



Funding Opportunities for Research National & International Funding Agencies

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Funding Agencies Booklet

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National Funding Platforms

Higher Education Commission (HEC) Grant Programs

National Research Program for Universities (NRPU)

Introduction

NRPU is a flagship Research Program of HEC for funding research grants on competitive merit for high-quality and promising scientific research projects that demonstrate strategic relevance and cast impact to the local industry and society. The program is open for contributions related to both basic and applied research.

Area of Research

- **Discipline**
NRPU for all Disciplines.
- **Objectives**
NRPU aims to stimulate scientific excellence and the advancement of knowledge by allowing researchers the freedom to formulate by themselves the research concept and method.
- **Domain/Theme**
Arts & Humanities, Economic & Social Research, Engineering & Physical Sciences, Medical Sciences, Biotechnology & Biological Sciences, Natural & Environmental Sciences, Science & Technology.

Criteria

- Principle Investigator must be faculty member (PhD or FCPS/MCPS/FRCS) working in HEC universities and can hold only one NRPU grant at a time.

Funding Amount

Budgets for NRPU awards range up to Rs. 20 Million, with a maximum project duration of 3 years.

Deadlines

For 2021, last date of submission of proposal was 07th May, 2021. (Deadline date varies)

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Interim placement of Fresh PhDs (IPFP)

Introduction

The IPFP (Interim Placement of Fresh PhDs Program) was launched in 2009 by HEC with the objective of providing employment to selected fresh PhDs for one year as Assistant Professor against vacant TTS (Tenure Track System) positions in public or private universities.

Area of Placements/Research

- **Discipline**
NRPU for all Disciplines.
- **Objectives**
The objective of the program is to assist fresh PhD graduates in acquiring the skills and exposure needed to enter the academic job market.
- **Domain/Theme**
IPFP is for open for all disciplines as per the requirements.

Criteria

Individuals who are native of Pakistan/AJK having degree of PhD with two research papers published in HEC recognized/indexed journals, not more than age of 40 at the time of advertisement are eligible to apply.

Pay/Funding Amount

HEC will pay a fixed Salary/Remuneration, currently fixed at PKR 100,000/- per month for a period of 12 months from the date of joining to the IPFP Fellows.

Deadlines

IPFP opens as per the requirement and nature of vacant TTS posts.

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International Research Support Initiative program (IRSIP)

Introduction

Higher Education Commission of Pakistan is offering a six-month research fellowship abroad to those students who are enrolled in full time PhD programs in Pakistan. This is providing exposure to the PhD scholars which will enhance the quality of research that they will be conducting in Pakistan.

Area of Research/Fellowship

For all disciplines which includes Agriculture & Veterinary Sciences, Biological & Medical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Management Sciences and Social Sciences.

Objectives

To enhance the quality of doctoral research in Pakistan. To introduce Pakistani talent globally. And to provide exposure to the Pakistani PhD students.

Criteria

AJK/Pakistani nationals who is full time PhD student, have completed coursework of 18 credit hours are eligible. Students can apply after two years of enrollment in PhD.

Funding Amount

Maximum amount of bench fee allowed under IRSIP scheme is \$ 3500.

Durations

IRSIP is six-months fellowship program.

Deadlines

Applications can be submitted round the year.

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Pakistan Program for Collaborative Research (PPCR)

Introduction

Pakistan Programme for Collaborative Research allows for university faculty working in Pakistan to go abroad or for researchers from technological advanced countries to come to Pakistan. Preference is given to faculty members visiting foreign institutions that have recognized excellence in the relevant research area.

Area of Research

PPCR is for all disciplinary research.

Objectives

The main aim of this funding, which is open to all fields of research, is to initiate or to consolidate international collaborations. To reach this aim, short research activity between the host institution and the visiting fellow should be carried out during the stay.

Criteria

Faculty members in HEC recognized universities with 3 years Post-PhD experience and having good publications record are eligible to apply.

Funding Amount

Maximum allowance is US\$2000 per month with return airfare is Rs 1,85000.

Durations

Minimum 4 weeks to maximum 4 months as per the nature of the program.

Deadlines

Deadline date varies as per the recommendations of HEC.

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University Industry Technology Support Program (UITSP)

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. 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.

Area of Research

For all disciplines.

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.

Criteria

Principal Investigator (PI) should have an advanced academic degree and relevant research experience, and be a member of the international professional organization and hold a position in a public University/Institution.

Funding Amount

Maximum funding amount is 6.00 million rupees and in very special cases it reaches at 8.00 million.

Duration

The project duration is 2 years.

Deadline

(Not Available)

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Thematic Research Grant Program

Introduction

HEC is concentrating on promoting research culture in social sciences. It intends to encourage the creative and talented faculty members to probe into those areas that check the growth, development and progress of Pakistan. Thematic research program in social sciences aims to discourage the on-going brain drain and utilizing the innovative thinking of researchers.

Area of Research

Thematic Research Grant Program is for Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Objectives

This program aims to Identify all those possible avenues which can ensure the concept of innovation and commercialization of research output. It also aims to ensure continuity, implementation, and institutionalization of previous research done under Thematic Research Grant Program.

Criteria

Faculty members having PhD and MPhil/MS degrees are eligible to apply. All faculty members of government universities and 28 private universities (mentioned in the website) are eligible for public-private partnerships as per this program.

Funding Amount

Maximum funding would be up to Rs. 10.0 million for each research project.

Duration

Grants will be awarded for one year.

Deadline

Deadline date varies as per the recommendations of HEC.

