers.

IFIP provides leadership, educational resources, and networking opportunities to donors who have developing or maturing interests in Indigenous Philanthropy. IFIP helps individual and institutional donors at all stages of involvement and investment to advance their goals while becoming leaders and role models to others entering this fascinating and fast-changing sector of philanthropy.

Through conferences, convenings, online communications, publications, and toolkits, funders learn how Indigenous Peoples are addressing the most prescient issues of our day. IFIP provides grantmakers and grantseekers with the means to bridge cultural differences; to improve the effectiveness of their Indigenous philanthropy, and to advance common interests.

### HISTORY

International Funders for Indigenous Peoples (IFIP) was born in 1999 as a project of First Nations Development Institute. As grant-makers voiced their need for support to be more effective in funding Indigenous development projects, IFIP became a donors' forum within which ideas could be exchanged and relationships developed.

Today, IFIP informs grantmakers and policy makers about the need for increased financial support of Indigenous causes; and provides a forum for Indigenous leaders to demonstrate how donors' contributions make a tremendous difference to their capacity to improve lives, strengthen communities, and protect the planet.

IFIP serves as a platform through which new and experienced donors share ideas about visionary philanthropic leadership and donors' roles in social change related to Indigenous peoples, communities, and concerns. IFIP provides international donors with relevant information, recommendations, and guidelines and offers a portal through which to connect directly with Indigenous grantseekers.

## **MISSION**

*IFIP convenes and educates donors to build capacity and enhance funding partnerships to improve the lives of Indigenous Peoples globally*

IFIP accomplishes its mission by increasing knowledge and understanding of the unique issues of Indigenous peoples by facilitating dialogue both among its grantmaking members and between that membership and Indigenous communities.

### **FREE Indigenous Peoples Funding and Resource Guide**

The Indigenous Peoples Funding and Resource Guide was developed in collaboration with International Funders for Indigenous Peoples and First Peoples Worldwide, has been distributed to hundreds of Indigenous communities and nonprofit organizations in both English and Spanish. [Order your copy today!](#)

<http://www.internationalfunders.org/english/for-indigenous-peoples/>

## **About Funders**

<http://www.internationalfunders.org/english/for-indigenous-peoples/about-funders/>

### **[Funders Network on Trade and Globalization](#)**

This U.S. based affinity group was created out of concern for the impact that globalization is having in communities around the world. On their website they provide a wealth of information on the environment, trade, and other issues that could be of interest to Indigenous communities.

### **[European Foundation Center](#)**

This is a good resource for NGOs to understand what funders look for in giving programs. It provides information to grantmakers on best practices in grantmaking and contains publications and reports that could be of interest to your grantseeking endeavors.

### **International Center for Not-for-Profit Law**

The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law has an online library of international laws affecting not-for-profits worldwide but primarily in Eastern Europe.

### **The Foundation Center**

The Foundation Center's mission is to support and improve philanthropy by promoting public understanding of the field and helping grantseekers succeed. On their website you can access information on U.S. philanthropy, research on philanthropic giving, grantseeker education and training opportunities, and other important resources. Founded in 1956, the Center is the United States' leading authority on philanthropy and is dedicated to serving grantseekers, grantmakers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public. Of particular interest in the Learning Lab, you will find "Proposal Writing Short Course" in English and in Spanish.

## **Finding a Funder**

<http://www.internationalfunders.org/english/for-indigenous-peoples/finding-funders/>

### **Directory of Australian Foundations**

Philanthropy Australia is a membership organization but also provides information and workshops to grantseekers. In addition, they have a link on their website "Community Foundations Gateway." This website is especially useful for Australian aboriginal communities.

### **Foundation Center Directory Online**

Foundation Center Directory has a monthly subscription cost but it is well worth the investment to access U.S. funders that would be interested in your projects and organizations. You can search the databank either by topic or by funder name.

### **Charities Direct**

Charities Direct, based in the United Kingdom, provides information on various types of charities and consultant information. For more information contact them on their website

## **International Funders for Indigenous Peoples**

IFIP is a network of grantmakers who support Indigenous peoples, not a funding group. IFIP's goal is to foster greater foundation commitment and more effective grantmaking for Indigenous peoples by improving networking opportunities, and promoting linkages among new and experienced donors.

### **International Human Rights Funders Group**

The IHRFG, an association of human rights grantmakers, does not provide direct funding but on their website they have a funders directory link. Good funder resource for grantseekers.

### **Grant Station**

Grant Station is U.S. based membership online business providing up-to- date U.S. grant announcements. Many of these grantmakers also provide international funding. The annual membership fee provides grant announcements, information on foundations, and tips and tools on good grant proposals. In addition, check out the free Newsletter.

### **Forest People Programme**

The Forest Peoples Programme supports forest peoples' rights to determine their own futures, to control the use of their lands and to carry out sustainable use of their resources. Notable features include Urgent action requests, funding links, numerous publications and much more.

### **Directory of funders for African Projects**

[http://forestpeoples.gn.apc.org/FPProj/fundraising\\_guide\\_ips\\_c\\_africa\\_jul03.pdf](http://forestpeoples.gn.apc.org/FPProj/fundraising_guide_ips_c_africa_jul03.pdf)

### **The Grantsmanship Center**

Since 1972, The Grantsmanship Center has focused on training and funding information. In addition to its free online magazine and nonprofit resource section, the center also produces a wide range of low-cost publications and holds training workshops in Europe, Latin America, and the U.S.

### **Both ENDS Organization**

The Both ENDS (Environment and Development Service) Organization provides an overview and listing of agencies that fund forests worldwide.

### **Asia-Pacific Philanthropy Consortium** (APPC)

APPC acts as an information clearinghouse for the nonprofit sector in the Asia-Pacific region. This site promotes philanthropic activities while simultaneously offering resources for building and developing nonprofit, citizen-based organizations and programs. Notable features: the APPC's online foundation index and resource database.

### **The Charities Aid Foundation**

The Charities Aid Foundation provides information and financial resources for NGOs. This extensive website features research, news, reviews, links, and debates on grants, volunteers, investment management, and new sources of borrowing. Notable features: a useful directory of policymakers.



### [Fundsnet Online Services](#)

Directories for general fundraising ideas, grantwriting, corporate philanthropy, international grants, and technological donations. Notable features: the Nonprofit Forum where one can exchange ideas, post questions, and participate in live chat with counterparts, and the “Mega-Index” of [900 links to philanthropic UK Fundraising](#). The Grants and Funding directory includes links to information, sources of grants and other funding in Australia, Europe, and the United States.

### [The National Endowment for Democracy](#)

The National Endowment for Democracy offers a comprehensive online directory of organizations that provide field-specific funding, e.g., education, media and communications, civil society, science and medicine, arts and culture, economic restructuring, and legal reform.

### [Synergos Learning Library](#)

The Synergos Institute’s efforts to strengthen the institutional and financial capacity of grantmaking foundations and other private social investment organizations to support local efforts to reduce poverty, increase equity and advance social justice.

### [The European Foundation Center](#) (EFC)

This directory provides links to a large number of European grantmaking foundations and corporations.

### [Council on Foundations](#) (COF)

The Council on Foundations is a membership organization of more than 2,000 grantmaking foundations and giving programs worldwide. They provide a directory to help grantseekers.

### [Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support](#) (WINGS)

WINGS is a global network of around 100 membership associations and support organizations for grantmakers. Neither WINGS nor their network members are grantmakers themselves but their website information could help you find out more about grantmakers in different countries and regions.

## **Grant Writing Terms**

<http://www.internationalfund.org/english/for-indigenous-peoples/grant-writing-terms/>

**Activities:** A defined agenda or list of happenings that will occur in order to accomplish the objective. It defines what, when, and who will be responsible to carry out the planned agenda.

**Budget:** A list of project costs.

**Executive:** A summarization of all the key information included in the proposal

**Summary:** It includes the issue, the solution, funding requirements, and information on the organization and community.

**Evaluation:** A method to determine the success of the project in meeting the stated goal and accomplishment of the planned activities.

**Foundation:** An organization created to provide financial support, a grant, to not-for-profit and/or nongovernmental organizations (NGOs).

**Goal:** Defines the scope of the project. It describes what you expect the project setting to be like after the project has completed its intervention. The goal is the solution to the issue; it is broad and almost visionary.

**Guidelines:** A specific outline of a proposal application provided by the foundation to the grantseeker to follow in the proposal submission process.

**Indicator:** A description of a set of data that can measure or verify an outcome.

**LOI:** Sometimes referred to as a Letter of Intent, a Letter of Interest, and/or a Letter of Introduction. It is a 2-3 page pre-proposal application to the funder. Used by the funder to screen ineligible applicants and to invite full proposals for submission.

**NGO:** A charitable organization that is nongovernmental in structure.

**Objective:** A series of specific accomplishments designed to address the statement of need and to attain the goal. It is an endpoint and not a process. It tells what you want to do, and where you are going to do it. It is measurable and time-bound.

**Outcome:** A benefit that the community or a participant gain from the project. It determines a tangible or intangible change in behavior, knowledge, and/or attitude derived from the project.

**Proposal:** A written application explaining the project and a description of the community and/or organization, often accompanied by supporting documents.

**Resources:** Those items needed to carry out the planned activities of a project. They can be money, equipment, personnel, space, expertise, and other tangible and intangible items. Resources determine the project's costs. Resources can be secured from the community, other organizations, outside sources, and/or from the funder.

**Statement:** Concisely states a situation that needs to be changed: It explains the of Need situation, conditions, and reasons for your project. It does not discuss the solution or the project being proposed. It lays the groundwork to introduce your project.

## Proposal Writing

<http://www.internationalfunders.org/english/for-indigenous-peoples/proposal-writing/>

### [Fundraising Ideas that Work for Grassroots Groups](#)

This publication by Ken Wyman provides advice on fundraising for grassroots groups. It includes sections on the fundraising climate in Canada, the four types of fundraising, working with volunteers, and more.

### [Grantmakers Without Borders](#) (GWOB)

GWOB provides helpful resource information for grantseekers, as well as links to sites that provide proposal-writing tips.

### [Charity Village Library](#)

There are several articles relating to grantseeking found in the Charity Village Library that are worth reading, including:

- 1) Top ten ways to get your proposal read
- 2) Foundation collaboration-visioning for the future
- 3) Grantmakers get more focused
- 4) Proposals that appeal or appall
- 5) Understanding the funder and the proposal.

### [National Science Foundation Directorate](#)

The National Science Foundation website contains helpful information such as “A Guide for Proposal Writing”

### **USAID and the Microenterprise Innovation Project**

[The Microenterprise Innovation Project](#) is the U.S. Agency for International Development’s initiative to provide technical and financial assistance in writing case studies. The Microenterprise Best Practices Project is expanding the knowledge base of microenterprise practices in developing countries through research and publications, a grantmaking program, and information-sharing. Notable Feature: The Best Practices section presents research (based on experience) of leading practitioners who are trying new approaches in the design and delivery of services to microentrepreneurs.

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## Singapore Cooperation Program

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The Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) is Singapore's way of sharing with other developing countries the technical and systems skills that Singapore has learned and acquired over the years.

Singapore became independent in 1965 and we benefited from the help that developed nations had given by way of human resource development training through technical assistance.

SCP technical assistance is grounded in the philosophy that human resource development is best given on the understanding that "give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will eat for the rest of his life."

Technical assistance focuses on training and increasing the skills of a nation. As a country whose only resource is its people, Singapore believes human resource development is vital for economic and social progress. Singapore had benefited from technical assistance from other countries and international organisations.

In turn, Singapore believes in sharing her development experiences with other developing countries. To do this, Singapore has been providing technical assistance to other developing countries since the 1960s. In 1992, Singapore organised all its technical assistance programmes under one umbrella to form the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP). To date, the SCP has reached out to more than 68,000 government officials from [169 developing countries](#) in the Asia-Pacific, Africa, Middle East, Eastern Europe, Western Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore administers programmes under the SCP.

