International Scientific Partnership Program (ISPP) - Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **What is the expected budget for each research project, and what expenses can be covered within this budget?**
   The project is funded with a maximum amount of SAR 200,000, covering the costs of scientific exchange visits (travel and accommodation expenses) and other research project requirements, such as lectures, training courses, or joint research.

2. **Can researchers from within the university be added as co-researchers or postgraduate students to the research team?**
   The KSU Principal Investigator (PI) and the International Researcher are key members of the research team. Additional members, including co-researchers or postgraduate students, can be added, provided that researchers from King Saud University constitute at least 30% of the team. Any changes must receive prior approval from the program.

3. **What are the commitments of the KSU Principal Investigator and the international researcher during the project implementation period?**
   Both the KSU Principal Investigator (PI) and the International Researcher are required to participate in the program's research activities, including scientific visits, lectures, specialized courses, and scientific publishing.

4. **Is there a maximum duration for project implementation? What is the follow-up and reporting mechanism required from research teams?**
   The project duration is 18 months, with periodic reports and a final report detailing the project's outcomes.

5. **Is it mandatory to complete the research proposal before submitting the application form?**
   Yes.

6. **Can a researcher submit multiple research proposals with different international researchers?**
   No.

7. **Are there specific publication requirements?**
   The research outcomes must be published as Original Articles only. The papers should be published in journals indexed in (SCIE or SSCI) databases under (Web of Science) with an Impact Factor (IF) and a quartile ranking of at least Q2.

8. **What is the submission deadline for research proposals under this program?**
   The application submission is open until the end of Saturday, April 19, 2025.