



## Al Jalila Foundation Research Seed Grants

Application Cycle 2020

Frequently Asked Questions

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**1. What is the maximum amount of fund available to the researchers to conduct research on Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and how long can the research be?**

Researchers are invited to apply for seed grants of up to AED 500,000 per research project over 1 to 2 year period.

**2. Are research grants available to UAE Nationals only?**

No, the research grants are available to UAE Nationals and residents of the UAE provided that the research is conducted in the UAE. Applicants should hold positions at local universities, research or clinical institutions in the UAE.

Please review the “Terms and Conditions” document on Al Jalila Foundation Website: <https://www.aljalilafoundation.ae/what-we-do/research/seed-grants/>

**3. Is it possible to include a Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI) from outside the UAE?**

Researchers can include a Co-Principal Investigator from outside the UAE provided the following are fulfilled:

- i. The proposed research work is conducted in the UAE.
- ii. The Primary Investigator (PI) is employed by an institution in the UAE, or is partnering with an institution in the UAE that grants access to the facilities required to realise the research proposal.
- iii. Every application must have at least one Co-PI residing in the UAE to ensure Al Jalila Foundation funds and research mission are not impacted in the event the PI is unable to continue the research. This could include reasons such as resignation from the current institution, retirement, changes in personal/professional situations, etc.



- iv. The research fund will be used to conduct research in the UAE. The fund cannot be transferred outside the UAE.

**4. Please guide me about the application process for the seed grants focused on COVID-19, including the Application Form, and other essential documents.**

Kindly visit Al Jalila Foundation website to access the required information and documents including the Application Form, Terms and Conditions, and application timeline: <https://www.aljalilafoundation.ae/what-we-do/research/seed-grants/>

**5. Are there any Biosafety Level 3 (BSL-3) laboratories in the UAE?**

We understand that there are a number of BSL-3 Labs in the UAE, especially in Abu Dhabi. Kindly conduct your own research and/or check with researchers in your network to obtain additional information.

**6. Does the researcher need to obtain ethical approval at the time of the application submission or after the application is approved by Al Jalila Foundation?**

The ethical approval will be required only after the application is approved by Al Jalila Foundation. Once it is approved, the researcher will have up to three months to obtain the ethical approval.

**7. Is the current seed grants application cycle open for research on COVID-19 only, or the researchers are also allowed to propose other research topics like cancer and cardiovascular diseases?**

The current seed grants application cycle is strictly focused on COVID-19 research relevant to the UAE. This is to support UAE efforts to combat COVID-19 outbreak and help develop the capacity to address other pandemic, viral diseases in the future.

**Note: If you have further questions, please e-mail us at [research@aljalilafoundation.ae](mailto:research@aljalilafoundation.ae)**