### ***Types of Assistance Programmes***

- i. [Bilateral Programmes](http://app.scp.gov.sg/) (<http://app.scp.gov.sg/>)

In bilateral programmes, training is offered directly to a developing country on a government-to-government basis. Technical assistance programmes are developed within Singapore's capacity to assist and are designed to meet training needs of recipient countries.

ii. Joint Training Programmes

In joint training programmes, assistance is provided to recipient countries in collaboration with another developed or developing country, or an international organisation. Training provided under such an arrangement is known as a [Third Country Training Programme \(TCTP\)](#).

iii. [Initiative for ASEAN Integration \(IAI\) centres](http://app.scp.gov.sg/) (<http://app.scp.gov.sg/>)

In 2000, Singapore launched the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI), an effort to narrow the development gap in the ASEAN region. The IAI aims to mobilise resources from more developed ASEAN members to assist the newer ASEAN countries in their human resource development.

Singapore has set up four IAI training centres, one each in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam since Nov 2001. These IAI training centres provide training in areas of identified priority by the respective countries and where Singapore has the expertise. To date, we have conducted more than 500 courses and trained more than 16,000 officials in these countries. The IAI centres will also be equipped with computers to enhance the facilities. Priority training areas include English language, trade and economic development, tourism, productivity, IT and curriculum planning courses.

iv. Study Visits

We also conduct study visits for SCP participants who have chosen to share Singapore's experience through specially arranged immersion programmes.

v. [Singapore Scholarship for ASEAN countries](#)


We also offer scholarships at Singapore's main universities to nurture the youths of ASEAN member nations.

[http://www.mfa.gov.sg/scp/pdf/ApplicationFormForAY12-13\\_all%20Msn.pdf](http://www.mfa.gov.sg/scp/pdf/ApplicationFormForAY12-13_all%20Msn.pdf)

[http://www.mfa.gov.sg/scp/pdf/ApplicationFormForAY12-13\\_Indon.pdf](http://www.mfa.gov.sg/scp/pdf/ApplicationFormForAY12-13_Indon.pdf)

## ***SINGAPORE SCHOLARSHIP FOR ASIAN COUNTRIES:***

### [About The Scholarship](#)

 Application for the Singapore Scholarship must be submitted on the prescribed application form (**The application form and supporting documents must be of A4 size and printed on one side only**). Please contact the Singapore Embassy/ High Commission/Consulate-General in your capital city for a copy of the Singapore Scholarship brochure and application form. You may click [here](#) for a softcopy of the application form for AY 11/12. For Indonesian applicants, please click [here](#) for for a softcopy of the application form for AY 11/12.

More detail is available at: <http://app.scp.gov.sg/>

### [Who Is Eligible](#)

Citizens of ASEAN member countries (except Singapore) are eligible to apply for the Singapore Scholarship.

### [What Is offered](#)

- The Singapore Scholarship is tenable for the minimum period required to obtain the respective degrees at Nanyang Technological University, National University of Singapore or Singapore Management University. It covers full tuition fees and a living allowance of S\$4,300 (covering meals, transport, textbooks and course materials during school semester) per academic year. In addition, a separate full accommodation allowance based on the room rates at each university or designated hostel will be provided during school semester.
- One return economy class air ticket is provided for the Scholar's passage from his/her home country to Singapore for the duration of studies determined by the Singapore Government. No additional assistance will be provided for other travel expenses.
- A recipient of the Scholarship may not concurrently hold any other Scholarship, Fellowship, Grant or Award without the prior approval of the Singapore Government.
- There is no bond imposed on the Scholarship by the Singapore Government. The Scholars are expected to return home to contribute to the development of their countries upon graduation.
- The scholarship is open to applicants who have not gained admission and are currently not studying at the Singapore Universities.

- The Singapore Government reserves the right to terminate the Scholarship if the Scholar's academic progress is unsatisfactory or his conduct is in violation of the university's rules and regulations.

🔗 [How To Apply](#)

Applicants will be required to submit a typed-written essay of about 300-500 words. The essay is an important part of your application.

🔗 All supporting documents have to be attached. Those supporting documents that are not in English must have a certified translation in English. Translation and certification of transcripts and academic records have to be done by your educational institutions.

🔗 Applications must be endorsed and submitted by their respective ASEAN Governments. The relevant agencies to endorse the application are:

🔗 [Scholarship Application Form](#)

[http://www.mfa.gov.sg/scp/pdf/ApplicationFormForAY12-13\\_all%20Msn.pdf](http://www.mfa.gov.sg/scp/pdf/ApplicationFormForAY12-13_all%20Msn.pdf)

🔗 [Scholarship Application Form \(for Indonesia\)](#)

🔗 [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Applications for the Singapore Scholarship for Academic Year 2012/2013 open on 28th November 2011 and close on 23rd December 2011.

Welcome to the Singapore Scholarship for ASEAN Countries under the Singapore Cooperation Programme. Here, you will find information on the Singapore Scholarship in the following headings:

***For more information, write to:***

**Singapore Scholarship**

c/o Technical Cooperation Directorate

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Tanglin

Singapore 248 163

Tel: (65) 6379 8000

Fax: (65) 6479 3357

Email: [mfa\\_scp@mfa.gov.sg](mailto:mfa_scp@mfa.gov.sg)



## Sigma Xi (Nine Sigma) - The Scientific Research Society

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<http://www.sigmaxi.org>

**Application Deadlines: March 15 and October 15 annually.**

The Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research (GIAR) program has been providing undergraduate and graduate students with valuable educational experiences for more than 80 years. By encouraging close working relationships between students and faculty, the program promotes scientific excellence and achievement through hands-on learning.

The program awards grants of up to \$1,000 to students from all areas of the sciences and engineering. Designated funds from the [National Academy of Sciences](#) allow for grants of up to \$5,000 for astronomy research and \$2,500 for vision related research. Students use the funding to pay for travel expenses to and from a research site, or for purchase of non-standard laboratory equipment necessary to complete a specific research project.

While [membership in Sigma Xi](#) is not a requirement for applying for funding from the Grants-in-Aid of Research program, approximately 75% of funds are restricted for use by dues paying student members of Sigma Xi or students whose project advisor is a dues paying member of Sigma Xi. Students from any country are eligible to receive funding.

### ***Source of Funding: Multinational***

Objective: To enhance the health of the research enterprise, foster integrity in science, and promote the public's understanding of science for the purpose of improving the human condition.

#### *Programmes Offered*

- Grants-In-Aid of Research
- William Procter Prize for Scientific Achievement
- John P. McGovern Science and Society Award
- Young Investigator Award
- Monie A. Ferst Award
- Common Wealth Award for Science and Invention
- Honorary Members
- Range of Support: Varies by programme; \$1,000 to \$50,000
- Eligibility: Students from any country are eligible to receive funding.



- Duration of Support: Information not found
- Additional Information: A majority of funds are given to dues paying student members of Sigma Xi.

## ***Grants-in-Aid of Research***

### Information for Applicants

- [Application Guidelines](#)
- [Application](#)
- [Preparing a Successful Application](#)
- [Information for Reference Writers](#)
- [Follow-up Report Form](#)

## ***Guidelines for the Grants-in-Aid of Research Program***

### **Submission Deadlines:**

*Applications for Grants In Aid of Research are only accepted through the online form linked to the left.*

### **March 15 Deadline**

Application form available online January 15

Funding decisions announced in early May

### **October 15 Deadline**

Application form available online August 15

Funding decisions announced in mid December

Applications are downloaded at 9:00 AM Eastern Time on the next business day after the deadline noted above. If the submission deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, applications are accepted until 9:00 AM Eastern Time on the next business day.

### **Applicant Eligibility**

1. US Citizenship and residence not required. International applications are welcome.
2. Only undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled in degree seeking programs may apply.
3. Undergraduates who are graduating seniors must plan to complete their research prior to graduation.

4. While membership in Sigma Xi is not a requirement for application, 75% of funds are designated for use by individuals whose primary advisors are Sigma Xi members or who are Sigma Xi student members themselves.
5. Applicants seeking a second Grant-in-Aid of Research must submit a Follow-up Report Form linked left above) prior to the application deadline for a new grant.
6. Applicants are eligible to receive a total of two Grants-in-Aid of Research
7. Separate applications are accepted from co-workers on the same project. Each applicant must demonstrate how the applicant's work is a unique contribution to the larger project. Where possible, each co-worker's application should request funding for expenses related to that applicant's work only.

### **Funding Restrictions**

*Research grants may be used to support scientific investigation in any field. Below is a description of the types of expenses funded by the Grants-in-Aid of Research Program.*

#### **Fundable Expenses:**

- Purchase of specific equipment necessary to undertake the proposed research project.
- Travel to and from a research site.
- Supplies specific to the proposed project not generally available in an institutional research laboratory.
- Reimbursement for human subjects (psychology studies).

#### **Expenses Not Fundable:**

- Travel to a scientific meetings or symposia
- Educational programs, tuition, room and board, textbooks, curriculum development.
- Purchase of supplies and equipment considered standard and normally available in an institutional research laboratory (i.e. common laboratory chemicals, petri dishes, agar, floppy disks, pipettes, glassware, etc).
- Salaries or stipends for applicants or assistants.
- Manuscript preparation and publication costs.
- Indirect costs or institutional administrative fees.
- Requests for a third Grant-in-Aid of Research.

### **Funding Exceptions**

*The following expenses are not generally funded. However, an applicant who demonstrates a particular need may receive funding if a detailed justification is provided in the budget section of the application. Demonstration of support from the applicant's institution or department for other aspects of the project may strengthen such requests.*

- Computer Equipment, software, digital phones, GPS and cameras. Note these items, if funded, remain the property of the institutional lab at the conclusion of the grant.
- Institutional or departmental equipment use fees. Except in the fields of astronomy, mathematics and computer science, fees for using institutional or departmental equipment and facilities are not generally funded. Equipment use fees for astronomy, mathematics and computer science are generally fundable.
- Transcription or analytical services. Except in the fields of astronomy, mathematics and computer science where transcription and analytical services are generally funded without additional justification.

### **Defining Standard Equipment and Supplies**

As noted, Sigma Xi does not fund standard equipment or supplies.

However, what is standard in one laboratory or in one field of research may not be standard in another.

The basic question to answer is, "does your lab routinely stock this item or is it specific to your research?" If the material or equipment is specific to your research and would not be ordered unless you were conducting your research, then it is an appropriate request from Sigma Xi.

If a budget item is open to interpretation, additional justification in the budget section should be provided by the applicant. Reviewers are professional career researchers matched to proposals by general field of research and are aware of laboratory standards in terms of equipment and materials.

### **Funding Amounts:**

- Grants amounts range from \$400 to \$1,000 (with an average award of \$600) except as noted below:
- Astronomy: grants in this field are awarded up to a maximum of \$5,000.
- Vision Research: grants in this field are awarded up to a maximum of \$2,500. The research must have implication for human vision in order to qualify.

For questions or additional information you may send e-mail to [gjar@sigmaxi.org](mailto:gjar@sigmaxi.org).

Grants-in-Aid of Research Online Application

**Application Deadlines: March 15 and October 15 annually**

## ***Important Application Instructions***

1. View the [Sample Application](#) before starting a live application. Do not start an online application merely to view the details of the application process. Use the Sample Application for informational purposes before beginning an active online application.
2. We recommend **Internet Explorer** as the best browser to submit, view and edit your application. Other browsers may cause the online form to perform erratically. [Download the latest version of Internet Explorer before proceeding.](#)
3. To prevent **form errors**, do not leave the online application form open for an extended period of time. This is especially important on your first pass through the application.
4. **Save both pages of the online form during your initial submission session.** The first page includes general applicant information. The second includes proposal information. We recommend that you input basic information on both pages then save and return later to edit the application with more detail.
5. **Letters of Recommendation** are expected by the application deadline. Instructions are sent to reference writers by email when an application is created. Applicants should begin their application as soon as possible to allow references time to submit letters by the stated deadline.
6. **Applications are downloaded** at 9:00 AM Eastern Time on the next business day after the deadlines noted above. If the submission deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, applications are accepted until 9:00 AM Eastern Time on the next business day.
7. **Tables, figures and images** may not be uploaded through the online application. You may include one page of tables, figures or images by emailing a copy to [gjar@sigmaxi.org](mailto:gjar@sigmaxi.org) with the following information at the top of the page: Field of Research - Your Name - Grant ID Number. The emailed file should be a .rtf or .doc file and may be no more than **one page in length** with minimal text and file size of 2mb or smaller. The file will be attached to your application after it is downloaded and will be printed in **black and white**.

