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DIFI-QNRF Joint Call

Call for Proposal (CFP)

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Section 2. OSRA4 Snapshot

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<td>4. Develop research capacity on issues-related to Arab families.</td>
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<td>5. Develop research areas within Qatar in support of the Qatar National Research Strategy (QNRS).</td>
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<td>The Lead Principal Investigator (LPI) must hold a research oriented doctorate or any of the approved terminal degree, as defined under the approved list of terminal degrees and have at least three peer-reviewed publications relevant to this CFP. In case of collaboration, each individual team within the collaborative team structure must include a Principal Investigator (PI).</td>
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<td>Each award is up to $50,000 USD. The total award amount is to be divided among the investigators/institutions involved in the collaborative teams. This amount includes personnel, capital equipment, consumables, materials, services, travel, miscellaneous and applicable indirect costs. The duration of each award is up to 12 months.</td>
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<td>Register and submit the full application through the online submission system website: <a href="https://www.qgrants.org/">https://www.qgrants.org/</a>. The Grant Application Guide (GAG) is available for download Here; see the Download Center for the NPRP. The site will be active on the 20th of January, 2018 (noon, Doha time).</td>
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| **DIFI administrator Contact:** |
| Grant Management Office dfigrants@qf.org.qa +974 4454 6533 (office) |

<p>| <strong>QNRF program contact</strong> |
| QNRF support system <a href="http://support.qnrf.org/index.php/?Tickets/Submit">http://support.qnrf.org/index.php/?Tickets/Submit</a>. |</p>
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Section 3. Overview

The Doha International Family Institute (DIFI) and the Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF) have launched the OSRA\(^1\) research grant, which is an annual research grant on Arab families and family policy related issues. The goal of this call is to encourage research on Family Cohesion, Marriage and Divorce, Families at Risk, Parenthood, and Social Policy Research related to Families that contribute to the development of evidence-based policies and programs to promote the well-being of families.

DIFI was established in 2006 by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation (QF). The mission of DIFI is to support the aims of the 2004 Doha Declaration on the Family (https://www.difi.org.qa/doha-declaration) by contributing to the global knowledge base on issues facing the Arab family through the development and dissemination of high-quality research, encouraging knowledge exchange on issues related to the family across an international and interdisciplinary network of researchers, policymakers, and service providers, making family issues a priority for policy-makers through advocacy and outreach at the national, regional and international levels, and building an international network of regional experts. In addition to its own research activities, DIFI promotes research on Arab families by providing research grants and organizing an annual International Conference on Family Research and Policy. For more information please visit www.difi.org.qa.

QNRF promotes the development of a knowledge-based economy through the advancement of research and education by providing funding opportunities for original, competitively-selected research and development at all levels and across all disciplines with an emphasis on the four pillars of the Qatar National Research Strategy (QNRS):

- Energy and Environment
- Computer Science and ICT
- Health
- Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities.

The grant awards each proposal team up to $50,000 USD for a maximum period of one year. Grants will be made to the most innovative ideas received and selected through a competitive peer review process. Researchers working on Arab families are eligible to apply (See Appendix ‘A’ for List of the Arab countries)

Section 4. OSRA4 Objectives

The aims of this CFP are to:

- Support high quality empirical work that advances research on Arab families
- Support high quality social policy research related to families
- Provide policymakers with evidence-based research and analysis that encourages the formation and/or modification of family-related policies
- Develop research capacity on issues related to Arab families
- Develop research areas within Qatar in support of the Qatar National Research Strategy (QNRS)

\(^1\) OSRA means family in Arabic
The outcome of the proposed research may include publications in peer-reviewed journals, policy reports and/or methodological instruments.

Section 5. Specific Research Priority Areas

The research grants support cutting-edge, basic and applied research (including comparative and policy-oriented research) that covers a large number of topics grouped under four major themes: family cohesion, marriage, and divorce; families at risk; parenthood; and social policy research. Examples of topics in each theme are listed below.

1. Family cohesion, marriage and divorce: family relationships, family resilience; ageing families; extended families; intergenerational solidarity, division of household; stepfamilies; dual-career families; families with female head of household; work-life reconciliation; childfree families; patterns of marriage formation; marriage and immigration; social and individual risk factors associated with divorce; the impact of divorce on children; family safety; delayed marriage; never-married women; social aspects of fertility.

