

## **Supporting the identity of King Faisal University through institutional financing track**

### **The identity of the University**

King Faisal University has decided to maximize its performance by focusing on the areas of food security and environmental sustainability and drawing these two areas as a strategic identity to activate this vital part of the goals of the blessed vision 2030. Food security expresses the national ability to provide food and facilitate its access and use, and emphasizes its strategic inventory management and access to it. Food security includes five main axes: the provision of food, access to and use of food, stability of supplies, optimal management and preservation of natural resources. Environmental sustainability is about keeping vital systems diverse and productive over time and maintaining the quality of life that we live in the long term through the responsible use of natural resources. The areas of the university identity, including food security, environmental sustainability and sustainable development, include nine core areas; water, agriculture, environment, management, technology, health, transportation, manufacturing, and energy. For more information on these nine areas, you can go to the following link:

[https://www.kfu.edu.sa/ar/Departments/StrategicPlans/Documents/KFU\\_ID.pdf](https://www.kfu.edu.sa/ar/Departments/StrategicPlans/Documents/KFU_ID.pdf)

### **Institutional financing track to support the University identity**

Institutional financing depends on Deputy for Research and Innovation in the Ministry of Education providing funding for universities that focuses on the research priorities and identity of the universities, provided that this is consistent with national priorities and regional opportunities. Institutional financing aims to raise the level of maturity of the research development and innovation system in universities by developing a strategy for research, development and innovation at the university level to suit the national goals and the needs of the private sectors. The university recently submitted its plan for scientific research, based on its identity, to the Ministry of Education, represented by the Deputy for Research and Innovation, to take advantage of institutional funding tracks. Depending on institutional funding, a special track for financial support for research related to the identity of the university was launched in the Deanship of Scientific Research under the name "Supporting the Identity of King Faisal University through Institutional Financing".

### **The goals of the “support the identity of King Faisal University through institutional financing” track**

- 1- Contributing to achieving the identity of King Faisal University by supporting research outputs that are directly related to the identity
- 2- Increase the inter-research cooperation between the various departments and colleges of the university and encourage local, regional and global research cooperation, especially with universities with high rankings
- 3- Directing the university’s scientific research system towards specific goals to serve the national goals and aspirations of the university’s identity
- 4- Continuous improvement of the percentage of scientific publishing and citation by encouraging publishing in high-ranking magazines

### **Main conditions for applying for a "Support the identity of King Faisal University through institutional financing" track**

There are four main conditions for applying to "Support the identity of King Faisal University through institutional financing" track, as follows:

- 1- The outputs of the supported projects must serve the identity of King Faisal University through the above-mentioned nine fields.
- 2- The members of the research team must consist of different majors (two different majors or more) and priority is given to the multiplicity of colleges / departments / centers from inside and outside the university related to the subject of the project.
- 3- The project outcome is a research published in an international journal listed in the Web of Science database and has an impact factor according to the Journal Citation Report (Clarivate Analytics) for scientific, engineering and medical specialties in the Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4 quarters. Classified journals into Scopus database can be accepted only for social and humanitarian specialties.
- 4- The project must be completed by submitting the fully published scientific paper before the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2020.

## **General Terms and Conditions for "Supporting the identity of King Faisal University through institutional financing" track**

Subject to the agreement concluded between the Ministry of Education and the University in accordance with the provisions of the institutional financing program of the Ministry's Deputy for Research and Innovation and the requirements of financial regulations, regulations and instructions, the following conditions must be adhered to:

- 1- The project's supported outcomes should serve the identity of King Faisal University in its various fields.
- 2- The research team should consist of different majors (two different majors or more) and priority will be given to the multiplicity of colleges / departments / centers from inside and outside the university related to the subject of the project.
- 3- The project outcome is a research manuscript published in a national/international journals, listed in the Web of Science database and has an impact factor according to the Journal Citation Report (Clarivate Analytics) for scientific, engineering and medical specialties in the quarters Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4. Publications will not be accepted in journals listed in the Journal Master list for which the Impact Factor has not been issued. Journals classified in the Scopus database will be accepted for social and humanitarian specialties only.
- 4- The project will be completed by full publishing the scientific paper and before December 31, 2020.
- 5- The applicant (principal investigator) to benefit from the "institutional financing" course will be from the university's faculty. Researchers, lecturers, teaching assistants (including scholars) and regular students at the university are allowed to participate as co-investigators only.
- 6- It is permissible for researchers from outside the university to participate and it is accepted to compensate them financially, provided that the researcher is affiliated with an educational institution classified among the top 600 universities according to the QS World 2020 ranking.
- 7- The principal investigator can apply for this track (institutional financing track), with a maximum of three projects.

8- The published research should not be within the research supported by the Deanship or have received support from an internal or external funding agents, and it should not have been previously published or part of it, nor it should be drawn from master's or doctoral theses belonging to the investigators. And excludes from that, thesis of graduate and undergraduate students to the extent accepted.

9- The published research should be published as a research article and support does not include publishing the research in any other form.