**Funding Notification:** March 15 applicants will be notified about funding by the end of May. October 15 applicants will be notified about funding by the end of December. Checks are mailed as soon as possible after the notification date.



Application form can be downloaded from: <http://gjar.sigmaxi.org/application/application.php>

### **Preparing a Successful Application**

Application decisions are based on the strength of three key elements of a grant proposal: **Proposed Investigation, Budget, References.** Below are suggestions for each section.

You should also view the [Grant-in-Aid of Research Evaluation Form](#) to see how reviewers grade proposals.

In addition, view the [Sample Application](#) to see how questions are presented on the application. **DO NOT** begin a live application just to view the application details.

### Proposed Investigation

- The Proposed Investigation Section is limited to 500 words — be thorough but concise.
- **Formal citations are not required** in the Proposed Investigation section. Literature used to prepare the proposal or research project may be listed in the **Literature Citation** section and does not count towards to 500 word limit in the Proposed Investigation.
- Compose your proposal offline and seek advice from your research advisor on how best to present your research
- You may return to **edit your proposal** any time before the application deadline.
- State your goals, hypothesis and/or research question clearly.
- State the **background information** in your proposal very briefly. Avoid the common pitfall of presenting too much background and neglecting to develop methods and objectives.
- Describe your **methods** clearly, showing how they are used to address your hypothesis or research question.
- Indicate the significance of this research and how your study contributes to the **big picture** of research in your field of study.
- If the proposed work is part of an ongoing project, clearly state how your work meshes with the larger project and how your proposed work is a unique contribution.
- **Uploading your Proposed Investigation:** your proposal must be uploaded through the online form as an **RTF file** (save as .rtf in your word processing program). Do not include images, figures or tables.
- **Tables, figures and images:** You may include **1 page** of these items in your application. Captions on this page do not count towards the 500 word limit. Save the additional page as a .rtf or .pdf file and send it via e-mail to [gjar@sigmaxi.org](mailto:gjar@sigmaxi.org) DO NOT INCLUDE tables, figures or images in the .rtf upload of your Proposed Investigation as this is likely to cause the file to upload incorrectly.

### Budget

- Make certain that budget items **fit within the scope** of the GIAR Program. Inappropriate budget requests are the number one reason for denying funding. See the [Guidelines Page](#) for more information
- Items in your budget should clearly **relate to the methodology** described in your Proposed Investigation section.
- Prepare a budget that shows the **full scope of your project** (or your work on a larger project)
- Highlight expenses you wish Sigma Xi to fund.
- Include **justifications for expenses** for items that may not normally receive funding See [Guidelines Page](#) for more information

- Appropriate formatting for a budget would look something like:

#### Full Project Budget

\$5,000 – Including Item A, Item B, and Item C. (Please see Other Funding Sources for more information)

#### Items Requested from Sigma Xi

\$200 – Travel to Research Site – 400 miles @ .50 per mile

\$100 – Supply Item 1

\$100 – Supply Item 2 (10 @ \$10 each)

\$600 – Computer Equipment Purchase\*

\$1,000 – Total Requested From Sigma Xi

\*Budget Explanation for Item that is a Funding Exception according to Sigma Xi Funding Guidelines

**Note on Formatting:** Please note that the confirmation page displays the information you entered in your application in an unformatted version. The print version of your application will retain the formatting of your budget. **DO NOT attempt to paste a table** in the budget section as that formatting will not be retained.

#### References

- **References are due by the application deadline** (March 15 and October 15). With this in mind, it is vital that you begin your application some time before the deadline. If you begin your application on the 14th, your reference will receive instructions that inform them that the due date of their letter is the next day – which may result in a less than favorable recommendation.
- **References are contacted by email** using the name and email addresses you provide when creating the application. Have reference email addresses when you start the application.
- Your first reference should be your primary research advisor (where possible)
- The second reference may be a reference who can comment on your abilities as a researcher or your academic performance
- Both references should be professional researchers or educators and not fellow students
- References email instructions include a link to [Information for Reference Writers](#). Viewing this page may help you determine who could best provide a suitable reference for your application.

#### Final Suggestions:

- Note your **Grant ID Number** on the Confirmation Page as you will need this to log back into your application.

- **Meet the deadlines:** March 15 and October 15 annually. This means that your application and both letters of recommendation must be received by these dates.
- After you begin your application, you may log back in to **make edits** and upload new .rtf proposal files any time before the deadline.
- You may log back into your application to **verify that references have been submitted**. If they have not, you may send an email reminder to references by clicking on the appropriate button near the contact information for that reference.
- **Confirmation Page:** Each time you submit or make an edit, you will be taken to a confirmation page that displays the information you entered. Although this page displays the information unformatted, your formatting will be maintained in the print version of your application.
- **Confirm .RTF Upload:** the Confirmation Page includes a hyperlink to the .rtf Proposal file you uploaded. Click on the link to verify that the file uploaded correctly. **It is your obligation to make certain that the file is correct.**

**Applications are accepted through the online form only.**

Send [e-mail](#) for questions or additional information.

## **Recommendation Letters**

References will receive email instructions linking to an online form to provide a Letter of Recommendation.

## **Tips for Writing Effective Letters of Recommendation for the Grants-in-Aid of Research Program**

Solid letters of recommendation contain a number of common traits. The Sigma Xi Committee on Grants-in-Aid of Research has developed the guidelines below for developing a well-structured recommendation letter for this program.

### **Comments from the Review Committee:**

*I'm impressed when I feel like the writer really knows the student. I look for one or two anecdotes about the person's strengths.*

*I like specifics, not just "this student is a nice person." The letter should describe a particular experience or relationship with the writer; it means the writer really cares about and knows the candidate well. Remember, the committee is trying to project how this student performs. A good letter should address that.*

**500 Word Limit:** References are asked to limit their letter to 500 words (same limit as the Proposal Section of the application). While this is not a hard limit for references, letters that are significantly longer will not be viewed favorably by reviewers.

- Begin the letter by briefly stating your relationship to the applicant, how long you have known worked with them and in what capacity.
- Describe the **candidate's personality and work ethic**, using concrete examples.
- Be vivid and specific, including memories of the candidate, anecdotes, something to indicate that you know this candidate very well and think highly of him or her. Letters that matter to the review committee bring the candidate to life on the page.
- If the applicant will use any **complex techniques** or need any **specific instrumentation** or facilities, the letter should indicate the availability of the equipment and training in its use.
- If the applicant's work falls within the constraints of an ongoing project, clearly **state how the applicant's work meshes with the larger project** and is a unique contribution.
- Describe and evaluate in detail the **student's scholarly work**, especially work related to the proposed research project, if possible. The letter should help the review committee understand the significance of this research, and the potential for contribution that it has.
- Address the scholarship criteria specifically in ways that demonstrate your abundant confidence in the student and your knowledge of the candidate beyond grades and classroom performance.
- Provide evidence of the **candidate's leadership and teamwork skills**. The most effective letters use narrative technique to highlight the student in action, as a teaching assistant, researcher, volunteer, employee, innovator, etc.
- Reflect, refer to, and elaborate on themes in the **candidate's proposal**. The student should provide a copy of this proposal for you. Request one from him or her if the student hasn't already provided it for you.
- **Rank the candidate** in relation to other students you have taught/worked with, if possible.
- Note that the above suggestions may or may not apply to your letter depending on your relationship to the applicant and their research project.
- **Confirmation Page:** When you submit your reference via the online form, you will receive a confirmation page of the information you entered. Note that the information is **displayed in an unformatted version**, but **your formatting will be retained** on the printed version of the application

The follow up report form is available at:

<http://www.sigmaxi.org/programs/giar/report.html>

The sample format is given here:

**Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research Report Form**

Please complete this form only if you have received a previous grant award from the Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research program.

Last Name:	<input type="text"/>	First Name:	<input type="text"/>	Middle Name:	<input type="text"/>
Your Date of Birth:	<input type="text"/>	Department:	<input type="text"/>	Institution:	<input type="text"/>
Your Street Address 1:	<input type="text"/>	Your Street Address 2:	<input type="text"/>		
City:	<input type="text"/>	State:	<input type="text"/>	Postal/Zip Code:	<input type="text"/>
				Country:	<input type="text"/>



Telephone: (Daytime)

FAX: (optional)

E-mail:

Yes

No

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*Your ID # can be found on your membership card or on your American Scientist mailing label (the number above your name).*

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**Report Guidelines (Expected Length: 400-1000 words):**

1. Explain how you used the funds awarded to you.
2. Indicate the status of your research project (i.e. completed, ongoing, currently analyzing data etc.)
3. Explain future plans for your research project.
4. Include any additional information you would like for us to know about your research (publication plans, etc)



In order to illustrate the achievements of grant recipients, we occasionally feature research on the Sigma Xi website, American Scientist magazine and in promotional materials about the Grants-in-Aid of Research Program. Would you be interested in having your research featured in such material? (Please note that you will be contacted before your research is featured).



Yes

No

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Committee on Grants-in-Aid of Research  
Telephone: 800-243-6534 or 919-549-4691  
E-mail: [gjar@sigmaxi.org](mailto:gjar@sigmaxi.org)



## International Foundation for Science

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### ***New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO)***

(<http://www.nedo.go.jp>)

Objective: To promote advancement of the international level of industrial technology, and the results achieved are expected to create the basis for new key industrial technology

*Programmes Offered:*

International Joint Research Grant

Materials

Energy

International Standard Development

Global Environment

Range of Support: Varies by programme

Eligibility: Information not found

Duration of Support: Multi-year projects are accepted.

### ***Proposal-based Research and Development Projects***

(Cross-sectoral proposal-based projects)

#### Proposal-based Research and Development Projects

##### **Project name**

Grant for Industrial Technology Research (Financial support to young researchers)

Fundamental Technology Research Facilitation Program

Innovation Promotion Program

Technology Innovation Program for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)

New Energy Venture Business Technology Innovatio Program

Project to Promote Strategic International Standardization (Also listed in "Survey, Research Evaluation and Other Activities")

Research and Development of an InTELlectual Infrastructure

International Projects for Increasing the Efficient Use of Energy (Also listed in "Energy" and "International Projects")

International Cooperative Research Program (Also listed in "Energy" and "International Projects")

Strategic Development of Energy Conservation Technology Project (Also listed in "Energy")

Research and Development Program for Innovative Energy Efficiency Technology (Also listed in "Energy")



## Japan Science and Technology Corporation

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<http://www.jst.go.jp>

Objective: To support science centers and grass roots activities across the nation and at the same time set up various ways of coordinating these activities.