2. Families at risk: the impact of the blockade on families, family cohesion under the blockade; the impact of wars and conflicts on families; impact of poverty and economic stress on families; families with children with disabilities; marginalized/ socially excluded families; domestic violence; internally displaced families; parent-child relationship in Arab refugee families; issues faced by youth and children within Arab refugee populations; existing policy programs and their ability to meet the distinct needs of Arab refugee families; transformation of the family structure among Arab refugee families.

3. Parenthood: parenting styles and practices; parenting and child well-being; father’s involvement; motherhood; fatherhood; delayed parenthood; transition to parenthood; responsible parenting; the role of parents in supporting learning; the educational implications of parenting on education and learning; parents of children with special needs; student, schools, and family engagement; parenting within the context of forced migration and resettlement; impact the blockade on parenting and parenthood; impact of the blockade on education.

4. Social policy research related to families: family formation policies, social welfare policies; social protection policies, child care policies, assessment of family support policies and programs; work-family balance policies; child protection policies; domestic violence policies; housing policies; education policy and families; policies addressing the needs and wellbeing of Arab refugee youth and children; best practices that can inform the development of evidence-based policies that contribute to the well-being of Arab refugee families; social policies for alleviating impact of the blockade on families in Qatar; family protection policies and welfare of vulnerable groups (e.g. women, children, the elderly, and those living with disabilities).

Section 6. Eligibility

6.1. Eligibility of Proposal

6.1.1. The proposal must be within one or more of the specific research priority areas indicated in section 5.

6.1.2. The proposal must include at least a Key Investigator (KI) (Lead Principal Investigator (LPI) or Principal Investigator (PI)) from an Arab country.

6.1.3. At least 60% of the proposed funded research efforts and budget must be conducted inside the Arab countries.
6.1.4. Renewal applications of previous OSRA grants are disallowed, as is the submission of un-awarded proposals

6.2. Eligibility of Submitting Institution

6.2.1. Applicants from all countries are allowed.

6.2.2. For Qatar-based institutions, only institutions with QNRF approved ROs are eligible to submit proposals. ROs located inside Qatar are eligible to register at any time with QNRF at https://ro.qgrants.org/.

6.2.3. Proposals should be within the research area(s) of the submitting institutions as declared by the approved ROs.

6.2.4. For institutions based outside Qatar, only academic and research institutions are eligible to submit proposals.

6.2.5. For institutions based outside Qatar, DIFI will act as the Grant Proposal Administrator and will handle the vetting and other RO responsibilities.

6.2.6. The institution of the LPI from Qatar will be considered the submitting institution while institutions of LPIs from countries outside Qatar will be called international submitting institutions.

6.2.7. Institutions other than the submitting institutions will be considered as collaborating institutions.

6.2.8. Authorized Research Office Representatives (ARORs) and other research administrators who are members of the RO are not eligible to participate in any OSRA projects.

6.3. Eligibility of Participants

6.3.1. Eligibility of Lead Principal Investigators (LPIs)

6.3.1.1. Each team must be led by an LPI who submits the research proposal on behalf of the research team.

6.3.1.2. An eligible LPI must hold a research-oriented doctorate or any of the approved terminal degree, as defined under the approved list of terminal degrees, which is available at http://www.qnrf.org/en-us/Funding/Research-Programs/National-Priorities-Research-Program-NPRP

6.3.1.3. The LPI should have at least three peer-reviewed publications relevant to this CFP uploaded in his/her profile. The forms of publications accepted by QNRF include journal papers, full papers, conference proceedings, books, book chapters, or patents.

6.3.1.4. LPIs from Qatar must be employed by a Qatar-based institution, with a QNRF-approved RO, and residing in Qatar for the duration of the project award period.

6.3.1.5. LPIs from outside Qatar are eligible to apply as long as they are affiliated to academic or research institutions.

6.3.1.6. For individuals affiliated to submitting institutions outside Qatar and aiming at being an LPI for this CFP, their institutions will be called the international submitting institutions and DIFI will act as the Grant Proposal Administrator for them.

6.3.1.7. If affiliated to a submitting institution from a country outside the Arab world, the LPI must collaborate with at least a PI from the Arab world.

