Screening and Disqualification

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Section 1. Proposal Screening

The process of screening occurs after the vetting of the full proposals. Below are the screening criteria:

1.1. Meeting all the eligibility criteria

1.2. Using the correct research plan template

1.3. Following the correct research plan template section outline (adding relevant sub-section is permitted)

1.4. Adhering to the number of pages requirement for the research plan

1.5. Uploading all the required documents in the indicated place

1.6. Proposal must be in one or more of the thematic areas / priority areas as specified in the relevant RFPs/CFPs.

1.7. Meeting QNRF’s originality requirement according to QNRF Research Misconduct Policy which is available at (link) i.e., not being plagiarized, copied or duplicated

1.8. Complying with the conditions stated under “Applications Procedures/Online Submission Procedures” for the relevant call

1.9. Meeting all the requirements of the program/call (TRL level, capacity,…)

1.10. QNRF retains the right to screen out all the projects deemed unfeasible at the time of programmatic alignment.

1.11. QNRF reserves the right to reject any application at any time during the application screening process whenever a submitted proposal does not meet the scope or objective of the program/call.

Section 2. Proposal Disqualification

QNRF disqualifies any proposal at either the pre-award or pre-funding stages if it falls into one of the following categories:

2.1. Proposal fails the QNRF screening requirements as outlined in section 1

2.2. Identical/similar proposals previously funded by QNRF; or other funding agencies

2.3. Duplication/overlapping of a proposal with other proposal(s) funded or pending funding

2.4. Awarded proposals that fail to submit the required hardcopies bearing original signatures and stamps of the relevant offices during the pre-funding stage, whenever required by QNRF
2.5. Awarded proposals that fail to submit a revised budget during the pre-funding stage, whenever required by QNRF.

2.6. Awarded proposals that fail to submit the required IRB/IACUC/IBC or any other necessary approval(s), including MOPH assurances and registrations, during the pre-funding stage.