*Programmes Offered:*

- **Creating advanced technology**
- International Exchange of Researchers
- Research exchange
- Range of Support: Information not found
- Eligibility: Varies by programme
- Duration of Support: Varies by programme; 5 years maximum

### **Creating advanced technology**

[Strategic Basic Research Programs](#)

[CREST \(Core Research for Evolutional Science and Technology\)](#)

[PRESTO \(Precursory Research for Embryonic Science and Technology\)](#)

[ERATO \(Exploratory Research for Advanced Technology\)](#)

[ICORP \(International Cooperative Research Project\)](#)

[ALCA \(Advanced Low Carbon Technology Research and Development Program\)](#)

[RISTEX \(Research Institute of Science & Technology for Society\)](#)

[SORST \(Solution Oriented Research for Science and Technology\)](#)

[Research and Development for Supporting Humanitarian De-mining of Anti-personnel Mines](#)

[CRDS \(Center for Research and Development Strategies\)](#)

[LCS \(Center for Low Carbon Society Strategy\)](#)

[NBDC \(National Bioscience Database Center\)](#)

## Promoting technology transfer and innovation

## Promoting dissemination of STI

### **Researcher exchange and research support**

### **Promoting public understanding of S&T**

#### Promoting Public Understanding of Science and Technology

#### National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan)

### **RESEARCH EXCHANGE AND RESEARCH SUPPORT**

JST promotes exchange between researchers in science and technology to enhance the Japanese research environment to the highest international level, to look for solutions to problems that require international approaches, and to encourage international research activities

#### Strategic International Cooperative Program

With the aim of following up on various agreements reached through intergovernmental talks regarding S&T cooperation, this program promotes international exchanges between researchers on specific research areas in line with the agreements. To realize the aim, MEXT assigns counterpart countries and research areas of special importance and JST, in collaboration with its foreign counterpart organizations, implements the subprograms: cooperative researches of relatively small-scale; researcher exchanges, i.e., invitations and dispatches; and holding of meetings such as symposiums and seminars.

#### Guesthouse operations:

#### Japan-America Frontiers of Engineering (JAFoE)

To facilitate active exchange between foreign and domestic researchers, "Takezono House" and "Ninomiya House", guesthouses for foreign researchers, are operated in the Tsukuba area.

#### **Infrastructural Improvement of International Research Exchange**

JST holds the Japan-America Frontiers of Engineering Symposium (JAFoE), along with the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) and the Engineering Academy of Japan (EAJ). The aim of JAFoE is to provide a place where young researchers can find new possibilities in their research and development and foster interdisciplinary research. To attain this aim, the JAFoE symposium provides a place where

approximately 65 young Japanese and American engineering researchers (up to 45 years old) can exchange their research information.

Support for basic research through positive exchange of researchers

### **Cooperative System for supporting Priority Research**

JST dispatches skilled engineers to national research institutes

To maximize researchers' creativity, it is crucially important to relieve researchers of a variety of tasks, such as manufacturing, operation and management of research equipment, preparation and analysis of research materials, field studies and clerical work in order to let them focus their energies on carrying out their studies. JST dispatches engineers with advanced knowledge and technical skills to national and other public research institutes to support effective promotion of creative and fundamental research.

Number of supported organizations: 52

Supported period: 5 years maximum

Number of Cooperators: 199

Qualifications for Cooperators: Engineers with advanced knowledge and technical skills necessary for supporting priority research conducted by national research institutes and independent administrative research institutions.

### **Collaboration of Regional Entities for the Advancement of Technology Excellence**

Construction of center of excellence, collaborating with industry, academe and public service in the region

This project aims to establish and reinforce a science and technology foundation that creates new technologies and industries in priority research fields set by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).

It also explores new research areas through joint-research by rallying regional potential in universities, national and other public research institutes, and R&D oriented private companies.

Construction of center of excellence, collaborating with industry, academe and public service in the region

Other related information can be obtained from:

<http://www.jst.go.jp/EN/menu4/01.html#m1>



## Aga Khan Foundation (AKF)

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**Aga Khan Foundation (AKF)** focuses on a small number of specific development problems by forming intellectual and financial partnerships with organisations sharing its objectives. Most Foundation grants are made to grassroots organisations testing innovative approaches in the field. With a small staff, a host of cooperating agencies and thousands of volunteers, the Foundation reaches out to vulnerable populations on four continents, irrespective of their race, religion, political persuasion or gender.

### A Bridge between Two Worlds

With affiliates that are important national institutions in North America and Europe and grant-making offices in Africa as well as in South and Central Asia, the Foundation has genuine roots in both the developed and developing worlds. Experience and skills flow in both directions.

Foundation units share common objectives and approaches. They bring local knowledge, energies and resources to bear on local problems. In addition, developed country units serve to inform the public about development progress and problems. They also channel interest, skills and resources from the public and development agencies to activities in the developing world.

### Institutional Support

Through endowments and capital investments, the Foundation helps to ensure the permanence of institutions that contribute to the well-being of the people they serve. It is helping to build an endowment for Pakistan's first private university, the [Aga Khan University \(AKU\)](#) in Karachi, which has an international mandate and is developing international programmes. The Foundation is also helping community pre-schools in Africa to build endowments, and providing fund-raising advice and contacts to a host of current and former recipients of its grants.

The Foundation owns a large number of properties for social and cultural activities, including several hospitals and hundreds of schools and health centres in the developing world. A portion of its income is used to maintain and improve them.

## Sources of Funding

The Aga Khan Foundation is the principal grant-making agency for social development within the Shia Ismaili Imamate. His Highness the Aga Khan is its founder and chairman. He provides the Foundation with regular funding for administration and new programme initiatives as well as contributions to its endowment. The Ismaili community contributes invaluable volunteer time, professional services and substantial financial resources. Other funding sources include income from investments and grants from government, institutional and private sector partners - as well as donations from individuals around the world.

## Funding Strategy

The Foundation is largely an implementing organisation rather than a grant-funding agency. Grants are normally given to local organisations interested in testing new solutions, in learning from experience and in being agents of lasting change. These organisations must share the Foundation's and AKDN's goals in the fields of [health](#), [education](#), [rural development](#) and strengthening of [civil society](#). If no established group exists, the Foundation occasionally creates new organisations to tackle particularly important problems.

With few exceptions, the Foundation funds programmes in countries where it has offices and local professional staff to monitor implementation (South and Central Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East).

Except for buildings that it owns, the Foundation does not fund construction. It cannot make grants to individuals in response to personal needs. Travel and study awards are made only to Foundation-sponsored project staff directly involved in programme implementation and the sharing of lessons learned through such activities.

## Application Procedures

There are no formal application procedures. Before developing full proposals, enquiries should be made to the Foundation office in the country where the proposal originates or where the project would be executed. Please note that a precondition for funding is the existence of an office, in the same country, which can evaluate and monitor projects we fund.

The Foundation will only respond to serious requests that correspond to the concerns expressed in the AKDN website and propose activities that further the Foundation's understanding of development issues, problems and effective solutions. Unrelated solicitations will not be entertained.

## Addresses of Aga Khan Foundation Country Offices

### Aga Khan Foundation (Pakistan)

House N° 1, Street N° 61,  
Sector F-6/3  
Islamabad  
Pakistan

## International Scholarship Programme

The **2012-13** International Scholarship Programme application cycle is now open. Applications can be obtained from AKF offices or Aga Khan Education Services/Boards in your country of current residence

*Before contacting the AKDN, please read the information below. Addresses and contact information are available under [Application Procedures](#). In case you are looking for information about scholarships for your further studies, this [list of scholarship links](#) may be helpful.*

The Aga Khan Foundation provides a limited number of scholarships each year for postgraduate studies to outstanding students from developing countries who have no other means of financing their studies. Scholarships are awarded on a 50% grant : 50% loan basis through a competitive application process once a year in June or July. The Foundation gives priority to requests for Master's level courses but is also willing to consider applications for PhD programmes, when doctoral degrees are necessary for the career objectives of the student. Requests will also be considered for travel and study awards for PhD students doing their research in Third World countries on topics judged to be of interest to the Aga Khan Development Network. Applications for short-term courses are not considered; neither are applications from students who have already started their course of study.

### Geographic Scope

The Foundation accepts applications from countries where it has branches, affiliates or other AKDN agencies which can help with processing applications and interviewing applicants. At present, these are Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Syria, Egypt, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Mozambique, Madagascar, France, Portugal, UK, USA and Canada.

### Selection Criteria

The main criteria for selecting award winners are: 1) excellent academic records, 2) genuine financial need, 3) admission to a reputable institution of higher learning and 4) thoughtful and coherent educational and career plans. Candidates are also evaluated on their extra-curricular interests and achievements, potential to achieve their goals and likelihood to succeed in a



foreign academic environment. Applicants are expected to have some years of work experience in their field of interest.

#### Age Limit

Preference is given to students under 30 years of age.

#### Financial Assistance

The Foundation assists students with tuition fees and living expenses only. The cost of travel is not included in AKF scholarships. Applicants are requested to make every effort to obtain funding from other sources as well, so that the amount requested from the Foundation can be reduced to a minimum. Preference is given to those who have been able to secure some funding from alternative sources.

#### Loan Conditions

Half of the scholarship amount is considered as a loan, which must be reimbursed with an annual service charge of 5%. A guarantor is required to co-sign the loan agreement. The payback period is five years, starting six months after the study period funded by the Aga Khan Foundation.

#### Application Procedures

The application procedures of AKF's International Scholarship Programme are decentralised. Students may obtain application forms as of January 1st each year from [AKF offices](#) or [Aga Khan Education Services / Boards](#) in their countries of current residence. Completed applications should be returned to the agency from which the form was obtained, or to the address indicated on the front of the form. They should not be sent to Geneva. The deadline for submission of applications is March 31, although in certain countries internal deadlines may be earlier.

Applicants should be prepared to be interviewed by local Scholarship Committees about their financial situation, their academic performance, extra-curricular achievements and career plans. Interview reports are sent with the applications to Geneva for the final selection.

The annual Scholarship Selection Meeting takes place in late June or early July and the Aga Khan Foundation notifies all students of the outcome of their application shortly thereafter.



## Global Environmental Facility (GEF)

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([http://www.thegef.org/gef/gef\\_projects\\_funding](http://www.thegef.org/gef/gef_projects_funding))

### ***Funding***

- [Project types and Programmatic Approach](#)
- [Who can apply?](#)
- [Templates and Guidelines](#)
- [Project Cycle](#)
- [GEF Projects Database](#)
- [Co-financing](#)
- [Country Profiles](#)

### **Project types and Programmatic Approach**

([http://www.thegef.org/gef/project\\_types](http://www.thegef.org/gef/project_types))

GEF provides grants to various types of projects ranging from several thousand dollars to several million dollars. These are Full-Sized projects, Medium-Sized Projects, Programmatic Approaches and Enabling Activities, and are defined below.

### ***Full-Sized (FSPs) and Medium-Sized Projects (MSPs)***

**FSPs - Over \$1 million** - Project concepts may be developed by governments, non-governmental organizations, communities, the private sector, or other civil society entities, and must respond to both national priorities and GEF focal area /LDCF/SCCF strategies and objectives, and must satisfy eligibility requirements under the Conventions. Project proponents work closely with national GEF Operational Focal Points (who formally endorse project concepts) and the GEF Agency, to develop concepts and move through the project cycle. FSPs are subject to [link;node/1736 text=project review criteria;] and are approved by the GEF Council.

**MSPs - Up to US \$1 million** - MSPs offer opportunities for a broad range of programming that is typically smaller in scale than full-sized projects and follow expedited procedures for their approval. Funding such projects increases GEF flexibility in allocating its resources and encourages a wide range of stakeholders to propose and develop project concepts. MSPs are limited to a maximum of \$1 million in GEF and SCCF funds and \$ 2 million in LDCF funds. Their approval is delegated by the Council to the CEO, and it is subject to [Project Review Criteria](#) , similar to FSPs. Following CEO approval, the project document will be approved by the Agency following its own procedures, followed by the start of project implementation.

- [List of Full-Sized Project Proposals Circulated to Council Prior to CEO Endorsement](#)
- List of Medium-Sized Projects Circulated to Council for Approval
- [FSP/MSP Templates and Guidelines](#)

### ***Enabling Activities (EAs)***

The GEF finances Enabling Activities related to the conventions on biodiversity, climate change, and persistent organic pollutants, to help countries prepare national inventories, strategies, action plans, and reports under these conventions (see Operational Guidance for Enabling Activities for operational guidance). They represent a basic building block of GEF assistance to countries. For additional guidance on the threshold limits guiding the processing of EAs, please refer to the note “[Processing of Enabling Activities](#)”. EAs that go beyond the threshold are considered non-expedited, and follow the procedures for processing full-sized projects.