6.3.1.8. A post-doctoral scholar is not eligible to act as an LPI (see definition at link).

6.3.2. Number of Roles

6.3.2.1. The LPI can submit only one application per cycle.
6.3.2.2. Each LPI and PI is eligible to submit and participate in only one research proposal under this CFP. That count restriction excludes awarded projects under OSRA1/2.
6.3.2.3. Each LPI is eligible to participate as an LPI in up to two OSRA projects in all on-going cycles.
6.3.2.4. DIFI/QNRF reserves the right to reduce the permissible number of a participant’s roles based on previous award performance.
6.3.2.5. Post-doctoral scholars, graduate students, research associates, research assistants and undergraduate students are considered Research Team members and are eligible to participate in only one research proposal in this CFP.

Section 7. Submission Process

7.1. Proposal Submission Flowchart and Timeline

7.1.1. Flowchart

The following flowchart illustrates the steps necessary for proposal submission by the LPI and the RO until the notification of the final award.

OSRA4 Proposal Submission Flowchart
7.1.2. Timeline

The following table shows important dates for the OSRA 4th cycle.

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<td>Online Registration of ROs and other Key Investigators</td>
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<td>Open proposal submission as well as RO vetting* process.</td>
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<td>Close proposal submission by LPI</td>
<td>Noon (Doha Time), Monday, 22nd of April, 2019</td>
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<td>RO Final Proposal Submission and Vetting</td>
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*RO vetting can only start once the proposal is submitted.

7.2. Applications Procedures

New applications may also include proposals that did not pass DIFI/QNRF screening in previous cycles.

Section 8. Budget Allocation

At least 60% of the proposed funded research efforts must be conducted inside Qatar or an Arab country. In addition, at least 60% of the total annual budget must be expended inside Qatar or any other Arab country.

Please refer to the Budget Components document available at [link](#).

Section 9. Personnel Requirements

9.1. Principal Investigators (PIs)

9.1.1. An eligible PI must hold a research-oriented doctorate or any of the approved, listed terminal degrees as defined under the approved list of terminal degrees available at [link](#).

9.1.2. A principal investigator must be affiliated with a research institution from inside or outside Qatar.

9.1.3. A post-doctoral scholar is not eligible to act as a PI (see definition at [link](#)).

9.2. Graduate Students

9.2.1. A graduate student (GS) is eligible to participate in OSRA projects provided that he/she is enrolled in a higher education degree program at the submitting/international submitting or collaborative institution and that the OSRA research activities are related to the GS’s degree program. DIFI/QNRF encourages the applicants to hire QRLP (Qatar Research Leadership Program) graduates and GSs from Qatar.

9.2.2. A GS sponsored by the Qatari government to pursue his/her studies abroad is eligible to participate in the OSRA regardless of the institution in which he/she is enrolled.
9.3. **Undergraduate Students**

If necessary, the LPI may include undergraduate students as Research Team Members under the “Undergraduate Student” roles on the QNRF online submission website, provided that their participation would comply with their institution’s policies. Each undergraduate student shall not participate for more than 16 hours per week in the awarded project activities.

9.4. **Consultants**

Consultants are not permitted under the OSRA CFP.

**Section 10. Online Submission Procedures**

10.1. **Submission Requirements**

10.1.1. The online application, submitted by the LPI, must be vetted by the Research Office (RO) of the submitting institution or the grant proposal administrator in case of international submitting institutions in order to be considered as an official submission to OSRA research Grant; RO/grant proposal administrator vetting must be completed in accordance with the timeline (section 7.1.2), and the RO responsibilities at link.

10.1.2. Proposal application materials must be prepared in English or Arabic. A research plan written in Arabic must be submitted as a Word document, while a research plan in English must be submitted as a PDF document.

10.1.3. All LPIs and PIs listed on an OSRA grant application, residing inside or outside Qatar, must register with QNRF at https://www.qgrants.org/.

10.1.4. An applicant is required to use his/her official work email addresses (if available) when registering. Those who have previously registered do not need to re-register, but will need to update their profile and CV as applicable. Applicants who register with two different emails will be disqualified.

10.1.5. Each LPI is required to upload at least three single- or co-authored peer-reviewed publications in research areas relevant to this CFP.

