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Call for Proposal (CFP)

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## Section 2. OSRA5 Snapshot

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<th><strong>Submission opens</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Submission deadline</strong></td>
<td>Proposal Submission by LPI: 3rd of June, 2020 (noon, Doha time). Final Submission and RO vetting: 10th of June, 2020 (noon, Doha time). The complete application is due at that time.</td>
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<td><strong>Announcement of results</strong></td>
<td>October, 2020</td>
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<td><strong>Anticipated project start date</strong></td>
<td>Project activities cannot begin until a Master Research Funding Agreement (MRFA) has been signed with Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF) or Doha International Family Institute (DIFI). This process can take 60 days from the time of the award announcement and that should be taken into consideration when preparing the application implementation timeline.</td>
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<td><strong>Call Objectives</strong></td>
<td>1. Support high-quality empirical work that advances research on Arab families. 2. Support high-quality social policy research related to families. 3. Provide policymakers with evidence-based research and analysis that encourages the formation and/or modification of family-related policies. 4. Develop research capacity on issues-related to Arab families. 5. Develop research areas within Qatar in support of the Qatar National Research Strategy (QNRS).</td>
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<td><strong>Eligible applicant</strong></td>
<td>The Lead Principal Investigator (LPI) must hold a research-oriented doctorate or any of the approved terminal degrees, 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><strong>Awards parameters</strong></td>
<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><strong>How to apply</strong></td>
<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 1st of March 2020 (noon, Doha time).</td>
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<td><strong>Grant Proposal Administrator</strong></td>
<td>In case an LPI is from an academic institution based outside Qatar, his/her institution will be considered an international submitting institution and DIFI will act as the Grant Proposal Administrator and will handle the vetting and the other RO responsibilities. DIFI administrator Contact: Grant Management Office <a href="mailto:difigrants@qf.org.qa">difigrants@qf.org.qa</a> +974 4454 6533 (office)</td>
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<td><strong>QNRF program contact</strong></td>
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Section 3. Overview

The Doha International Family Institute (DIFI) and the Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF) have launched the OSRA 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 Behavioral Issues Research, Family cohesion, Family Well being and Protection and Marriage and Divorce, Parenthood and Parenting 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 https://www.difi.org.qa/grants/osra-research-grant/.

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. OSRA5 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
4.1. Deliverables:
The awarded LPI is expected to submit progress and final reports including:

- Publications
- Policy reports
- Data sets

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: behavioral issues, family cohesion, family wellbeing and protection, marriage and divorce and parenthood and parenting. Examples of topics in each theme are listed below.

1. Behavioral Issues: social behavior problems; prevention programs; adolescent and/or childhood behaviors; behavior of children at schools; behavior of the family under blockade; family behavior and the impact of wars and conflicts; impact of poverty and economic stress on families; family behavior with children with disabilities; marginalized/ socially excluded families; parent-child relationship in Arab refugee families and to endeavor to understand the dynamics of the parent/child relationship; issues faced by youth and children within Arab refugee populations.

2. Family cohesion: 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.

3. Family wellbeing and protection: family formation policies; social welfare policies; social protection policies; child care policies; work-family balance policies; domestic violence policies; education policy and families; policies addressing the need 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 of Qatar on families; family protection policies and welfare of vulnerable groups (e.g. women, children, the elderly, and those living with disabilities).

4. Marriage and Divorce: patterns of marriage formation; marriage and immigration; social and individual risk factors associated with divorce; impact of divorce on children/adolescent and youth; divorced mother/fathers, custody of children in divorce, family safety; delayed marriage; never-married women; social aspects of fertility, marital relationships, sustainable happy marriage, single-headed mothers/fathers.

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

6.2. 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 with academic or research institutions.

6.3.1.6. For individuals affiliated with 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 previous OSRA cycles.

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.

**OSRA5 Proposal Submission Flowchart**
7.1.2. **Timeline**

The following table shows important dates for the OSRA 5th cycle.

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<td>Open proposal submission as well as RO vetting* process.</td>
<td>Noon (Doha Time), Sunday, 1st of March, 2020</td>
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<td>Close proposal submission by LPI</td>
<td>Noon (Doha Time), Wednesday, 3rd of June, 2020</td>
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<td>RO Final Proposal Submission and Vetting</td>
<td>Noon (Doha Time), Wednesday, 10th of June, 2020</td>
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<td>Successful Proposals Notification, Awards Announced</td>
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*RO vetting can only start once the proposal is submitted.

7.2. **Applications Procedures**

During proposal preparation, LPIs must select one of the three types of applications stated below:

7.2.1. **New**

7.2.1.1. LPI must select “New” application if it is the first time that the application is submitted for funding.

7.2.1.2. New application may also include proposals that did not pass QNRF screening in previous cycles.

7.2.2. **Resubmission**

7.2.2.1. Proposals that passed screening but were not awarded in OSRA are allowed to be resubmitted in the subsequent cycle. Such proposals should be flagged as “Resubmission.” Resubmission is allowed once only.