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Upgradation of Labs Program

Introduction

HEC aimed to strengthen and up-grade the existing Laboratories and Libraries of recognized public sector Universities/Degree Awarding Institutions and recognized campuses.

Area of Research (Fund Awarding Domains)

Grant will be used for the purchase of small to medium sized scientific equipment, library material like chemicals, glass wares, oscilloscope, telescope, electrometer, Photostat machine, Scanner and other research equipment/items.

Objectives

The objective of this program is to support higher education institutions by giving grants of maximum 3.00 Million to upgrade their existing laboratories and libraries in order to conduct research work in different fields.

Criteria

Applicants (PI) should be regular/TTS basis faculty members in universities of Pakistan. All universities within Pakistan are eligible to apply. All proposals will be submitted through online system.

Funding Amount

Maximum funding would be up to Rs. 3 million.

Duration

Grants will be awarded whenever items, equipment and other research materials are needed to respective universities.

Deadline

Deadline date varies as per the recommendations of HEC.

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Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program

Introduction

The project offers 1000 fellowships over a span of 5 years. These fellowships are offered on open merit at the national level. Seventy percent slots are reserved for faculty members of public sector universities and institutes, private universities are given 15 percent slots and 15 percent of these slots are kept for public sector R&D organizations (recognized by Pakistan Council of Science and Technology).

Area of Research/Domains

Post-Doctoral Fellowship program is for all disciplines.

Objective

To provide an opportunity to work in well-equipped research laboratories of the world and to work in new/ emerging fields. To develop further foreign linkages through placement of PhD students and other researchers at the host institution.

Criteria

Hold PhD degree from HEC recognized university and be a regular employee of public/private sector HEC recognized university/degree awarding institution or public sector R&D organization.

Funding Amount

The maximum fellowship amount per scholar for total duration of scholarship (including living allowance, Health Insurance, Research/Lab cost and Air Ticket).

I	Living Allowance*	USD 1,600 per month
ii	Health Insurance**	USD 2,000 Once
iii	Research Lab/Experimentation Cost***	USD 6,000 Once
Iv	Air Ticket (Return)****	PKR 250,000 Once

Duration

This fellowship program is for over a span of 5 years.

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Partial Support Program

Introduction

The Higher Education Commission has instituted a special financial scheme to provide relief to students of the final stages of doctoral studies. Through this scheme, monetary support can be provided to overseas scholars who require partial assistance in the final stages of their doctoral studies. This applies to PhD students who need this support to complete their programs.

Area of Research

Partial Support Program is for all the programs/disciplines of doctoral studies.

Objectives

This program aims to provide a safety net to students and faculty members studying abroad for their PhD.

Criteria

This applies to PhD students.

Funding Amount

Under the Partial Support for PhD Program, HEC will grant successful applicants a one-time award with a maximum amount of US \$15,000. The amount can cover tuition fee, research or study related expenses, or living allowances.

Duration

The program is open for applications the entire year. Meetings are held every quarter for the selection of individuals who will receive the award. This award is for the last year of PhD studies.

Deadline

Deadline date varies as per the recommendations of HEC, however applications are welcome entire year.

Contact Details

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<https://hec.gov.pk/english/scholarshipsgrants/Pages/International%20Scholarships/Partial%20Support%20Program%20-%20PSP/IntroductionObjectives.aspx>

Textbook and Monograph Writing Scheme

Introduction

The Textbook and Monograph Writing Scheme was created by the Higher Education Commission for the specific purpose of developing high quality literature and textbooks to support academic materials in the higher education sector.

Area of Research

This scheme is for the following areas/disciplines Information Technology, Robotics, Biotechnology, Basic Sciences, Social Sciences, Management Sciences, Behavioral Sciences, Arts & Humanities, Agriculture, Engineering and Health Sciences.

Objectives

This program aims to promote academic writing skills, get intellectual input from writers on national issues, to provide a platform for writers to explore and share their ideas and information.

Criteria

This scheme is open for researchers and faculty members from HEC recognized public, private universities and R&D organizations across the country.

Funding Amount

HEC provides maximum amount of Rs. 1 lac. However, amount varies as the per the nature of write-up and publications.

Duration and Deadlines

This program is open when HEC needs to advertise it. Upon advertisement applicants need to submit their respective write-up data within given deadlines.

Procedure

Interested authors/writers who meet the eligibility criteria available on the website may submit their proposals in soft & hard form (only one set) along with the following required documents to the Director Library, Higher Education Commission, H-9, Islamabad:

Contact Details

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Website: <https://hec.gov.pk/english/services/faculty/MTBW/Pages/default.aspx>

HEC Research Travel Grant

Introduction

HEC has set up a special Research Travel Grant Fund for University faculty, PhD scholars, and MS students at Pakistani Universities. Under this program, an academician or student selected to present research work at a national or international academic event is eligible to get funding from his/her academic institution and the academic institute will ultimately seek funding from HEC by applying for reimbursement.

Area of Research

For the research work of all disciplines/programs.

Objectives

This program aims to extend financial assistance to faculty and researchers to present their research work at national and international events and to share academic and research experiences and achievements at national as well as international level.

Criteria

The principal author (could be either first or the corresponding author who are citizen of Pakistan) of the presented paper will be eligible.

Funding Amount

HEC provides funds as per the nature of conference/event. Details are

- **International Travel:**
Airfare (as per HEC policy), Registration Fee (up to a maximum of USD 500), Accommodation (up to \$100 per night) as per number of days of the conference+1 day, Daily Allowance (as per HEC policy).
- **National Travel:**
Conference fee, if applicable. TA/DA as admissible in Govt. rules as per number of days of the conference+1 day.