- [EAs Templates and Guidelines](#)

### ***Programmatic Approach (PA)***

Programmatic Approaches represent a partnership between country/ies, the GEF and other interested stakeholders, such as the private sector, donors and/or the scientific community. This approach secures larger-scale and sustainable impact on the global environment, than a single FSP or MSP, through integrating global environmental objectives into national or regional strategies and plans using partnerships.

A program usually contains several projects that are linked through common objective/s of the program aimed to foster increased horizontal and vertical integration of global environmental issues into the country(ies) development agenda.

The project cycle paper submitted to Council in June 2010 outlined two approaches proposed for refining the programmatic approaches.

The first type of approach largely adopts the current programmatic approach processing methodology [From Projects to Programs: Clarifying the Programmatic Approach in the GEF Portfolio](#) with minor modifications to introduce budget (in case of multi-agency programs) for the Program Coordination Agency.

The second type of approach, proposed for GEF Agencies that meet criteria for a delegation of authority to approve projects as outlined in Annex 1 [link:node 3225]

Refer to corresponding Joint Summaries for additional information on Council decisions in the respective meetings [C38/Joint Summary of the Chairs](#) / [C33/Joint Summary of the Chairs](#).

- [PA Templates and Guidelines](#)

### ***Climate Change Adaptation Projects***

Projects that fall under the area of Adaptation of the Climate Change focal area can apply for funds available:

1. [Special Climate Change Fund \(SCCF\)](#)
2. [Least Developed Countries Fund \(LDCF\)](#)
3. [Adaptation Fund](#)

### ***Small Grants Programme (SGP)***

Up to \$ 50,000 - Funded by GEF as a corporate programme, SGP is implemented by the United Nations Development Programme ([UNDP](#)) on behalf of the GEF partnership, and is executed by the United Nations Office for Project Services ([UNOPS](#)). The SGP supports non-governmental and community organizations, providing small grants for community-based projects in the GEF focal areas.

At present, 101 countries participate in SGP having ratified the conventions on biological diversity and climate change. There are 84 country offices, two regional offices, and two sub-regional offices with day-to-day management by SGP National Coordinators. To know more about SGP and how potential grantees can apply for a grant, visit the [SGP website](#).

### **Who can apply? ([http://www.thegef.org/gef/who\\_can\\_apply](http://www.thegef.org/gef/who_can_apply))**

The GEF funds a broad array of project types that vary depending on the scale of GEF resources, the project needs and the issue addressed. In order to be approved, each project follows a specific project cycle.

Each GEF country member has designated an officer responsible for GEF activities, known as GEF Operational Focal Point, who plays a key role in assuring that GEF projects are aligned to meet the needs and priorities of the respective country.

Any eligible individual or group may propose a project. However, to be taken into consideration, a project proposal has to fulfill the following criteria:

- It is undertaken in an eligible country. It is consistent with national priorities and programs.
- It addresses one or more of the GEF Focal Areas, improving the global environment or advance the prospect of reducing risks to it.
- It is consistent with the GEF operational strategy.
- It seeks GEF financing only for the agreed-on incremental costs on measures to achieve global environmental benefits
- It involves the public in project design and implementation.
- It is endorsed by the government(s) of the country/ies in which it will be implemented.

### **Templates and Guidelines for both the GEF Trust Fund and the LDCF/SCCF Projects**

GEF provides grants to various [types of projects](http://www.thegef.org/gef/guidelines_templates) ranging from several thousand dollars to several million dollars. These are Full-Sized projects, Medium-Sized Projects, Enabling Activities, Targeted Research, and Programmatic Approaches, templates for which can be found from the following link:

[http://www.thegef.org/gef/guidelines\\_templates](http://www.thegef.org/gef/guidelines_templates)

### **The Project Cycle:**

The current policies and procedures governing the GEF project cycle and programmatic approaches are listed in the information document “GEF Project and Programmatic Approach Cycles” presented to the GEF Council in November 2010. The revised project cycle aims to further streamline the approval process. Major features of the revised project cycle included the following:

1. Final project documents will be posted on the GEF website upon CEO endorsement of an FSP or approval of an MSP.
2. MSP approval can take one of the two paths:
  - single-step approval: Agencies submit a final MSP project document for CEO approval, after which Agencies follow their own internal approval procedure and start implementation;
  - two-step approval: if a PPG is required for the preparation of an MSP, a PIF should be submitted together with the PPG request and seek CEO approval of PIF and PPG; when the project is finally well prepared, Agencies submit the final MSP project document for

CEO approval, after which Agencies follow their own internal approval procedure and start implementation.

3. Target Elapsed time for FSP project preparation is 18 months, counting from the date the Council approves the work program to the date CEO endorses the final project documents for FSPs.
4. Elapsed time for MSPs requiring a PPG continues to be 12 months from the date CEO approves the PIF with PPG to the date CEO approves the final project document for the MSP.
5. Elapsed time for MSPs without a PIF will no longer be applicable since final MSP project document can be submitted for CEO approval on a rolling basis.
6. To provide further transparency, all project review sheets for the PIFs in the work program are posted on the web alongside the PIF documents and the STAP screening reports.
7. The approval of Program Framework Document for programmatic approaches (PAs) would follow different procedures depending on the type of GEF Agencies submitting the PAs. Two types of programmatic approaches are:
  - Programs Accessible to all GEF Agencies, and
  - Programs Accessible to a GEF Agency with a Board that approves projects.

## Co-Financing

(<http://www.thegef.org/gef/policy/co-financing>)

GEF Co-financing comprises the total of cash and in-kind resources committed by governments, other multilateral or bilateral sources, the private sector, NGOs, the project beneficiaries and the concerned GEF agency, all of which are essential for meeting the GEF project objectives

The GEF policy on cofinancing was approved by the GEF Council at its May 2003 meeting, based on a discussion of the paper on [Co-financing \(GEF/C.20/6/Rev.1\)](#).

The Council approved the policies and associated procedures described in the document, and directed the Secretariat and the GEF Agencies to: implement the policy in work programs and projects approved by CEO under expedited procedures and report to the Council through business plans on the overall progress in implementing the policy.

The secretariat is in the process of preparing a revised cofinancing policy paper to present to Council. The paper will clearly spell out the implementation experience of cofinancing since 2003 including the latest policies related to the revised project cycle.

Reference to the existing cofinancing policy can be found in a note prepared for the GEF Operations Manual, which also provided clarification on the terms used in cofinancing and project preparation (Co-Financing Policies and Operational Guidelines).

## GEF Policy

[For co-financing data related to GEF operations please click here.](#)

[For co-financing Council Document click here.](#)

## ***Project Documents***

- [GEF Trust Fund Projects](#)
- [LDCF Trust Fund Projects](#)
- [SCCF Trust Fund Projects](#)



## Grants & Grantees

### Survey of the Rockefeller Foundation Grantees

To assist in better understanding how we can strengthen our work, the Foundation participated in the **Center for Effective Philanthropy (CEP)** survey of grantees to gain insight and objective feedback to measure how we are working with our grantees and how to best continue our efforts. The Grantee Perception Report (GPR) is a confidential survey that covers a range of topics including grantees' perceptions of their impact in the fields we support, the clarity and consistency of our communications, the grant application process, as well as grantees' overall satisfaction with us as a funder. *Summary of Findings: Survey of the Rockefeller Foundation Grantees* details the results of that survey.

### Applying for Rockefeller Foundation Funding

If you would like the Rockefeller Foundation to consider funding your project—which must fit within one or more of the Rockefeller Foundation [initiatives](#)—please complete the following application. This online application is the only way in which we receive and respond to unsolicited proposals from people and organizations who have access to the Internet, so we ask that you not send proposals by mail or email unless invited to do so. If we see a potential fit with any of our initiatives, based on your answers to the following questions, we will respond by asking you to submit a full proposal

We also invite you to visit our links to other [philanthropic resources](#), where we hope you will find helpful information in your search for funding.

If your inquiry is related to a conference or residency at the [Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center](#), please use the [Bellagio application process](#)



## Rockefeller Foundation Funding Application

To submit your funding inquiry, please fill out the form below. Questions marked with asterisks (\*) are required. Please limit your answers to questions 1-3 to 100 words. All submissions must be in English. Please note that once we receive your funding inquiry, we will send you a confirmation email.

- ☒ Individual
- ☐ Organization

**1.** Please describe the project and indicate the amount of support (in U.S. dollars) that you are seeking.\*

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**2.** What are the specific, measurable results you would seek to achieve in this effort? How will your project positively affect the lives of poor or vulnerable people? Please be as specific as you can about numbers and geography of people who will be reached. \*

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**3.** To which of the Foundation's [initiatives](#) does this funding inquiry relate? Please be specific, and describe how you see a strategic fit with the Foundation's ongoing work. \*

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**4.** Have you ever received funding from the Rockefeller Foundation? \*

Other detailed information can be obtained from:

<http://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/funding-requests/funding-request.aspx>



## United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

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[http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=32042&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=32042&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

### The Participation Programme

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- School children in class

The Participation Programme functions as a vital complement to UNESCO's regular activities by analysing, evaluating and facilitating the implementation of national, sub-regional, inter-regional and regional projects directly related to the activities of the Organization.

Furthermore, it serves as a means employed by UNESCO to strengthen the partnership between the Organization and its Member States as well as between the Organization and International Non-Governmental Organizations. Thus the Participation Programme enhances the inclusive and generous spirit of UNESCO's noble mission.

#### Website

Our website provides an overview of the Participation Programme's:

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### *The Participation Programme*

#### Origins

##### First appearance

During his introduction of the 9 C/5, in 1957, the Director-General of UNESCO at the time,

Luther Evans, stated his belief that many of UNESCO's initiatives in the field of special activities should "... cross over to the Participation Programme..." It was during the first Biennium of 1957-1958 that the term "Participation Programme" was used for the first time in UNESCO's Programme and Budget.

### **The legal text**

The basic legal, technical, administrative and financial text establishing the Participation Programme is to be found in [10 C/Resolution 7.31 adopted by the General Conference at its 11th session \(14 November-15 December 1960\)](#), which was improved and expanded at its 12th session (9 November-12 December 1962, [12 C/Resolution 7.B.21](#)). UNESCO's membership then stood at 109. In the early 1960s, the accession to independence of a large number of former colonies may have been a factor in the establishment of this programme.

### **Basic Principles**

Resolution 12 C/7.21 had the merit of laying down in specific terms the basic principles of the Participation Programme together with the criteria, eligibility conditions and relevant procedure. This basic text adopted in 1962 was improved and expanded at subsequent sessions of the General Conference, in particular in 1976, 1980, 1997, 2003 and 2005.

### **A complementary Programme**

The participation Programme is in no way a substitute for the regular programme; it is to be seen as rather complementing it by enabling Member States to carry out important projects, particularly in the organisation's main areas of competence. Through this programme UNESCO aims to:

- Achieve its objectives by participating in the sub-regional, inter-regional and regional projects, lead by its Member States and directly related to the activities of the Organization;
- Strengthen the partnership between the Organization and its Member States as well as between the Organization and International Non-Governmental Organizations;
- Boost the actions of the National Commissions for UNESCO;
- Achieve better visibility of UNESCO's action in its Member States

### **Budget**

The Participation Programme has become an important part of the Programme and Budget. The present budget approved for the Participation Programme for 2012-2013 is US\$17,917,800.

The 36th session of the General Conference, in October 2011, decided that for the 2012-2013 biennium the total value of the assistance provided for each request should not be in excess of:

- US\$26,000 for a national project or activity
- US\$35,000 for a subregional or interregional project or activity
- US\$46,000 for a regional project or activity.

The percentage of the total amount approved for the Participation Programme for 2012-2013 should not exceed: 7% for Emergency Assistance, 5% for International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) and 3% for regional activities.

## **In Action**

The Participation Programme helps to invigorate the action of the National Commissions for UNESCO, release creative energies in a number of fields and mobilize efforts in pursuing and implementing projects of current interest.