7.2.2.2. Previous proposals that have passed screening but were not awarded and are being resubmitted as “New” proposals will be disqualified during the screening

7.2.3. **Renewal**

7.2.3.1. An eligible LPI may submit a renewal request for a previously-awarded OSRA proposal. The renewal proposal must draw on, and extend the outcome of the original proposal and show promise of further and significant impact. The criteria for a good renewal proposal are two-fold: a) to have an original project with significant outcome and b) to show ability to build on the original outcome to create further and substantial impact.

7.2.3.2. An LPI may select “Renewal”, if additional funding is requested to support proposals applying for continuation of a previously-awarded OSRA grant.

7.2.3.3. For LPI eligibility in applying for renewal, please refer to Section 6.2.1.5.

7.2.3.4. A renewal application may be submitted after the approval of the progress report. For completed projects, renewal application should be submitted within 12 months from the date of completion. The renewal application must comply with this CFP requirements.
7.2.3.5. An LPI is required, during the proposal preparation stage, to justify their request for renewal, and to state the achieved outcome(s)/accomplishment(s) from the previous award.

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/](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](https://www.qgrants.org/).

### 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/](https://www.qgrants.org/). For more information regarding the proposal registration and submission please refer to GAG at [link](https://www.qgrants.org/).

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](https://www.qgrants.org/).

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 documentation/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 excluding cover page, table of contents and references.

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 assess and compare all proposals in a given specific research priority area. The programmatic review provides coverage of all aspects of interest and to ensure a balanced and equitable outcome. It takes into account the peer reviewer’s comments, as well as programmatic and strategic goals of QNRF and DIFI, related but not limited to:

12.1.2.1. **The strength of the alignment with the call objectives and the specific research priority area(s)**

- Do the project objectives address the research priority areas of OSRA5.

12.1.2.2. **The quality of the collaboration**

- The extent of knowledge-creation inside Qatar and the Arabic countries and of knowledge-transfer to Qatar and the Arabic countries and the potential for technology-transfer to Qatar and the Arabic countries.
- The quality and extent of collaboration among researchers inside Qatar and the Arabic countries.
- If relevant, the quality level of involvement of research end-users, their capacity to utilize the research outcomes and their ability to benefit from them.

12.1.2.3. **The potential impact on Qatar and the Arabic countries**

- The relevance of the project to Qatar’s and the Arabic countries’ development with respect to socio-economic, health, industrial development and environmental aspects and the ability to address end-user needs, as well as the potential to create positive international scientific visibility for Qatar and the Arabic countries (if applicable); the relevance of the project to the objectives of the call (if applicable).
- The extent to which the project provides a solution addressing research needs of end-users in Qatar and the Arabic countries

12.1.2.4. **The past performance of the LPI and participating PIs**

- Prominence in the respective field of research, scientific background and track record (quality of publications/patents), proven abilities as an independent researcher to carry out the research project, research team leadership and project management experience.
- The quality of the outcomes and impact of prior QNRF/DIFI funded research performed by the LPI and participating PIs.

12.1.2.5. **Previous QNRF/DIFI funding in this area of research**

- Does the project duplicate/overlap with previous and existing grants in the QNRF/DIFI portfolio?

12.1.2.6. **The composition of the local/Arabic research team**

- Participation of local/Arabic, academic and/or governmental entities.
- Local/Arabic capacity building (training of graduate students in the project/ involvement of RAs, PDs, and junior researchers in the project).
12.1.2.7. Budget

• Appropriateness of the budget as related to the objectives of the project;

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 Code of Practice 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](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](http://www.qnrf.org/en-us/Funding/Research-Programs/Joint-Funding-Research-Program-JFRP/Osra).

Section 18. Data Management Plan Policy
This policy supports the development of a robust environment for the sustainable management, use and reuse of QNRF funded research data in collaboration with Qatar National Library (QNL).

QNRF recognizes the importance of data management to protect its investment in research and development by ensuring that research data is findable, accessible, interoperable, reusable (FAIR) which will:

1) expedite the scientific process;
2) reduce duplication of effort;
3) support reproducibility and research integrity;
4) optimize availability and reuse of research outputs; and
5) facilitate the preservation of the scholarly record of Qatar.

LPIs of the awarded projects should submit the data management plan during the pre-funding phase according to the templates that will be available on the QNRF website. The Data Management Plan Policy is available at [link](http://www.qnrf.org/en-us/Funding/Research-Programs/Joint-Funding-Research-Program-JFRP/Osra).

Section 19. 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](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](mailto:difigrants@qf.org.qa), +974 44546533.

Section 20. Research Support Resources
This section describes a number of available research support resources whether within QNRF or inside Qatar. For more details, please refer to the “Research Support Resources” at [link](http://www.qnrf.org/en-us/Funding/Research-Programs/Joint-Funding-Research-Program-JFRP/Osra).

These resources include but not limited to:
- Qatar Biobank (QBB) data and samples
- Asset management (for available equipment)
- QNRF Researcher Network (QRN)
- QNRF awarded projects
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