Procedure

In order to avail Travel Grant, applicants may apply to his/her respective University (public sector and eligible private sector) and the University will ultimately seek funding from HEC by applying for reimbursement. HEC will not entertain the applications directly under the said program.

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Pakistan-US Science and Technology Cooperation Program

Introduction

This program is implemented by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) in the U.S. and by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) in Pakistan. It is intended to increase the strength and breadth of cooperation and linkages between Pakistani scientists and institutions with counterparts in the United States.

Area of Research

This program aims to contribute in several disciplines like Education, Health, Nutrition, Water/sanitation, Agriculture, Democracy and governance, Technology transfer, Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and commercialization, Economic development, Social sciences and Environment & energy.

Objectives

Projects funded under this solicitation should contribute to building research capacity in Pakistan while strengthening U.S. - Pakistan cooperative relationships by enhancing the ability of the science and technology community to spur human and economic development in Pakistan. It also aims to improve the capacity of Pakistani research institutions to support industry competitiveness.

Criteria

Principal Investigator (PI) can submit the proposal as per the mentioned guidelines on the website. Proposals are to be developed by partnerships that should include at least one Pakistani partner and one U.S. partner. Pakistani partners must be based at a HEC-recognized public sector university or a HEC-recognized private sector research funding eligible university. PI and Co-PI may submit one proposal at a time.

Funding Amount

Financial support will be provided as per the nature of the proposals/projects. The total budget of the project should not exceed more than \$500,000 for the life of the project. Financial details are available in the following link: <https://hec.gov.pk/english/services/universities/Pak-Uj-stcp/Pages/Financial-Guidelines.aspx>

Duration

Requests for funding can vary in amount and length but should not exceed three years.

Deadline

All proposal must submit online through given link on website, however deadline date varies.

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Other National Platforms

Dr SJ Zuberi Research Grant (PMRC)

Introduction

The Pakistan Medical Research Council invites research projects for funding under Dr. Sarwar Jehan Zuberi Research Grant. Each year one research project will be funded under this grant and the theme shall be chosen from one of the priority areas for health research.

Area of Research

Health research especially in Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

Objective

The aim of this grant is to promote health research in Pakistan.

Criteria

Principal Investigator (PI) and Co-PI who are faculty members in universities of Pakistan are eligible to apply.

Funding Amount

Maximum project budget is Rs. 0.5M

Duration

Project duration varies from 6 months to 1-2 years as per the nature of the project.

Deadline

Deadline time varies.

Contact Details

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Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF)

Introduction

Pakistan Science Foundation(PSF) is the apex body for promotion and funding of scientific and technological research and science popularization in the country. The Foundation functions as a link of Pakistan Museum of Natural History (PMNH)/ Pakistan Scientific and Technological Information Center (PASTIC) agency for the establishment of comprehensive scientific and technological information dissemination centers, promotion of research in the universities and other institutions, establishment of science centers, museums, promotion of scientific societies, organization of periodical science conferences, exchange of visits of scientists with other countries, prizes and fellowships to individuals engaged in developing processes of consequence to the economy of the country.

1. Research Support Program

Area of Research

- **Discipline**
PSF for all Disciplines.
- **Objectives**
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.
- **Domain/Theme**
Research projects funded by the Foundation produce trained manpower in the form of MPhil and PhD graduates and other staff appointed in the projects, patents and a number of local and international publications.

Criteria

Any researchers, engineers, technologists, innovators and industrialists (public/private sector) are eligible to apply as per respective proposals criteria.

Procedure for Project Funding

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.

Funding Amount

More than 25 Million.

Deadlines

Deadlines for the research funds varies as per the time and nature of call of proposals. For deadlines of the current proposals, visit: <http://www.psf.gov.pk/default.aspx>



2. PSF Institutional Grant

Introduction

Pakistan Science Foundation assists the universities and research institutions by providing them Institutional Support Grants for the purchase of lab. equipment, chemicals, literature etc. to strengthen the research capabilities of these institutions in order to carryout R&D work.

Area of Funding

Grants for the purchase of lab. equipment, chemicals, literature etc. to strengthen the research capabilities of these institutions in order to carryout R&D work.

Objectives

To support institutes for scientific research.

Criteria and Funding Amount

Those institutes who meet the criteria and in need of purchase of scientific materials are eligible for this grant program.

Duration and Deadline

Duration and Deadline varies.

3. PSF Research Support (Support to Scientific Societies)

Introduction

Pakistan Science Foundation provides grants-in-aid to these societies and learned bodies for holding of conferences and publication of scientific journals.

Area of Research

For conferences and publications of all disciplines.

Objectives

To promote publications and conferences culture within the research societies.

Criteria

- Societies should be registered with Registrar Societies under the Societies Act XXI of 1860.
- They should have fairly good membership.
- They should have established credibility at national level.

Funding Amount

Maximum grant is 1 lac PKR.

Duration and Deadline

Funds allocate for one year.



4. Grants for Publications in Journal

Introduction

PSF funds to support research publications in selected journals of Pakistan.

Area of Funding

For all disciplines.

Objectives

To promote journals for valuable and significant research work publication.

Criteria

Only selected journals and those who meet the criteria of PSF are eligible for that grant.

Funding Amount

Maximum amount 1 lac PKR per journal.

Duration

This grant is provided once a year.

5. PSF Grants for Awards and Fellowships

Introduction

Awards and prizes are granted by PSF to individuals engaged in developing processes, products, invention/innovations in order to provide incentive for valuable scientific Research.

Awards Categories

- Awards for inventions/innovations.
- Awards for commendable achievements in PSF research projects.

Objective

Aim to promote valuable scientific research.