## **How to participate**

The projects or action plans submitted by the Member States under the Participation Programme must relate to the activities of the Organization, in particular to the major programmes, interdisciplinary projects, the activities on behalf of Africa, least developed countries, youth and women and the activities of the National Commissions for UNESCO.

### **Submitting a request**

For each biennium, after the definite adoption of the programme and budget, a Circular Letter is issued and sent out by the Director General to Ministers responsible for relations with UNESCO, National Commissions and Permanent Delegations, inviting them to submit their written requests under the title of the Participation Programme. (Please view a circular Letter CL/3985 for 2012-2013).

Requests are submitted to the Director-General by the Member State, through the [National Commission](#) for UNESCO, or where there is no National Commission, through a designated government channel.

At the 36th session, the Conference decided that the limit should be set at 10 requests for **Member States** for the 2012-2013 biennium. The requests must be numbered in order of priority from 1 to 10. The order of priority may be changed only by an official letter from the National Commission and before the start of the evaluation process.

**International Non-Governmental Organizations** enjoying formal or operational relations with

UNESCO, of which the list is established by the Executive Board, may submit up to 2 requests under the Participation Programme for projects with subregional, regional or interregional impact, provided that their request is supported by at least the Member State where the project will be implemented and another Member State concerned by the request. In the absence of supporting letters, none of these requests may be considered. These requests must be numbered in order of priority from 1 to 2.

The different types of assistance that can be requested under the Participation Programme are as follows:

- The services of specialists and consultants-Not including staff costs and administrative support
- [Study grants and fellowships](#)
- Publications, periodicals, documentation, translation and reproduction
- Supplies and equipment (other than vehicles)
- Conferences, meetings, translation and interpretation services, participants' travel costs (not including those of UNESCO staff members)
- seminars and training courses

**The deadline for submitting requests for 2012-2013 is set for February 28, 2012.**

See also:

🔗 [Regional Projects](#)

🔗 [Emergency Assistance](#)

## **Regional Projects**

With the aim of strengthening regional cooperation, a new resolution was adopted by the General Conference at its 32nd session (resolution 32/C) for activities of regional character.

For activities of a regional character, each region (Africa, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean) may submit **three requests** in amount not exceeding \$46,000, each presented by one Member State.

These projects, **exclusive** to Member States, need the support of at least three Member States of the same region. The support of other Member States has no implication for requests submitted on their own behalf and they are not included in the quota (of 10 requests) submitted by each Member State.

## **Partners**

### **Member States**

The Participation Programme is open to all Member States and Associate Members or territories.

During the 2002-2003 period, the Director General of UNESCO, Koïchiro Matsuura, made an appeal to the member countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and more particularly to those on its Development Assistance Committee (CAD), to refrain from submitting requests under the Participation Programme in order to increase the amount of resources available for allocations to least developed countries (LDCs).

This was an appeal heeded and renewed for the 2004-2005, 2006-2007 and 2008-2009 bienniums, enabling the intended increase.

### **IONG**

[International Non-Governmental Organizations](#) enjoying formal or operational relations with UNESCO, the list of which is established by the Executive Board, may also submit requests under the title of the Participation Programme.



## National Endowment for Democracy (NED)

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### About NED

The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) is a private, nonprofit foundation dedicated to the growth and strengthening of democratic institutions around the world. Each year, NED makes more than 1,000 grants to support the projects of non-governmental groups abroad who are working for democratic goals in more than 90 countries.

Since its founding in 1983, the Endowment has remained on the leading edge of democratic struggles everywhere, while evolving into a multifaceted institution that is a hub of activity, resources and intellectual exchange for activists, practitioners and scholars of democracy the world over.

### *A Unique Institution*

NED is a unique institution. The Endowment's nongovernmental character gives it a flexibility that makes it possible to work in some of the world's most difficult circumstances, and to respond quickly when there is an opportunity for political change. NED is dedicated to fostering the growth of a wide range of democratic institutions abroad, including political parties, trade unions, free markets and business organizations, as well as the many elements of a vibrant civil society that ensure human rights, an independent media, and the rule of law.

**For Grantseekers** (<http://www.ned.org/grantseekers>)

### *About the Grants Program*

Each year NED makes direct grants to hundreds of nongovernmental groups abroad working to ensure human rights, an independent media, the rule of law and to advance other democratic goals.

We encourage applications for financial support from activist organizations in diverse situations, such as transitional countries where the goal is democratic consolidation, authoritarian countries where the goals are liberalization, and the protection of human rights.

**The next proposal deadline is April 6, 2012 to be considered for approval at the June 2012 Board Meeting.**

### ***NED Core Institutes***

NED also makes grants to four American partners, commonly known as the “Core Institutes,” for work abroad to foster the growth of political parties, electoral processes and institutions, free trade unions, and free markets and business organizations.

- [Solidarity Center :: VISIT](#)
- [Center for International Private Enterprise \(CIPE\) :: VISIT](#)
- [International Republican Institute \(IRI\) :: VISIT](#)
- [National Democratic Institute for International Affairs \(NDI\) :: VISIT](#)

### ***Grant Cycle:***

In 2012, the Board of Directors will meet on the following dates:

- January 13, 2012 **(No longer accepting proposals)**
- March 30, 2012 **(No longer accepting proposals)**
- June 15, 2012 **(Proposal deadline is April 6, 2012)**
- September 7, 2012

## **Application Procedure**

The next meeting of the NED Board of Directors for which NED is accepting proposals will be on June 15, 2012.

All grant applications must be submitted by **April 6, 2012** to be considered for **approval at the June 2012 Board Meeting**.

The NED is no longer accepting proposals for the March 2012 Board Meeting.

### **How are funding decisions made?**

Funding decisions are made on a quarterly basis by the NED Board of Directors. In addition to evaluating how a program fits within the Endowment's overall priorities, the Board considers



factors such as the urgency of a program, its relevance to specific needs and conditions in a particular country, and the democratic commitment and experience of the applicant.

### **What types of programs is the Endowment interested in?**

The Endowment is especially interested in proposals that originate with local democratic groups. It is also interested in nonpartisan programs seeking to strengthen democratic values. Note that the Endowment does not make grants to individuals.

All proposed projects must be consistent with the Endowment's general purposes as briefly outlined in the first paragraph of [About Us](#).

### **How can my organization apply for a grant from the Endowment?**

To apply for a NED grant, submit a proposal cover sheet, proposal and budget to [proposals@ned.org](mailto:proposals@ned.org) or to the appropriate regional Program contact person at the NED. The Endowment can only process incoming proposals if they are accompanied by a Proposal Cover Sheet.

### **Where can I find a Proposal Cover Sheet?**

For your convenience, you can download a proposal cover sheet [here :: PDF](#). It is also in the “pdf” file to the right of this text.

### **Where can I find NED’s proposal guidelines?**

Proposal and budget guidelines are [here :: PDF](#) and in the “pdf” files to the right of this text.

### **What should I make sure to include in the proposal?**

Please consult the attached proposal guidelines for guidance on proposal content.

## ***Contact Information***

**Email:** [proposals@ned.org](mailto:proposals@ned.org)

### **Postal Mail:**

National Endowment for Democracy:

Attn: Grant Proposals

1025 F Street NW, Suite 800

Washington, DC 20004 USA

### **Phone/Fax:**

+1 202.378.9700 / 202.378.9407

### **National Endowment for Democracy**

1025 F Street NW, Suite 800

Washington, DC 20004 / (202) 378-9700

[info@ned.org](mailto:info@ned.org)



## Fundsnet Online Services

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### 1. Fundsnet Online Services

[www.fundsnetonline.com](http://www.fundsnetonline.com)

Fundsnet Online Services is a privately owned Web site created in 1996 for the purpose of providing Nonprofit Organizations, Colleges and Universities with information on financial resources available on the Internet.

Fundsnet Services.com's purpose is to help spread the word about grants programs initiatives, fundraising programs, philanthropy, foundations and 501(c)(3) non-profits organizations sources by posting related links on this site. We do not offer grants opportunities and we do not provide personal financial assistance but a lot foundations, organizations and private companies do, so we dedicate this site to post such resources on one place making such grants initiatives and resources easier to find for those 501(c)(3) organizations in need of a grant opportunity program to accomplish their philanthropic efforts and missions.

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### ***Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS)***

Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS) is a global, independent, not-for-profit network that brings together over 140 associations and support organizations serving philanthropy in 54 countries around the world. The WINGS network:

- creates opportunities to learn from and support one another;
- develops modes of communication and collaboration among themselves;
- contributes to the strengthening of philanthropy worldwide.

WINGS was created in January 2000 to provide a forum for grantmaker support organizations; to support them and provide a means for them to support each other in their often isolated work; and to represent and give them voice. Nowadays, WINGS serves as a meeting place for those engaged in building the institutional infrastructure to support philanthropy everywhere in the world.

Set up on a rotating basis, the WINGS secretariat has been located in Washington DC, Ottawa, Brussels and Manila. In 2011, in response to changing times and new challenges, it moved to a permanent home in São Paulo, Brazil.

### ***Call for Proposals: Business study for an online platform for practitioners in international philanthropy***

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The Global Philanthropy Leadership Initiative (GPLI), a joint initiative of EFC, Council on Foundations and Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS), is accepting submissions of business studies for an online platform for practitioners in international philanthropy.

Launched in 2010, GPLI seeks to improve, develop and grow the practice and impact of philanthropy in a global context. Specifically addressing the obstacles faced by funding and operating programmes across borders, GPLI envisages an online space modeled on social networking platforms in which foundation professionals, donors, non-profit/foundation law experts and others can share information and discuss issues.

Submitted studies should show clearly whether or not GPLI should develop the proposed platform, including

- Analysis of the market
- Viability and financial sustainability
- Possible business models
- Recommendations on conditions and resources required to take this initiative forward

The deadline for submissions is 23 December 2011.

[Download the call for proposals from the following link:](http://efc.be/Networking/InterestGroupsAndFora/Global/Documents/201112_GPLI_OnlinePlatform_StudyTOR.pdf)

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**Contact person**

Proposals should be submitted to **Sevdalina Rukanova** at the European Foundation Centre, [srukanova@efc.be](mailto:srukanova@efc.be).



## Japan Foundation Center

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### ***Mission and Background***

The Japan Foundation Center is a private foundation established by executives of private grant-making foundations in Japan (1) to provide authoritative information on foundations in Japan that award grants, prizes, or scholarships and (2) to publicize the social role and significance of the activities of private grant-making foundations to encourage the practice of philanthropy in Japan's private sector.

In recent years, the grant-making activities of private foundations have increased in Japan, and these activities now attract public attention. The grant-making activities of private foundations have not yet gained wide public recognition, however, because of the lack of publicly available information on these activities.

The Japan Foundation Center therefore serves as a source of up-to-date information on grant-making foundations and their grant programs and makes this information available to grant seekers, grant makers, and the public at large.

Because the encouragement of the practice of philanthropy by Japanese foundations is an important mission of the Japan Foundation Center, the Center publishes directories of grant-making foundations in Japan and a bimonthly newsletter, coordinates joint grant programs conducted by foundations and other organizations, holds meetings for the exchange of information among foundations and with other organizations, and hosts seminars and symposiums to enhance understanding of the role of foundations and contribute to the development of the practice of philanthropy in Japan.

The Center was established on November 20, 1985, and was chartered as a foundation by the Prime Minister's Office on April 1, 1988. The Center's endowment is ¥506 million (approximately US\$4.22 million) as of March 1997.

### **An Outlook of Japanese Grant-Making Foundations**

## Definition of Grant-Making Foundations

Japan has no legally defined concept of grant-making foundations. Article 34 of the Civil Code refers to incorporated foundations (*zaidan hojin*), which include "grant-making foundations" whose major activity is to award grant funds, and "operating foundations" whose major activity is to conduct the foundation's own research projects or to operate art museums, social welfare facilities, and the like. A substantial number of incorporated foundations actually carry out two types of activities: giving grants and conducting their own projects.

