

The Pioneer's (RAE'D's) Track – King Faisal University

The RAE'D's track aims to encourage and motivate new graduated faculty members who hold PhD degrees and have spent less than two years as assistant professors at KFU. Another objective of this track is to streamline those faculty members who have not been actively engaged in scientific research for more than three years prior to joining the track. The track aims at motivating aforementioned faculty members to conduct research works in a distinguished scientific research environment. This track will provide financial and logistic support to the researchers so that they may build-up promising research projects on their novel ideas in their field of specialization. The Raed's track is an important step towards consolidation of rigorous scientific research and fostering a high level of tangible research environment among the researchers.

The Idea of the RAE'D's Track

The idea of Raed's track is based upon the vision, mission and objectives of the Deanship of Scientific Research (DSR) and King Faisal University (KFU) in supporting and developing a supportive and attractive research environment to engage new faculty members as well as to streamline the scientific research at KFU. The DSR will offer financial support to these researchers so that they may compete with other researchers for a competitive scientific research within a period of one year, starting from the date of signing the research contract.

The Vision

The vision of the DSR is to encourage sound scientific research and to indigenize it among KFU faculty members.

The Message

The message of the DSR is to achieve research excellence by providing an attractive research environment to the faculty members that may help KFU to meet international scientific research standards.

The Objectives

1. Encouraging new KFU faculty members and research-inactive faculty to undertake innovative research.

2. Creating an attractive environment for all new and inactive researchers and indigenizing the scientific research at KFU.
3. Promoting excellent and quality research at KFU by creating a competitive research environment among researchers.
4. Revolutionizing the faculty members with opportunities to implement their innovative research ideas.
5. Informing researchers with the research tools and incentives that are available for conducting research at KFU.

The Targeted Audience of the Ra'ed Track.

The Ra'ed track is directed to recently graduated Saudi Assistant Professors (males and females) who have spent two years or less in the same academic rank at KFU. The track is also directed to Saudi faculty members who had not published research during the last three years. These faculty members can benefit from the Ra'ed track only one time during their employment at KFU.

Terms and Conditions for Benefiting from Ra'ed Track.

1. Faculty members applying to the Ra'ed track should have less than two years' experience as assistant professors at KFU.
2. To benefit from this track, faculty members should have not published research in the past three years (prior to joining the track).
3. Researchers must be committed to the completion of the research projects and to present at least one research article published in a journal listed within the Web of Science (ISI) databases. The research article must be relevant to the specialization of the researcher. The journal should also have an impact factor that is higher than zero for all disciplines.
4. The project and/or the research article should not be part or extension of the PhD thesis of the researcher.
5. Faculty members should be committed to follow the regulations and conditions of the track.

Other Regulations.

- **At the submission stage of the proposal.**

1. A detailed research proposal should be submitted through the website of the DSR (<https://www.kfu.edu.sa/en/Deans/Research/Pages/Home-new.aspx>).
2. An electronic copy (PDF) of the researcher's PhD thesis should be submitted along with the research proposal.

Executive procedures.

1. A committee of the specialized referees will evaluate and approved the submitted research proposals.
2. The contract between the researcher and the DSR will be signed when the committee of the specialized referees will approve the research proposal.

- **At the Publishing Stage.**

1. The primary researcher should clearly acknowledge the role of the DSR for research funds in his/her research article.
2. The project ends after the research publication will be completed and the primary researcher submits at least one research article published/accepted in a journal listed within the Web of Science (ISI) databases.
3. The primary researcher should be the first author of the published research.
4. Review articles will not be accepted and entertained as one of the project publications.

The Research Budget

The maximum budget for the research proposal is decided in accordance with the research publication in ISI databases as follows:

1. An amount of (70,000) SR is offered if the article is published in the first quarter (Q1) journal in the field.
2. An amount of (60.000) SR is offered if the article is published in the second quarter (Q2) journal in the field.
3. An amount of (50.000) SR is offered if the article is published in the third quarter (Q3) in the field.

4. An amount of (40.000) SR is offered if the article is published in the fourth quarter (Q4) journal in the field.

Publications in journals that fall within the lowest 10% in the rank will not be accepted.

Project Duration.

The Ra'ed project lasts for one year starting on the date of signing the contract. The duration of this one-year contract is extendable if the council of the DSR approves the reasons justifying the extension. However, the project should not exceed two years from the date of signing the contract between the primary researcher and the DSR.