Criteria

Eligibility criteria for Fellowships:

- The Candidate must be enrolled for M.Phil/Ph.D. in a Public Sector University.
- He/She should have throughout 1st Division in his/her academic career.
- He/She should not have any other source of income.

Funding Amount

Maximum 13,000 PKR per month to carry out research work.



Duration and Deadline

Duration and deadline varies.

6. Grants to Science Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

Introduction

The Foundation provides financial assistance to universities and R&D Organizations for organizing Science Conferences, Seminars, Workshops and Symposia on important scientific topics where scientists present their research findings.

Area of Research/Disciplines of events

All disciplines.

Objectives

To promote scientific events cultures within the country to boost scientific research work.

Criteria and Procedure

The Organizers of the Conference/Seminar/Workshop/Symposia are required to make a formal request on the prescribed PSF Performa and submit it through proper channel. On approval of the grant, a Contract Agreement is signed between PSF & the organizer for utilization of the grant and submission of audit & utilization report for adjustment of accounts.

Funding Amount

Each year, Foundation provides a reasonable amount to concerned institutions for organizing such events.

Duration

This grant is for scientific events and duration depends upon the days of events.

Deadline

Organizers of the event are required to submit formal request as per format in any time.

Contact Details

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International Funding Platforms

TWAS-COMSTECH

Introduction

The World Academy of Sciences for the advancement of science in developing countries, known worldwide by its acronym, TWAS, supports sustainable prosperity through research, education, policy and diplomacy. The Academy is based in Trieste, Italy.

Area of Research

Area of research and funding includes Earth Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Information Technology and Computer Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, renewable energy, Materials Science including Nanotechnology.

Objectives

TWAS-COMSTECH aims to Recognize, support and promote excellence in scientific research in the developing world and to respond to the needs of young scientists in countries that are still developing in science and technology.

Criteria

Applications are invited for the fellowships, visiting faculties, awards and research activities. Applicants status varies as per the nature of applications. Researchers, PhD degree holding candidates and faculty members are eligible to apply as per the funding program.

Funding Amount

Maximum funding amount in TWAS-COMSTECH is 15000 USD.

Duration

Maximum duration of funding program is 18 months (3 years).

Deadline

Research grant deadline of TWAS-COMSTECH varies, however, usually mid of the April is the normal deadline every year.

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Grand Challenges Canada (GCC)

Introduction

Grand Challenges Canada is dedicated to supporting Bold Ideas with Big Impact®. Funded by the Government of Canada and other partners, Grand Challenges Canada funds innovators in low- and middle-income countries and Canada. The bold ideas Grand Challenges Canada supports integrate science and technology, social and business innovation – known as Integrated Innovation®.

Area of Research

Area of research are Drug Discovery and Vaccine development, Diagnostics, Health and Medical Education, Maternal and Child Health, Non-Communicable Diseases Health-Related Water, Sanitation, Agriculture and Nutrition.

Objective

To catalyze innovation that saves and improves the lives of the most vulnerable in Canada and low- and middle-income countries.

Criteria

Applicants are of any status from any domain of research are eligible to apply.

Funding amount

Funding amount varies and are in million dollars as per the nature of projects.

Duration and Deadlines

Duration of project varies from 1 year to 3 years and more. In addition, call for proposals remain open in intervals during whole year.4

Contact details

For general enquiries about projects, Email: info@grandchallenges.ca

HERMES (George Forster Research Fellowship)

Introduction

George Forster Research Fellowship is German based grant program in which the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation sponsors researchers of PhD and postdoctoral from developing and transition countries.

Area of Research

This grant is for all disciplines.

Objectives

This program aims to facilitate the researchers at various stages of careers from developing and transition countries.

Criteria

Experienced researchers from any disciplines and PhD and postdoctoral candidates are eligible to apply.

Funding Amount

Maximum monthly fellowship amount is 3,170 Euro.

Duration

Duration of the fellowship program varies from 6 to 18 months.

Deadline

The Selection Committee responsible for reviewing applications to this programme meets every February, June and October. Please send your completed application form, including any additional documents required, well in advance of the desired selection date.

Contact Details

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INSPIRE (British Council)

Introduction

The INSPIRE (International Strategic Partnership in Research and Education) started in 2008 to design a programme to strengthen significantly the relationship' between countries in South Asia and the UK through making a transformational increase in the number and scope of partnerships between UK universities and universities in the priority countries in the region.

Area of Research

Area of research include education (including English language), law governance and leadership, health sciences (non-clinical), Intercultural understanding and relations, Economics, clean drinking water, power and energy, environment.

Objective

The value of making collaboration in research- the main focus for international partnership programmes and the enhancement of the prospects for securing additional national and international research funding.

Criteria

Status of applicants varies as per the nature of programs. From researchers to PhD holding candidates are eligible to apply.

Funding Amount

Funding amount varies as per the nature of the projects duration of which is month to more.

Durations

From one month to years, depends on the nature of project and funding.

Deadline

Deadline varies as per the announcement of the project.

Contact Details

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- Tele Phn#+92 (51) 111 425 425
- Website: <https://www.britishcouncil.pk/>

International Foundation for Science (IFS)

Introduction

IFS was founded in 1972 as a non-governmental organization in Sweden, where its Secretariat is located in Stockholm. IFS is a global organization that is supported by a multicultural Secretariat with eleven staff (nine women and two men) who come from eight countries around the world. It is governed by an international Board of Trustees that has representation from all regions in which it operates, as well as expertise in fund-raising, management and finance.