The Japan Foundation Center defines incorporated foundations that engage in one or more of the following activities as being, functionally, grant-making foundations:

1. Awarding funds to research and projects carried out by groups and individuals
2. Awarding scholarships or fellowships to students and researchers
3. Presenting awards, including monetary prizes, for meritorious achievements by individual or groups

Foundations that specialize in one of the above three activities - grants, scholarships, and awards - are designated grant-making foundations, scholarship foundations, and award foundations, respectively. However, many Japanese grant-making foundations actually engage in more than one of these activities simultaneously; therefore, the Center regards all foundations that engage in any of the above activities as grant-making foundations. Some incorporated associations (*shadan hojin*) and social welfare corporations (*shakai fukushi hojin*) whose activities are equivalent to those of grant-making foundations are also included in this report, though legally they are not foundations.

## Parameter of Study

According to data supplied by the Prime Minister's Office, the number of incorporated foundations in Japan was 12,586 as of October 2005. On this number, 3,131 were chartered by central government agencies, while \*9,495 were chartered by local governments or their boards of education. Because each chartering agency oversees the foundations under its jurisdiction independently, however, it is difficult to obtain detailed statistics on the foundations as a whole. Moreover, since "grant-making foundation" is not an institutional concept, it is also difficult to identify "grant-making foundations" through these statistics.

For this reason, since 1987 the Center has conducted independent surveys of grant-making foundations. The data, analysis, and conclusions in this report are based on the results of all the surveys conducted since 1987. Specifically, two different groups have been subjected to analysis.

\* Foundations chartered by jointly with central government are counted twice

*Group A:* The 1,134 foundations that have responded at least once to the survey since 1987. Their total assets, total expenditures, and total grant spending (total giving), as well as the content of their programs, are known. Section 2 and 3 of this report, which examine relatively stable categories, such as the date of establishment and chartering agencies, are based on the analysis of this group.

*Group B:* 644 foundations (also included in Group A) that provided up-to-date information in response to the survey conducted in August 2001. Section 4 and 5 of this report, which include statistical analysis of the size of assets, the size of programs, and those categories that vary from year to year, are based on the analysis of this group.

## **Summary of Findings**

The findings of the surveys analyzed in sections 2 through 5 of this report are summarized below.

### ***1. Trends in the establishment of grant-making foundations, their assets, and grant spending***

Examination of trends in the establishment of grant-making foundations reveals a steady increase in the number of such foundations as a whole; however, it is obvious that the number of newly established grant-making foundations has been rapidly decreasing since 1991, representing the recession in progress of Japanese economy.

Examination of trends in total assets and total annual grant spending of the 113 foundations that provided information for the past eighteen years reveals a steady increase of total assets during this period (but having shown a remarkable slow-down in an increase ratio since 1997); meanwhile, the total annual grant spending began to decrease in 1994. The total annual grant spending in 1995 was 12% less than that in 1994 and the total annual grant spending after 1996 reveals the continuous decrease of annual grant spending (see Figure 3 and 4).

### ***2. Size of assets***

The total assets of the 644 foundations in Group B amounted to about ¥1.52 trillion. However, 312 of these foundations, or 49%, have assets of less than ¥1 billion, whereas only 21 foundations, or 3%, have assets of ¥10 billion or more (see Table 1).

By comparison, the combined assets of the 20 largest foundations in the United States, a leading nation in private-sector philanthropy, amounted to about ¥16.2 15.4 trillion - about

thirty one times the combined assets of Japan's 20 largest foundations, which amounted to about ¥ 498 billion (see Table 2 and 3).

### ***3. Size of grant program and grant spending***

The total expenditures for grant programs (grants, scholarships, and awards) of the 644 foundations in Group B amounted to ¥11.9 billion in fiscal 2005. The statistics for fiscal 2000 show that 472 foundations, or 76%, disbursed less than ¥50 million in grants, whereas only 14 foundations, or 2%, disbursed ¥500 million or more in grants (see Table 4).

By comparison, the combined grant spending of the 20 largest foundations in the United States amounted to ¥766 billion - about thirty times the combined grant spending of Japan's 20 largest foundations, which amounted to ¥25 billion (see Table 5 and 6).

### ***4. Features of grant programs***

Most of the grant-making foundations in Group B have two or more grant programs. The total number of grant programs undertaken by the 644 foundations in 2005 is 1,450.

Examination of the distribution of grant programs by type of grants reveals that by far the largest number of programs, 452, were given to research grants. This is followed by grants for the exchange of researchers and organizing conferences, program development and scholarships (see Figure 5).

Examination of the distribution of grant programs by field of grants reveals that the largest number of programs focus on the fields of science and technology, and education (see Figure 6).

Above analysis indicates that the most of grant programs of Japanese foundations currently focus on the encouragement of science and technology and human resources development.

## **Numbers of Grant Programs**

Below we shall analyze grant programs undertaken by grant-making foundations in Japan, focusing on types and fields of grant programs proposed by 644 foundations in Group B for fiscal 2005.

In fiscal 2005, the 644 foundations proposed to undertake a total of 1,450 programs, an average of 2.2 programs per foundation.



Depending on a foundation's policy, programs range from foundation-administered programs, for which unsolicited applications are not accepted, to programs that place no restrictions on applications. At present not many foundations accept non-Japanese applicants overseas.

Generally speaking, the grant programs of Japanese foundations are rather small in size, and many foundations have various eligibility requirements for applicants, which sometime makes it difficult for applicants to gain easy access to grants.

## Classification by Type and Field of Grants

Grant programs can be divided into three types: grant programs, scholarship programs and award programs. As shown in Table 7, the Center has further divided these three basic categories into fifteen types.

Research grants	Grants for the acquisition of equipment
Travel grants for Japanese	Scholarships for Japanese (for study in Japan)
Invitation travel grants for non-Japanese	Scholarships for Japanese (for study overseas)
Grants for conference and seminars	Scholarships for non-Japanese
Publication grants (for translation, editing, or publishing)	Awards and prizes
Grants for exhibitions and performance	Grants for other types of activities
Grants for program development	Grants that not specify the type of activities
Grants for general operating	

Figure 5 shows the number of programs for each of fifteen types. The total exceeds 1,450, the actual total number of grant programs, because some programs fall into more than one classification. For example, single program may include both travel grants for Japanese and invitation travel grants for non-Japanese.

It can be seen from this figure that research grant program which account for 452 of the total, are by far the most numerous type; the other programs are distributed over various types of grants.

Fields of grants are classified in Table 8, and Figure 6 shows the distribution of programs in eleven fields. Again, the total exceeds 1,450, the actual total number of grant programs, and for the same reason as in the analysis of grant programs by types, some programs fall into more than one classification.

Table 8. Fields of Grant Programs

Science and technology	Human services
Social science and humanities	Arts and culture
Health and medical care	International affairs
Environment	Public and social benefit
Education	Other fields

Examination of the distribution of grant programs by field of grant reveals the largest numbers of programs focus on the field of science and technology. This field of science and technology is followed by the education. Above analysis thus means that the main stream of grant programs of Japanese foundations is to encourage science and technology as well as human resources development which are the vital potential for the development of the country.



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## **Office of Science & Technology** (<http://www.usaid.gov/scitech/>)

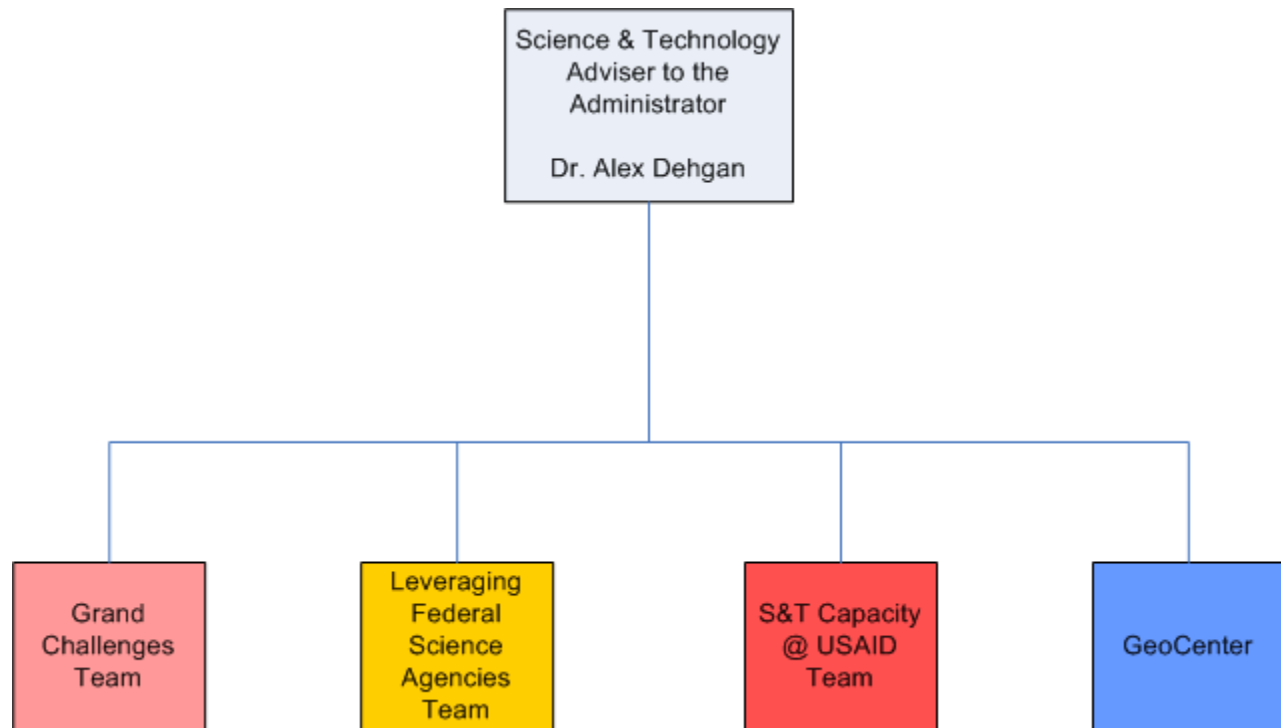
The **Office of Science and Technology (S&T)** aims to transform USAID into the global leader in development by pioneering scientific, technological and research-motivated approaches to traditional development challenges. The Office of Science and Technology is part of the Bureau for Policy, Planning & Learning, and it is one of the pillars of the [USAID Forward](#) reform agenda.

## **About the Office of Science and Technology**

USAID has a proud history of transforming development through science and technology. The Office of Science and Technology, part of the Bureau for Policy, Planning & Learning, is headed by the [Science and Technology Adviser](#) to the Administrator. The office aims to strengthen the Agency's use of S&T for development. It seeks to achieve this vision through four priorities:

- Leading the Agency in the launch of a set of [Grand Challenges for Development](#) and providing novel, creative tools for their implementation
- [Leveraging the resources](#) of other federal science agencies and academic research institutions to support development and developing country S&T.
- Enhancing the Agency's [scientific and technical expertise](#)
- Establishing a [center for spatial analysis](#) that can be used for program planning and evaluations

## S&T Office Org Chart



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## Grand Challenges for Development

USAID is defining Grand Challenges for Development to focus global attention on specific development outcomes based on transformational, scalable, and sustainable change. Grand Challenges for Development, housed in the Office of Science and Technology, focuses on removing critical barriers to development progress and facilitates innovative approaches, particularly those based in science and technology. It will encourage a wide array of solvers to focus their attention on developing sustainable, effective solutions and will build a community to support these solvers.

With this, USAID is articulating problem statements, not pre-determined solutions. This approach will inspire foundations, corporations, and individuals to engage in solving these challenges. USAID is likewise committing our resources to finding solutions and scaling them. The first Grand Challenge for Development, [Saving Lives at Birth](#), was launched in March 2011 and focuses on interventions that can reach and benefit women and newborns in rural, low-

resource settings around the time of birth. Innovators from non-governmental organizations, academic and medical research institutions, faith-based organizations, for-profit companies, medical associations, and foundations have submitted more than 600 proposals that have the potential to save lives.