10.1.6. LPIs are expected to submit the full application through the QNRF submission site.

10.1.7. For the requirements regarding online registration please refer to the Grant Application Guide (GAG), at link.

10.2. **Proposal Registration**

10.2.1. After registration, the LPI is required to register the proposal at the following website: https://www.qgrants.org/. For more information regarding the proposal registration and submission please refer to GAG at link.

10.2.2. The LPI can use the “Comments to QNRF” box to state the names and emails of peer reviewers that QNRF should not utilize for evaluating the proposals, in addition to any other issue he/she needs to declare ahead of submission.

10.3. **Proposal Preparation**

During the “Proposal Preparation”, the LPI has to submit the information according to the online sections listed below as well as to upload documents as required.

10.3.1. **Proposal Summary**: A brief description written in the third person outlining the major aspect(s) of the proposed activity, while illustrating the objectives and methods to be used. The description should be informative, highlighting the intellectual merit and the potential impact of the project; this is requested during the proposal submission phase on the system.
10.3.2. Submitting Institution’s: The LPI’s institution must have appropriate research resources specialized in area(s) of the call and is responsible for submitting research proposals to DIFI/QNRF. The LPI’s institution in Qatar will be considered as the submitting institution and will be responsible for vetting the proposal. Submitting institutions of LPI’s from outside Qatar, will be called international submitting institution, and DIFI will be their grant proposal administrator and be responsible for vetting the proposal. For international submitting institutions, the LPI should upload an International submitting institution supporting letter; template of which is available at link.

10.3.3. Collaborative Institutions’ Information: Research Institutions in or outside Qatar may collaborate with the submitting institution/ international submitting institution in conducting submitting the research proposal. In case of collaboration, the LPI should enter the required information for each collaborative institution, including uploading a collaborative institution supporting letter.

10.3.4. Personnel: The LPI can nominate Research Team Members (see definition at link) from the submitting/international submitting and collaborative institutions. PIs are required to register in order to be added to the proposal submission. The system will request the PIs to update their profiles with all required documentations/information, in order to be added to the proposal.

10.3.5. Research Plan: The LPI should prepare the research plan file according to the research plan template available at link. The research plan should use Arial font for the body text, font size 11, single space and the margins as identified in the template (no less than 0.5 inches). The research plan must not exceed 25 pages in total.

10.3.6. Budget: for information on the budget, see Budget Components document at link.

10.3.7. Ethical Compliance: For research involving human subject(s), LPI is required to comply with the laws and regulations set out by the Ministry of Public Health-Qatar (MoPH) for the protection of the human subjects. Foreign institutions must follow the appropriate regulations of the jurisdiction where the research will be conducted, and must obtain prospective review and approval for research involving human subjects in accordance with the requirements of the jurisdiction in which the research will be conducted.

10.3.8. Miscellaneous Documents: This section may contain any supporting documents such as tables, appendices, etc. However, documents wrongly uploaded under this section, such as a research plan, will not be considered. All the information required for the evaluation process should be included in the research plan.

10.3.9. Declarations: The LPI should declare electronically that the proposal is his/her own work, except where appropriately referenced, and that the proposal did not and will not be submitted in whole, or in part, for funding twice within the same cycle, or to other funding programs within QNRF, or other funding agencies.

Section 11. Proposal Screening

All submitted proposals are subject to screening by DIFI/QNRF according to the screening process outlined at link before they can proceed to the Evaluation stage.

Section 12. Proposal Evaluation

12.1. Proposal Review and Ranking
The proposal review and ranking process comprises a number of assessment steps that include peer review by international experts, followed by a programmatic review, which is carried out by DIFI/QNRF. The two processes are detailed below.

12.1.1. Peer Review

At least three qualified international peer reviewers are solicited by QNRF to evaluate each proposal against a set of criteria, which are listed below. The reviewers will score the proposals, make recommendations as to “fund” or “not fund,” and provide narrative feedback to applicants. The evaluation criterion consists of the following:

12.1.1.1. Literature Review (Excellent; Very Good; Good; Fair; Poor)

- Relevance/positioning the proposal in relation to the current debate in the literature
- Comprehensiveness of literature review and how recent it is
- Depth of literature review
- Creativity and innovation in generating hypotheses from the literature review
- Critical assessment of the literature