Area of Research

Sustainable Natural Resources Management (Including but not limited to: research on biodiversity, forestry, natural products, renewable energy and climate change). Water and Aquatic Resources (Including but not limited to: water resources research, brackish and marine aquatic organisms and their environments). Food Production, Food Security and Nutrition (Including but not limited to research on food production, animal production, crop science including underutilized crops, food science and nutrition and food security issues).

Objectives

To foster original Research and Scientific growth within Low- and Lower -Middle Income Countries (LLMICs).

Criteria

An eligible candidate for an IFS Research grant is that a citizen should be of developing country. A scientist with at least a Master's or equivalent degree/research experience who is attached to a university, national research institution or a research-oriented NGO in a developing country is eligible.

Funding Amount

An IFS Research Grant has a maximum value of USD 12,000.

Duration and Deadline

Both varies as per the announcement and duration of the subject.

Contact Details

- Address: International Foundation for Science (IFS), Karlavagen 108, 8th floor, SE-115 26 stockholm sweden.
Phn# +46854581800
- <http://www.ifs.se/>



COMSTECH-IFS Program

Introduction

COMSTECH the Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of the OIC (Organization of Islamic Cooperation) was established by the Third Islamic Summit of OIC held at Makkah, Saudi Arabia in January 1981. The ultimate aim is to build and nourish a scientific culture in addition to using S&T as a major contributor to socio-economic development and rapid industrialization.

Area of Research

Agriculture, food, health, science and technology, environment, sustainable energy source and biotechnology.

Objectives

Objectives are to assess human and material resources of Member States and identification of scientific and technological needs and requirements of the Ummah, Building indigenous capabilities of Member States in the fields of science and technology through cooperation and mutual assistance.

Criteria

PI and Co-PI who are the faculty members in universities of OIC countries list are eligible.

Funding Amount

Funding amount varies as per the nature of the project, however, as per the record COMSTECH-IFS provided 3,898,080 USD grant collectively.

Duration and Deadline

These details are updated in the website in intervals. Please visit website for updated for the nature and call for the proposals.

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International Association for the Study Pain (IASP)

Introduction

IASP is the leading professional forum for science, practice, and education in the field of pain. Its vision statement is: Working together for pain relief throughout the world.

Area of Research

Cancer Therapy/Treatment.

Objective

To work together for pain relief throughout the world.

Criteria

The principal investigator in charge of the overall project must have been a member of IASP for the past year from the date of application. The principal investigator should be at a professional level of independence (i.e., a faculty-level academic appointment). The collaborators must be located in at least 2 different countries

Funding Amount

The IASP Collaborative Research Grant provides up to \$15,000 for international interdisciplinary pain research collaborations between at least two countries with an emphasis on collaborations among basic, translational, and clinical scientists.

Duration

Grants are typically awarded for projects lasting one year.

Deadline

1st April 2022 is the upcoming deadline. However, deadline varies as per the IASP announcements.

Contact Details

- Address: 1510 H Street NW, Suite 600 Washington, DC 20005-1020 USA
- Phone: +1-202-856-7400
- General Information: IASPdesk@iasp-pain.org
- Website link: <https://www.iasp-pain.org/resources/grants-awards/iasp-collaborative-research-grants/>

Japan World Exposition Commemorative Fund Grant program

Introduction

The Japan World Exposition 1970 Commemorative Fund Grant program (JEC Fund Grant program) has been managing part of the revenues from the Japan World Exposition of 1970 (Expo '70) as the Fund. With part of the Fund's investment income, the JEC Fund Grant program has offered grants (JEC Fund Grants) to approximately 4,600 projects since 1971. The program has offered the JEC Fund Grants to projects that were designed to inherit the idea of Expo '70 and contribute to international understanding at a total of approximately 19.3 billion yen since then.

Area of Research

Projects contributing to international cultural exchange or enhancement of international goodwill. Projects contributing to international cultural exchange. Projects contributing to international cooperation. International projects in the field of education or academic study. Projects should be related to or associated with Japan. International conference that qualify for the JEC Fund Grant are limited to meetings in basic natural sciences, excluding engineering and medical science, in which operational funds are deemed to be insufficient despite the importance of the meetings. International academic meetings do not qualify for a grant for a multi-year project

Objective

Progress and Harmony for Mankind," to convey the legacy and ideals of Expo '70 to future generations.

Criteria

Any candidates can submit their applications who meet the research domain criteria.

Funding Amount

Successful applicants will receive grants of 3,000,000 YEN for single-year projects (approx. 22,750 EURO) and 20,000,000 YEN (approx.151,750 EURO)* for multi-year projects.

Duration

Grant is for applications for single-year and multi-year projects.

Deadline

For the fiscal year 2022, the JEC Fund Grant program invites the public to submit applications for grant-eligible projects that are total 80million yen. However, deadline date varies as per the announcement.

Contact Details

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Japan World Exposition 1970 Commemorative Fund Department
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FAX: +81-6-7507-5945
E-mail: jec-fund@osaka21.or.jp
- Website Link: https://www.cy.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/japal-world-expo-commemorative-fund-grant.html

Knowledge Economy Partnerships Pakistan-UK

Introduction

The British Council and HEC have been working together to support the development of Knowledge Exchange activities and strategic thinking in HEIs. The program allows extension of existing international research collaborations with Knowledge Exchange activities and initiation of talks to create sector specific university-industry groups that will guide strategy and activity

Area of Research

Scientific research in areas relevant to national needs.

Objectives

To promote scientific research which are linked with national needs and to promote harmony and understanding between the researchers of two countries.

Criteria

Applicants must be based within a Higher Education Institution in Pakistan or in the UK and have backing by their Head of the Institution. Technical and Vocational Institutions and Colleges based in Pakistan and UK are eligible to apply.