Grand Challenges for Development in Education, Energy, and Agriculture are under development.

### **Definition**

A Grand Challenge for Development is a way to describe a large and solvable problem. It is not just a statement of a problem, but a definable and quantifiable goal that can be achieved over a specified time frame. The goal itself defines the outcomes by which we will measure success. Solving a Grand Challenge for Development does not necessarily require the creation of new inventions or tools. Rather, solutions may be developed with existing tools and processes in new configurations as well as the development of new knowledge, technologies, or adoption methodologies.

### **Solutions to Grand Challenges for Development will —**

**Achieve Scale** "Moving the needle" in development requires solutions that can be scaled and the mechanisms and incentives to achieve impact at scale. Solutions must start with the goal of reaching millions and then expand from there.

**Are Adoptable** The most important stakeholders of the Grand Challenges for Development are individuals, families, and organizations within developing communities. Our approach to Grand Challenges for Development explicitly acknowledges that development is about meeting demand, not just increasing supply.

**Are Sustainable** Success requires that scaled solutions be sustainable. Broad-based economic growth depends on productive collaboration among the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Sustainable development must create the conditions in which solutions eventually require no outside assistance.

**Utilize 21st century infrastructure** Solutions to Grand Challenges for Development will often not be achieved by replicating developed-country models in developing countries. Rather, they will leverage

leading edge technology  
and low-cost solutions suitable to the local environment.

## Scientific Partnerships

The world's current foreign assistance resources are insufficient to address the major global development problems we face. To achieve our development goals, we must leverage other resources within the public and private sector. The S&T Office seeks to leverage the resources of a wide range of federal science agencies.

Many of these agencies and institutions have technologies and knowledge that could benefit development, but remain an untapped resource. We hope to expand and develop partnerships that increase USAID's technical capacity, identify areas where we may apply domestic scientific research and technologies to shared development problems, and identify shared challenges that affect us at home and abroad.

Some of our partnerships include:

**National Science Foundation Partnership (NSF)** USAID is working with the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) to build and strengthen science and technology capacity in developing countries through cooperative research grants, improved access to scientific knowledge, and higher education and training opportunities.

As a first step in this partnership, USAID announced a new program called [Partnership for Enhanced Engagement in Research \(PEER\)](#) on July 7, 2011. PEER will use USAID funding to directly support scientists in developing countries to work with U.S. scientists who are supported by NSF and are doing research in their country. The goal of the program is to build long-term relationships between developing country scientists and American scientists, and, in the process, provide funding to developing country scientists to build their labs, fund their students and research, and empower them to use science and technology to address local development problems.

Information on how to participate in the the PEER program will be available shortly.

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration Partnership (NASA)** USAID and NASA signed an umbrella Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in April 2011 in which the agencies agreed to expand their already significant partnership and joint activities. The unparalleled engineering and technical expertise of NASA and USAID's deep development expertise have combined to produce several activities of great value to both agencies and our constituents. To date, these have included two flagship partnerships:

[SERVIR](#), a program in the bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade, is an initiative that applies earth observations and predictive models to support decision-making by government officials, managers, scientists, researchers, students, and the public. Currently,

SERVIR addresses eight of the societal benefit areas highlighted by the Group on Earth Observations (GEO): disasters, ecosystems, biodiversity, weather, water, climate, health, and agriculture. The program maintains regional nodes in Panama City, Panama, Nairobi, Kenya, and Khatmandu, Nepal.

[LAUNCH](#) is a unique government and private-sector partnership led by USAID and NASA. Its goal is to identify, support and help take to market creative technologies and other solutions that address global sustainability problems — especially those related to international development. Its first two “cycles” focused on water and health, while the third (currently in development) will focus on energy.

The agencies also agreed to explore potential new or expanded collaborations in several areas such as Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) and Science, Technology, Math, and Engineering (STEM) Education.

Other partnerships the S&T Office is expanding or developing include those with the **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**, **U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)**, **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**, **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**, **Department of Energy (DOE)**, **Department of Agriculture (USDA)**, **National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA)**, **Smithsonian**.

## Internal S&T Capacity

Expanding and empowering the scientific and technical workforce at USAID will stimulate novel thinking for solutions in development and ensure that such thinking spreads and remains throughout the Agency.

Through a variety of programs, tools and mechanisms, we will enable multi-disciplinary, multi-sectoral and multi-generational approaches to development by enhancing the teams of experts that work on these challenges.

### AAAS S&T Policy & Jefferson Science Fellowship Programs

USAID has been a long-time host of [AAAS S&T Policy Fellows](#), a fellowship program sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) that offers PhD scientists and engineers an opportunity to work in Congress and federal agencies on policy issues. Fellows are placed in Washington for one year with the option to extend for a second. In 2011 the Agency re-established the Overseas AAAS Fellowship program, which offers former fellows a chance to work an additional 2 years in USAID Missions.

In conjunction with the State Department, USAID also hosts [Jefferson Science Fellows](#), tenured faculty from U.S. institutions of higher learning who serve as advisors to the Agency for one year in Washington and remotely for a subsequent five years.

USAID has hosted one to two Fellows per year in the past and looks to expand the number of Jefferson fellows in the coming years.

**Photo** 2010-2011 Jefferson Science Fellows from USAID and State Department with Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton.

### **Futures Analysis**

The disciplines inherent in Futures Analysis - scenario planning, data-mining, forecasting, trends analysis, and other analytic, textural and visual tools – will enable USAID to become a more rational and evidence-based development agency. The work can serve as a central driver for supporting Agency policy development and assisting our program planning and project design.

### **GeoCenter**

We have recently established a **Center for the Application of Geospatial Analysis for Development (GeoCenter)** to improve the Agency's ability to use geospatial information technology for spatial analysis, strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation of projects, and communicating results. The GeoCenter serves a coordinating role for the agency, providing guidance and technical assistance to missions and bureaus, as well as geospatial analytical services.

The S&T Office is leading this effort, in coordination with EGAT and the M/CIO.

### **U.S. Assistance to Pakistan –**

#### **Overview**

The United States sees a prosperous, secure, and stable Pakistan as vital to regional peace and security. As part of its commitment to the Pakistani people, the U.S. Government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), has provided nearly \$2 billion in assistance since 2009. U.S. support is helping strengthen Pakistan's energy sector, increase the educational and economic opportunities available to Pakistan's citizens, improve the provision of health care services, and meet critical infrastructure needs in remote mountain areas. USAID also provides substantial relief and recovery assistance, such as when floods devastated the country in 2010.

USAID programs in Pakistan are focused on five key areas: energy, economic growth, stabilization, education, and health. To ensure that programs are responsive to local needs and have a sustainable impact, USAID has adopted a government-to-government model, in which



the majority of programs are implemented through national and provincial governments. USAID also works extensively with local contractors and other indigenous institutions—an approach that ensures programs are aligned with local priorities and build local capacity. Two cross-cutting themes—good governance and gender equity—inform all program design and serve as key measurements of success.

## **Programs**

### **ENERGY**

Energy is essential to economic growth and political stability. Efficient energy management facilitates trade, enhances agricultural and industrial production, supports job creation, and increases opportunities for citizens to benefit from economic growth. The U.S. Government, through USAID, is partnering with the Government of Pakistan, the private sector, and other donors to increase the Pakistan's energy supplies, improve energy use efficiency, modernize equipment, and provide needed technical support and training.

### **ECONOMIC GROWTH**

Economic development is a critical partner to long-term stability. Our Economic Growth Program seeks to secure a self-sustaining future for Pakistan by nurturing competitive enterprises, efficient market environments, effective government policies, and business opportunities for women. In particular, USAID works with governmental and other partners to strengthen Pakistan's agricultural sector, so it can meet domestic food needs while generating export revenues. These initiatives are spurring broad-based economic growth and improving the earning power of people throughout the country.

### **STABILIZATION**

Stable communities are less vulnerable to terrorism and other forms of extremism. USAID's stabilization efforts in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and Khyber Pakhtunkwa Province are critical to long-term regional stability and U.S. security interests. The program seeks to enhance the legitimacy and writ of the Government of Pakistan while improving the economic and social conditions in remote communities affected by conflict. In particular, the program is helping local authorities meet basic infrastructure needs in villages and to support rule-of-law activities.

### **EDUCATION**

Education is a top priority for families in Pakistan, but about 20 million school-age children do not receive a basic education. The U.S. Government, through USAID, is helping ensure that Pakistan's children have access to a quality basic education as well as generous opportunities for higher education. Current projects focus on supporting teacher education, expanding the

use of technology in the classroom, providing training to administrators in budgeting and finance, providing scholarships, and rehabilitating and reconstructing schools.

## **HEALTH**

Since 2003 USAID has worked closely with Pakistan's Ministry of Health, the private sector, and other institutions and donors to improve the health and well-being of the people of Pakistan. Our programs target the poorest and most vulnerable areas, where communities often lack access to comprehensive and reliable health service delivery systems. USAID's health programs help by increasing access to family planning services, improving maternal and child healthcare, controlling major infectious diseases, providing safe drinking water, and strengthening the capacity of key institutions.

## **CROSS-CUTTING THEMES: GOOD GOVERNANCE AND GENDER EQUITY**

Accountable government and women's development are imperative for Pakistan's future. For this reason, USAID incorporates a concern for good governance and gender equality into all of its programs and success indicators. In addition, several targeted programs foster democratic institutions and women's development. These include the Gender Equity Project, the Municipal Services Program, and the Political Parties Development Project.

## **CONTRACTS AND GRANTS**

### **Contracts & Grants: How We Procure**

#### **How does USAID/Pakistan make its award and funding decisions?**

With few exceptions, USAID/Pakistan awards are based on competition. Each competition includes a statement describing the services or assistance program that we are interested in, an explanation of our competition and evaluation procedures, and the evaluation factors upon which our award decision will be based.

#### **How do I find out about competitions for grants and cooperative agreements?**

Competitions for grants and cooperative agreements are posted on [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov). To search that website for funding opportunities with the U.S. Government, go to that website and click on "Find Grants Opportunities" and select "Browse by Agency." Select US Agency for International Development from the list and check whether there are any listings for Pakistan.

#### **How do I find out about competitions for contracts?**

There are two possible answers depending on the size of the procurement and other factors: Most large contract competitions will be posted on the following U.S. Government website: [www.fedbizopps.gov](http://www.fedbizopps.gov)

To search that website for contract opportunities with the U.S. Government, go to that website and sign on as a "vendor". To find a particular department or agency, enter the appropriate acronym in the Search box. For example, to find listings with the U.S. Agency for International Development, enter "AID" in the Search box. You will then find two rows, one for "Overseas Missions" and one for "Washington DC". To check whether there are any listings for Pakistan, go to Overseas Missions, select "Locations" and then look for "Pakistan".

Some contract competitions will be limited to business concerns or organizations operating in Pakistan (i.e. "local procurements"). Notice of these competitions may be advertised in English language newspapers in Pakistan in addition to, or instead of, being advertised on the fedbizopps website.

[USAID-PAKISTAN RFA-391-11-000005: Improving the Quality of Reading Activity \(IQRA\)](http://www.usaid.gov/pk/docs/USAIDPakistanRFA-391-11-000005.pdf)

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[Gender Equity Program Funding Opportunities](http://www.usaid.gov/pk/docs/GEPInfo.pdf) (<http://www.usaid.gov/pk/docs/GEPInfo.pdf>)

[Small Grant Funding Opportunities](http://www.usaid.gov/pk/docs/smallgrantfunding.pdf) (<http://www.usaid.gov/pk/docs/smallgrantfunding.pdf> )

**PART-III**

**ALPHABETICAL LIST OF**

**INTERNATIONAL FUNDING AGENCIES**

## **Alphabetical List of International Funding Agencies**

### **A**

#### **AANGEPASTE TECHNOLOGIE ONTWIKKELINGS LANDEN-ATOL**

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#### **AARON DIAMOND AIDS RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

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