12.1.1.2. Originality and Methodology (Excellent; Very Good; Good; Fair; Poor)

- Novelty of research problem/idea
- Methodological innovation
- Contribution to knowledge and/or literature on the subject
- Accuracy of the operational definitions of variables and measurement indicators
- Accuracy of specification / conceptualization of the relationship between variables
- Identification of data sources (quantitative/qualitative, primary/secondary) and their appropriateness to the research problem
- Data accessibility
- Appropriateness of the data analysis tools to the nature of data
- Timeline and methods of dissemination

12.1.1.3. Anticipated results, policy implications and impacts (Excellent; Very Good; Good; Fair; Poor)

- Relevance of anticipated results to the discipline
- Potential to generate new research questions/problems
- Anticipated policy implication(s) of the research
- Significance of the project’s potential impact on developing human capacity in the relevant research areas in Qatar and the Arab countries

12.1.1.4. Resources (Excellent; Very Good; Good; Fair; Poor)

➢ Research Team

Evaluation indicators look at:

- The qualifications of the research team
- The quality of their publications
- Their designated roles and suitability to conduct the research (if appropriate, prior work will be considered)

➢ Resources
Adequacy of the resources to support the project activities as listed in the resources section of the research plan

12.1.1.5. **Budget (Adequate, Inadequate)**

Adequacy of the proposed budget to the project’s objective(s) in terms of:

- Personnel
- Equipment and materials
- Travel
- Miscellaneous
- Indirect costs

12.1.1.6. **Overall Summary:** Summarize your review of this proposal. In addition, provide a funding recommendation (Fund/ Not fund).

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12.1.2. **Programmatic Review**

Only scientifically meritorious proposals will advance to programmatic review. The programmatic review is designed to have a wider scope of assessment in terms of potential impact on Arab families, alignment with research area objectives, past performance of applicants, other research investments in this area, etc. The programmatic review provides coverage of all aspects of interest and to ensure a balanced and equitable outcome.

At the end of the review and ranking process, the proposals are categorized in terms of their competitiveness, as shown in the table below:

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Section 13. Pre-funding

13.1. Awarded proposals will go through a pre-funding stage, which starts after the award announcement, and continues for approximately eight weeks. During pre-funding, the submitting institutions will be notified of the requirements (possible budget reduction, budget details, timeline changes, etc.).

13.2. During the pre-funding phase, the LPI needs to provide requested information related to the data management plan.

See more information on the pre-funding stage in the “Institutions Responsibilities and Post Award” document available at link.

Section 14. Post-Award

For rules and regulations related to pre-funding, fund management, payment schedule and reporting, please refer to the Institutions responsibilities and post award document available at link.

Section 15. Research Ethics and Regulatory Requirements

Please refer to the Research Ethics and Regulatory Requirements document available at link.

Section 16. Research Integrity

For further information regarding research integrity and other related policies, please see the Research Integrity Guide (RIG) at link and the REG at link.

Section 17. Intellectual Property Policy

This call will follow the Qatar Foundation (QF) IP policy. Please consult the QNRF website for details on the applicable intellectual property policy http://www.qnrf.org/en-us/Funding/IP-Policy and the relevant IP terms posted on QNRF OSRA research grant website on (http://www.qnrf.org/en-us/Funding/Research-Programs/Joint-Funding-Research-Program-JFRP/Osra).

Section 18. Inquiries

For any inquiry regarding this CFP and the electronic proposal submission process, please use the QNRF Support link on the website (http://support.qnrf.org/index.php/?Tickets/Submit). Applicants can choose the appropriate department and specify the topic of their query for further information. For inquiries regarding DIFI as the Grant Proposal Administrator, please contact the Grant Management Office, mailto:difigrants@qf.org.qa, +974 44546533.
APPENDIX A: LIST OF ELIGIBLE ARAB COUNTRIES

1. Arab Republic of Egypt
2. Federal Republic of Somalia
3. Islamic Republic of Mauritania
4. Kingdom of Bahrain
5. Kingdom of Morocco
6. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
7. Lebanese Republic
8. People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
9. Republic of Djibouti
10. Republic of Iraq
11. Republic of the Sudan
12. Republic of Yemen
13. State of Kuwait
14. State of Libya
15. State of Palestine
16. State of Qatar
17. Sultanate of Oman
18. Syrian Arab Republic
19. The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
20. Tunisian Republic
21. Union of the Comoros
22. United Arab Emirates