Funding Amount

The maximum award is £20,000.

Duration

Funding will be for a maximum of three years.

Deadline

Deadline varies as per the announcement.

Contact Details

- **Website Link:**
 1. <https://oric.iobm.edu.pk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/13.-PAK-UK-Knowledge-Economy-Partnership-Program.pdf>
 2. <https://hec.gov.pk/english/pages/home.aspx>

New Investigator Award by Wellcome Trust (Validate Network)

Introduction

VALIDATE is an international network of researchers developing vaccines against globally significant diseases caused by complex intracellular pathogens. Our initial focus is on tuberculosis (TB), leishmaniasis, melioidosis, and leprosy, which cause substantial mortality and morbidity across the globe, particularly in low and middle-income countries (LMICs).

Area of Research

Vaccines development.

Objectives

VALIDATE's aims to accelerate vaccine R&D for TB, leishmaniasis, melioidosis and leprosy by creating an engaged and interactive community of researchers. By working together, effective and advance research will boost up.

Criteria

An independent researcher with a compelling research vision who wants to tackle the most important questions in your field. These awards are also open to joint applications from two researchers whose complementary expertise is essential to deliver their shared vision.

Funding Amount

Maximum funding amount is £3 million.

Duration

The grant can be for up to 7 years.

Deadline

Deadline date varies, however most deadlines are in February, every year.

Contact Details

- Wellcome Trust
Gibbs Building
215 Euston Road
London NW1 2BE
- Email: talktous@wellcome.org
- Website Link:
 1. <https://www.validate-network.org/home>
 2. <https://www.validate-network.org/event/wellcome-trust-investigator-awards-nov-2019>

Research and Advocacy Fund (RAF)

Introduction

The Maternal and Newborn Health Research and Advocacy Fund (RAF) is a five year national programme funded by DFID and AusAID. The purpose of RAF is to improve MNH practices and supporting policies related to Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 4 and 5. To do this, RAF supports quality non-clinical research and effective advocacy.

Area of Research

RAF provides fund for Functioning, acceptability, management and scale up of Community Midwife services, Public private partnership models for family planning services;, Beliefs and perceptions on MNH in Baluchistan, Testing integrated neonatal care packages, Post-partum care, Post abortion care, Basic Maternal and Newborn Health needs in crisis and post-crisis situations, Advocacy on post abortion care.

Objectives

RAF aims to support research and advocacy initiatives to influence pro-poor policy and practice reform related to Maternal and Newborn Health (MNH) in Pakistan.

Criteria

Institutions, programs and departments; civil society organizations; academic institutions; private consultants and consulting firms; and national and international consortia, selected through a comprehensive evaluation and grant approval process (Might be applicable at NUMS for BHS department in future).

Funding Amount

Small grants up to £50,000 and large grants up to £500,000.

Duration

Grant is provided for 5 years.

Deadline

For deadline, keep visit the website link provided below.

Contact Details

Website Link:

7. <https://www.britishcouncil.org/partner/track-record/maternal-newborn-health-research-advocacy-fund>
8. http://www.uaf.edu.pk/directorates/research/Agencies/RESEARCH%20and%20Advocacy%20Fund%20RAF_.pdf

Academy of Finland (AF)

Introduction

The Academy of Finland is an expert organisation in science and research that funds high-quality scientific research, provides expertise in science and science policy and strengthens the position of science and research. We are a government agency within the administrative branch of the Finnish Ministry of Education, Science and Culture.

Area of Research

Area of research include Architecture, Physics, Chemistry, Statistics, Microbiology, Biomedicine, Pharmacy, Economics, Education, Psychology, Nanoscience and nanotechnology, Environmental science, Literature research, Business economics, Biochemistry, biophysics, Mechanical engineering, Medical engineering, Mathematics, Energy engineering and Social Sciences.

Objectives

Our goal is the renewal, diversification and increasing internationalisation of Finnish research.

Criteria

Faculty members, research fellows, clinical researchers and other potential scientific scientists and researchers are eligible to apply.

Funding Amount

In 2021, AF funding for research amounts to 437 million euros. Each year, AF funding contributes to some 3,000 people's work (FTEs) at universities and research institutes. Funds are provided as per the nature of the project.

Duration

From year to multiple years as per the nature project and funds provided.

Deadline

Call for proposals open every September.

Contact Details

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USAID-SGP

Introduction

Small Grants and Ambassador's Fund (SGAFP) is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). With the key objective of providing an accessible framework of support for community-based and non-governmental organizations across Pakistan.

Area of Research

Area of research includes Energy, Education, Health-Mother & Child Healthcare, Economic Growth (including agriculture), Stabilization in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA, Governance, Gender.

Objectives

SGAFP aims to empowering grassroots organizations and community groups working.

Criteria

Organizations, community, research groups who can meet the criteria are eligible to apply.

Funding Amount

Maximum grant is USD 250,000.

Duration

Project duration is from one year to multiple years.

Deadlines

Call for proposals are open in interval. To check call for proposals please visit website link provided below.

Contact Details

- Website: <https://www.usaid.gov/>

The International Development Research Center (IDRC)

Introduction

IDRC's Head Office is located in Ottawa, Canada. IDRC offers grants, funding, and awards to researchers and institutions to find solutions for global development challenges.

Area of Research

Area of research includes science disciplines, environmental challenges and other developmental programs.

Objective

IDRC aims to foster climate-resilient food systems, global health, education and science, democratic and inclusive governance, and sustainable and inclusive economies in developing countries. Gender equality and inclusion are also central to our strategy and the research we support.

