



AL JALILA SEED GRANTS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Background

Al Jalila Foundation (AJF) is committed to promote biomedical research within Dubai and the UAE to the benefit of its economy and population.

With the Seed Grants (SG), its aims to encourage research activities within the UAE which may not have immediate practical applications but are of high scientific interest. Financial support will only be provided to research proposals meeting minimum requirements as measured by their scientific worthiness and practicality. The scientific worthiness of each application will be assessed by the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) with the support from international/external reviewers, experts in the topic proposed.

Eligibility

- A UAE National or a legal resident of the UAE is eligible to apply for the grant.
- The proposed research work should be conducted in the UAE.
- Be employed by an institution or partnering with an institution granting access to the facilities required to realise the research proposal.
- The applicant should have suitable qualifications to conduct the proposed research as reviewed by SAC.
- A track record in research with publications in international journals is an advantage.
- It is expected that applicants satisfy high standards of behavior and character at all times. Any incidents or adverse indicators at any time would affect the continuity of the sanctioned grant.

Required documents

- Full grant application in English in the given template/format should be submitted before the grant deadline.
- **For UAE Nationals:** a copy of the UAE passport and Emirates ID
- **For foreign nationals:** a copy of the passport, residency visa and Emirates ID valid during the application. These documents should be valid throughout and grant period; in case any of these documents needs to be renewed, new copies should be submitted along with the progress reports.



- A copy of employment certificate
- An institutional confirmation of the support for the research as per AJF template.
- In the case of joint submissions, the required documents should be provided for each applicant.
- Copy of the “Ethical Approval” should be submitted to AJF within three months of the grant award. The grant will not be disbursed until the ethical approval is received. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to obtain the ethical approval.

Timelines

15 May 2018 – Last date for submission of requests.

20 October 2018 – Recipients of the grants notified of the decision regarding their application.

Terms of Support

- There is no specific minimum for the grant amount applied for but the upper limit is set at AED 300,000; applications requesting more will be rejected.
- The amount of the grant awarded will be based on the detailed budget submitted as part of the application.
- The release of funds will be in line with the approved grant budget.
- The number of awarded grants is limited by the funds available. The available funds will be utilized fully, only if enough applications are short-listed according to the internal and external review process. Competitive proposals stand a better chance of being awarded.
- The research will not be limited to any particular institution within the Government or private sector, nor particular type of research (basic versus applied) or timeline (6-months versus 24 months).
- It is the sole responsibility of the grant applicant to comply with any mandatory regulatory requirements related to the research proposal.
- AJF will not support industry-sponsored clinical trials nor act as a sponsor for clinical trial.
- AJF does not in any way assume any responsibility whatsoever for the research or the outcome of the same. The commitment is limited strictly to the funds provided and the amount as approved.

Sanction/Approval

- The initial screening of the applications will be done on receiving a complete application.
- The assessment and shortlisting of applications will be undertaken by SAC with support from international reviewers.
- The decision can be one of the following:
 - Full sanction – the total amount asked for is approved
 - Partial sanction – part of the amount asked for is approved



- Reject
- The decision made will be communicated to the applicant in writing as per specified timelines.
- All decisions are final and will be considered irrevocable once communicated in writing and no further review or request will be considered.
- The application forms should be completed fully as required and submitted before the deadlines. Non-adherence to the grants requirements and process can lead to the disqualification of the proposal.

Allowance disbursement

- The release of funds will be based solely on the budget recommended by SAC and approved by the AJF-BOD.
- The amount sanctioned will be released on a yearly basis and directly transferred by an inter-bank payment to the institution of the Principal Researcher as specified in the application.
- Funds transfer will be made within 14 working days once all mandatory requirements are met.
- The funds for the second year will only be released once a satisfactory first year progress report including the utilization of fund is received from the Principal Investigator.
- The first year progress report should be received within 4 weeks of the completion of the first year to minimize delay in reviewing and authorizing the disbursement of the fund for the second year.