

About The Oriented Research Groups Program – Second Phase:

- It is part of the institutional funding initiatives program supported by the Ministry of Education and is offered by the Deanship of Scientific Research at the King Saud University.
- The program supports research groups geared to the university's nine research priorities.
- The Deanship of Scientific Research is now launching the second phase of the ORGP.

Applying to the Program:

Who is eligible to apply for the program?

- According to the terms and conditions of the program, the program receives applications from researchers affiliated with King Saud University and those related to research activity holding a doctorate or equivalent levels.

Is application limited to academic departments at the university?

- No, application is not limited to researchers holding a PhD or equivalent in academic departments.

Are PhD holders in the University Medical City eligible to apply for the program?

- Yes, they are entitled to apply for the program.

Do PhD holders who belong to research chairs, centers and institutes have the right to apply for the program?

- Yes, they have the right to apply for the program.

How many applications are allowed per applicant?

- Each applicant researcher is allowed to submit a maximum of five (5) applications.

Research Group Outcomes:

What are the expected outputs of the research group?

- It is expected to publish an original research from the research group, provided that the publishing journal is included in the Web of Science database (ISI) and indexed, at time of paper acceptance, within the Science Citation Index Expanded- SCI-E, or the Social Science Citation Index Expanded- SSCI-E, or the Arts & Humanities Citation Index Expanded- A&HCI, with an impact factor included in the classification of Journal Citation Reports- JCR AJIF.
- Review papers or the letter sent to the editor-in-chief or the conference booklet, ...etc., will not be accepted.
- Research published or accepted for publication in journals classified within the bottom 10% of the journals of specialization according to the classification (JCR) in the Web of Knowledge -ISI database will not be accepted.
- Published research with a similarity rate of more than 25% will not be accepted.

Does the applicant researcher have to submit a separate application for each published paper?

- Yes, the applicant researcher has to submit a separate application for each research paper to be published.

Is it permissible to acknowledge another party other than the Agency for Research and Innovation in the Ministry of Education?

- It is mandatory to acknowledge the Agency for Research and Innovation in the Ministry of Education as the SOLE funding entity for research work product, with no acknowledgement to any other supporting or funding entity inside or outside the Kingdom.
- Each published paper must be listed with a different group number (IFKSURG-2-XXX), which is obtained electronically after online submission to the program.

Does all publishing will be supported for all applied requests?

- The submitted applications should not exceed five (5) applications for each applicant researcher.
- The published papers must meet the terms and conditions of the program.
- Priority of support will be for applications that support the national priorities of the university and have an impact to the Kingdom.

Does the researcher have the right to publish a scientific article with a single author?

- The program will not support published articles with a single author, and it is stipulated that the number of researchers in the oriented research groups is not less than one co-researcher in addition to the principal investigator (the applicant researcher).

Does the applicant researcher require to be the first researcher or correspondent in the published research?

- It is not required, but it is required to be present in all published papers.

Is it required that all the researchers in the research group be from King Saud University?

- This is not required. Rather, it follows the distribution of the number of researchers according to the three categories:
 - Category (1): All researchers (100%) are from King Saud University.
 - Category (2): At least (50%) of researchers are from King Saud University.
 - Category (3): At least one-third of researchers are from King Saud University, except for publishing in journals classified within the top (10%).

Are points awarded for postgraduate students participating in the study?

- Yes, points will be calculated for the participation of a maximum of two (2) postgraduate students in the research group.

Are points calculated for participating undergraduate students?

- No, points will not be calculated for the participation of undergraduate students in the research group.