Criteria

Individuals and institutions are eligible to apply as per the nature of projects in which they fall.

Funding Amount

Category of funding are competitive grants, solicited grants, unsolicited grants, contribute grants, non-contributory grants, grants in aid, core grants and program grants. Fund varies as per the project criteria.

Duration

From one year to multiple years.

Deadline

Every month different call for proposals open.

Contact Details

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PO Box 8500 Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1G 3H9, Phone: (+1) 613-236-6163
- ASIA
208 Jor Bagh, New Delhi 110003, India, Phone:(+91-11)2461-9411
- Website: <https://www.idrc.ca/en/funding>

Sigma Xi (Grants in Aid of Research)

Introduction

The Sigma Xi Grants in Aid of Research (GIAR) program has provided undergraduate and graduate students with valuable educational experiences since 1922. By encouraging close working relationships between students and mentors, the program promotes scientific excellence and achievement through hands-on learning.

Area of Research

The program awards grant to the students from most areas of the sciences and engineering including Anthropology, Behavioral Ecology, Cell Biology/Biochemistry, Chemistry, Climate Science, Computer Science/Mathematics, Conservation Biology, Ecology, Engineering, Geosciences, Physics/Astronomy, Physiology/Functional Morphology, Psychology, Systematics/Evolutionary Biology, Vision Research (across disciplines)

Objectives

To enhance the health of the research enterprise, foster integrity in science and engineering, and promote the public's understanding of science for the purpose of improving the human condition.

Criteria

All undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply.

Funding Amount

The program awards grant of up to \$1,000 to students from all areas of the sciences and engineering. 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.

Duration

Depend on the nature of the project.

Deadline

Spring cycle: March 15

Fall cycle: October 1

Contact Details

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P.O. Box 13975
3200 East NC Highway 54, Suite 300
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709
Phone: 800-243-6534 or 919-549-4691
Fax: 919-549-0090
- Website Link: <https://www.sigmaxi.org/home>



Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP)

Introduction

The Human Frontier Science Program is a program of funding for frontier research in the life sciences. It is implemented by the International Human Frontier Science Program Organization (HFSP) with its office in Strasbourg.

Area of Research

HFSP Research Grants support innovative basic research into fundamental biological problems with emphasis placed on novel and interdisciplinary approaches that involve scientific exchanges across national and disciplinary boundaries.

Objectives

The Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP) promotes international collaboration in basic research focused on the elucidation of the sophisticated and complex mechanisms of living organisms.

Criteria

Principal Investigator must have laboratory in its own country. For details visit this link <https://www.hfsp.org/sites/default/files/Sciences/Grants/LI%20Guidelines.pdf>

Funding Amount

Funding amount : \$300,000 for a team of 2; \$400,000 for a team of 3; \$500,000 for a team of 4 or more members. Fund varies as per the nature of team. For details visit link <https://www.hfsp.org/sites/default/files/Sciences/Grants/LI%20Guidelines.pdf>

Duration

Grant provides three years support for 2 – 4 member teams.

Deadline

Upcoming project deadline is March 2023. However, deadline date varies.

Contact Details

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- Phn# 33388215123
- Email: webmaster@hfsp.org
- Website Link: <https://www.hfsp.org/>

International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) Grant Program

Introduction

The International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology ICGEB is an Intergovernmental Organization initially established as a special project of UNIDO and its operations are aligned to those of the United Nations Common System. It operates as a Centre of excellence for Research, Training and Technology Transfer to industry to promote sustainable global development. It plays a key role in Biotechnology worldwide for excellence.

Area of Research

The programme provides support for research projects in basic science, human healthcare, industrial and agricultural biotechnology, bioenergy, infectious diseases, cancer, metabolic and genetic diseases, plant science, immunity, genetics and biotechnology.

Objectives

This programme aims to stimulate collaborative research in member states and with the ICGEB Component laboratories, to promote training of young scientists and to facilitate the creation of appropriate research facilities.

Criteria

Applicants for research grant proposals (identified as “CRPs”) should hold positions at Universities or Research Institutes in any of the ICGEB member states. Faculty members and researchers are eligible to apply who meet the criteria.

Funding Amount

The maximum annual contribution from ICGEB is Euro 25,000.

Duration

Project duration is 36 months.

Deadline

A call for application is launched yearly. However, deadline date varies.

Contact Details

- CRP-ICGEB Research Grants Unit
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Email: crp@icgeb.org
- Website Link: <https://www.icgeb.org/activities/grants/>

World Wildlife Fund Pakistan (WWF)

Introduction

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.

Area of Research

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

Objectives

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. Other objective is capacity building of individuals/organizations, working at the grassroots level.

Criteria

All the researchers within the given domain are eligible to apply.

Funding Amount

Adequate amount is provided as per the nature and duration of the project.

Duration and Deadline

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

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- Website Link: <https://www.wwfpak.org/>

Australian Agency for International Development (AUSAID)

Introduction

AUSAID (Australian Agency for International Development) is the Australian Government's overseas aid programme providing grant assistance to NGOs (and the government and other institutions) for purposes of reducing poverty and achieving sustainable development, in line with Australia's national interest.

Area of Research

The themes addressed by the aid programme include: Economic growth, Education, Environment, Gender, Governance, Health, Human rights, Infrastructure, Regional stability, Rural development and water.

Objectives

AUSAID aims to assist NGOs for development in various sector of life.