10- The main researcher and the participating researchers should adhere to the regulations of the scientific trusteeship, global publishing rules, ethics of scientific research and what is related to literary and intellectual property rights and adhere to the regulations and directions issued in this regard, and the university's institutional financing committee will take what is necessary in order for any observations or irregularities in this The matter.

11- The principal investigator is considered the first responsible for any violation of the terms and conditions of this contract and a joint liability official regarding irregularities or irregular behaviors issued by the participating co-investigators and researchers who are mentioned (his / her name) in the contract and the scientific paper without prejudice to the full legal responsibility of the team participating in the project and without any liability to the committee or university.

12- The principal investigator must deliver the contract within five working days from the date of obtaining the research project number and the approval of the first party. The contract is delivered, signed by all parties, including the co-investigators) through the Shark system, with the delivery of an original hard copy to the Deanship of Scientific Research

13- The name and address of the university must appear correctly on the published research paper, according to the approved form the Deanship of Official Scientific Research (found on the deanship website). King Faisal University must be the first affiliation on the published research paper and the principle investigator should the University email in the contact information on the scientific paper if the applicant is Corresponding author.

14- A clear thank you must be written with the “Deputy for Research and Innovation in the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia”, as it is the only supporting body within the Kingdom, provided that this is in the following form:

“The authors extend their appreciation to the Deputyship for Research & Innovation, Ministry of Education in Saudi Arabia for funding this research work through the project number XXXX” with reference to the research grant number.

15- The principle and co-investigators must be committed to sharing the research published in international research communication platforms, for examples (ResearchGate / Academic.....).

16- The principle and co-investigators must commit to listing the research published in his profile on the University’s website in the form of a list of references.

17- The principle investigators must adhere to that his name must be the first on the scientific paper (i.e. he/she is the first author is on the published paper from the project), and it is not possible to submit an application to replace the principle investigators with a co-investigators or a request to add any researcher after giving approval and the project number.

18- In case the project needs to conduct experiments on living creatures or similar situations, the principle and co-investigators must obtain the necessary permits from the concerned authorities before proceeding to conduct experiments without any responsibility on the university.

19- The responsibility of the second party is abandoned after submitting all the scientific outputs and after the technical and financial reports are finally approved by the first party and the principle investigators is obliged to notify the first party in writing of this.

20- The second party undertakes to complete the research project according to the objectives and methodology set out in the performance agreement and its approved annexes, and the technical responsibility for the research rests entirely on the principle investigators and in his/her absence or gives up to continue the research for an acceptable excuse, he/she must nominate one of the co-investigators to replace him after taking the approval of the Institutional Financing Committee.

### **Budget and Financial controls for "Supporting the identity of King Faisal University through institutional financing" track**

1. The publishing reward is paid to the principle investigator in accordance with the financial regulations, rules and instructions applied in the university after the research was fully published during the project period (from the date of granting the project number until December 31, 2020). The researcher (principle or co-investigators) is not entitled to claim any financial compensation or rewards in this research publication status after this date.

2. The remuneration of co-investigators participating in the project is paid to the principle investigator, according to authorizations and delegations issued by them, in the beginning of this contract without the slightest responsibility on the committee or University.

3. The reward will be paid as 30,000 SAR for scientific, health and engineering disciplines, if the manuscript is published in Q1, Q2, Q3 ISI Clarivate Analytics, and it will be reduced by 5,000 SAR if published in Q4 ISI Clarivate Analytics.

4. The reward will be paid as 30,000 SAR in social and human specialties, if published in ISI Clarivate Analytics, and it will be reduced by 5,000 SAR if published in Scopus.

### **Mechanism for applying for "Supporting the identity of King Faisal University through institutional financing" track**

1- The researcher applies to the Deanship of Scientific Research to obtain the Deanship's approval of funding through the electronic application form

<https://services.kfu.edu.sa/Najez/>

2- The application form is reviewed by experts to ensure that all the conditions required are met

3- The research grant number for accepted projects is given by the Deanship of scientific research via the university email of the principle investigator

4- By obtaining the research grant number, the initial approval for the researcher to start working in the research project has been granted, and that final approval is granted by making the contract between the principle investigator and the deanship within five working days after sending the research grant number

5- For the researchers' rewards, the contract between the researcher and the deanship must be signed within 5 working days after granting the researcher with grant number.

6- After obtaining the grant number, the principle investigator fills the contract and provides all the required information as a condition of the contract's validity and within five working days from the date of obtaining the research grant number

7- The contract is sent to the Deanship signed by all researchers (except for the external ones) through "Sharek system", and the researcher is responded to with the Deanship's approval of the contract through the same system within a period not exceeding one month from the date of sending the contract

8- After the scientific paper has been fully published and before the end December 2020, the principle investigator applies to "Sharek system" (and the transaction is submitted manually for verification) with the following:

- The published scientific paper including DOI and evidence of journal rank
- Researchers' Remuneration Form through filling the "Publication Rewards form" and attach to a copy of the original contract of the project