



Al Jalila Foundation Research Grants 2022

Terms and Conditions

Introduction

The main aim of the Research Grants is to encourage research activities relevant to the UAE and the region. Grants will only be provided to research proposals meeting the 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) of Al Jalila Foundation with the support from International Peer Reviewers, and experts in the topic proposed.

Eligibility

- A UAE National or a legal resident of the UAE.
- The proposed research work should be conducted in the UAE.
- The Primary Investigator (PI) must be employed by an institution or partnering with an institution granting access to the facilities required to realise the research proposal.
- The PI should have suitable qualifications to conduct the proposed research as reviewed by SAC.
- The PI should have a track record in research with publications in high impact international journals.
- It is expected that the PI shall satisfy high standards of behaviour and character at all times. Any incidents or adverse indicators at any time would affect the continuity of the sanctioned grant.
- Chairperson and Members of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of Al Jalila Foundation are not eligible to apply for the grant.

Required documents

- Research Grant Application (to be downloaded from the Grants Management System).
 - Project Summary (to be downloaded from the Grants Management System).
 - Letter of Consent by the Institution: an institutional confirmation of the support for the research as per Al Jalila Foundation template (to be downloaded from the Grants Management System).
 - Resume(s) of the Principal Investigator(s).
- For UAE Nationals: a copy of the UAE passport and Emirates ID. For UAE residents: a copy of the passport, residency visa and Emirates ID.



The above documents should be valid throughout the grant period. In case any of these documents need to be renewed, copies of valid documents should be uploaded to the Grants Management System. It is the sole responsibility of the applicants to provide a copy of the valid documents.

- A copy of the employment certificate.
- In the case of joint submissions, required documents should be provided for each PI (i.e., resume, passport copy, Emirates ID copy, employment certificate).
- A copy of the “Ethical Approval” should be uploaded to the Grants Management System within 3-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.

Note: Ethical approvals not received by the allowed 3-months period of the grant award should be reviewed by SAC for approving the new date by which the ethical approval must be received.

Please access the Grants Management System and log in using UAE Pass to submit the above required documents on the following link: <https://aljalila.force.com/>

Timelines

- **Last date of submission of applications** - Please visit the Research page on Al Jalila Foundation Website.
- **Recipients of the grants notified of the decision regarding the application** - Please visit the Research page on Al Jalila Foundation Website.

Terms of Support

- There is no minimum for the grant amount but the maximum is AED 300,000 for a 2-year research. Applications requesting beyond the maximum grant amount 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 a specific institution within the Government or private sector.
- It is the sole responsibility of the grant applicant to comply with any mandatory regulatory requirements related to the research proposal.
- Al Jalila Foundation will not support industry-sponsored clinical trials nor act as a sponsor for clinical trials.



- Al Jalila Foundation 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

- Only applications with the required information and supporting documents received prior to the cut-off date will be considered.
- The assessment and shortlisting of applications will be undertaken by SAC with support from International Peer Reviewers in adherence with the following:
 - a) An applicant can submit a maximum of one application as a PI and one application as a co-PI per grant funding cycle. Also, the PI or co-PI of an already funded grant can apply in the next grant cycle provided there is no overlap in the research timelines. That is, the PI's new research can commence only after the completion of the previously funded research.
 - b) Every application has to have at least one co-PI to ensure Al Jalila Foundation funds and research mission is not negatively impacted in the event the PI being is unable to continue the research. This could include reasons such as, resignation from the current institution, retirement, changes in personal/professional situations, etc.
 - c) A portion of the Research grants budget should be allocated to research projects addressing local health priority areas.
- The grant approval will be done as per the Delegation of Authority of Al Jalila Foundation.
- The decision about the fund amount can be one of the following:
 - Full sanction - the total requested amount is approved,
 - Partial sanction - only a part of the requested amount is approved, or
 - Reject - the application is rejected.
- 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 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.



Grant Disbursement

- The release of funds will be based solely on the budget recommended by SAC and approved by the Al Jalila Foundation Board of Directors.
- The amount sanctioned will be released on a yearly basis for a 2-year research 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.

Administration

Queries related to Research Grants to be directed to:

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