Criteria

The aid programme is present in almost all the developing regions of the world including South and East Asia, the Pacific, Africa and the Middle East. Its NGO funding scheme includes the Direct Aid Program (DAP) and Small Activities Scheme (SAS) for organizations in developing countries, other than the direct funding support to Australian NGOs. All the NGOs are encouraged to apply for AUSAID which lies in the domain given.

Funding Amount

Fund varies as per the need of the NGOs for specific projects.

Duration and Deadline

Applications are open throughout the year.

Contact Details

- **Address**
AUSAID
255 London Circuit
Canberra ACT 2601
Australia
- Website Link: <https://www.fundsforngos.org/>

International Funders for Indigenous People (IFIP)

Introduction

International Funders for Indigenous Peoples is the only global donor affinity group dedicated solely to Indigenous peoples around the world. For the past seventeen years, IFIP has built momentum toward a new movement in philanthropy that recognizes Indigenous communities as high-impact investments.

Area of Research/Nature of Grants

- Best Paper Award Grant
- Student Travel Grant Awards
- National Science Foundation Grant.

Objectives

Our Mission is to foster Indigenous solutions and partnerships among Indigenous Peoples and funders around the globe. International Funders for Indigenous Peoples seeks to transform the relationship between the funding world and Indigenous Peoples to one of mutual understanding and benefit.

Criteria

Students and researchers of IFIP member countries are eligible to apply.

Funding Amount

Fund varies as per the nature of grant.

Duration and Deadline

Applications for travel grants remain open throughout the year and however for other grants duration and deadline varies.

Contact Details

- Address : PO Box 29184 San Francisco, CA 94129
Tel : +1 415-580-7982
- Email : support@internationalfunders.org

Japan Science and Technology Corporation (International Programs)

Introduction

Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) is an independent public body of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). JST plays a key role in implementing science and technology policies formulated in line with the nation's Science and Technology Basic Plan.

International Programs

1. SATREPS

It is an international research program conducted in collaboration with JICA, which provides official development assistance (ODA). Based on the needs of developing countries, this program aims to address global issues and to produce research outcomes of practical benefit to both local and global societies. <https://www.jst.go.jp/global/english/index.html>

2. SICORP

We support large-scale international research collaboration on an equal-partnership basis, with partner countries and regions and in research fields designated through interministerial agreement. <https://www.jst.go.jp/inter/english/index.html>

3. e-ASIA JRP

The e-ASIA Joint Research Program (e-ASIA JRP) is an international joint initiative between public funding organizations of the East Asia Summit member countries. With a central focus on Southeast Asia, the e-ASIA JRP co-funding mechanism aims to strengthen regional research and development capabilities and resolve common challenges in the region.

4. Belmont Forum

This international forum brings together 13 national governments and funding agencies, as well as 3 international scientific organizations, in order to provide funding to global environmental change research. JST is supporting international joint research in the targeted field of "Freshwater Security".

5. J-RAPID

The J-RAPID(*) program is dedicated to support collaboration activities between Japanese and foreign researchers having a severe urgency on natural or anthropogenic disasters and similar unanticipated events. J-RAPID aims to play an initial response role by promptly supporting activities above mentioned before ordinary projects are implemented by the national government, academic societies, or others. J-RAPID, supports international collaborative projects in collaboration with funding agencies and research institutes in foreign countries.

Contact Details

- Website Link: <https://www.jst.go.jp/EN/>



Global Environmental Facility (GEF)

Introduction

The Global Environment Facility was established on the eve of the Rio Earth Summit to tackle our planet's most pressing environmental problems. Since then, it has provided more than \$21.7 billion in grants and mobilized an additional \$119 billion in co-financing for more than 5,000 projects and programs. GEF funds are available to developing countries and countries with economies in transition to meet the objectives of the international environmental conventions and agreements.

Objectives

Provide adequate and sustainable financial resources to eligible Parties to assist in their implementation of the Stockholm Convention.

Project Types

- Full Sized Projects and Medium Sized Projects
- Enabling Activities
- Programmatic Approach
- Climate Change Adaptation Projects
- Small Grants Programme

Full Sized Projects and Medium Sized Projects

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.

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.

Enabling Activities

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.

Programmatic Approach

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.

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

The Program is specifically designed to mobilize bottom-up actions by empowering local civil society organizations, and poor and vulnerable communities, including women and Indigenous Peoples. The Programme funds grants up to a maximum of \$50,000. In practice, the average grant has been around \$25,000. The program is about biological diversity and climate change.

Eligibility Criteria

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

Rockefeller Foundation Grants

Introduction

The RF was established in 1913 by Standard Oil magnate John D Rockefeller “to promote the well-being of mankind throughout the world”. Through grantmaking, The Rockefeller Foundations works to promote the well-being of humanity throughout the world.

Area of Research

The Rockefeller Foundation accepts funding inquiries concentrating on the four focus areas- advance health, revalue ecosystems, secure livelihoods, and transform cities from organizations around the globe.

Objectives

The Foundation aims to promote the well-being of humanity throughout the world by advancing inclusive economies that expand opportunities for more broadly shared prosperity, and building resilience by helping people, communities and institutions prepare for, withstand, and emerge stronger from acute shocks and chronic stresses.

Criteria

- Project must fit within one of the Current Initiatives.
- Proposal must address one or more of the funding areas.
- Proposed work must affect people in one or more of the geographic areas in which the Foundation works. The geographical areas are mentioned in each current initiative.
- Inquiries must be made online. No email or mail inquiries are entertained.

Funding Details

Funding Amount varies in million dollars as per the nature of the projects.

Duration and Deadline

Calls for application remain open throughout the year and proposals can be send through via online system throughout the year.

Contact Details

- Email: info@rockfound.org
- Website Link: <https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/>

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