**SAUDI EMERGING INVESTIGATOR GRANT (SEIG)**

Standard Full-Proposal

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|  | Structure of the Proposal |  |

* The proposal contains two parts:
* Part A of the proposal captures the general information regarding the project and participants.
* Part B of the proposal is the narrative part that includes sections covering the evaluation criteria.

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|  | General instructions for filling the form: |  |

* The structure of this template must be followed when preparing your proposal. It has been designed to ensure that the important aspects of your planned work are presented in a way that will enable the experts to make an effective assessment against the evaluation criteria
* The proposal template is downloadable from the portal. It needs to be filled, saved as a PDF and uploaded to the portal.
* Proposal page limit: 50 pages maximum (for technical part B)
* Fonts and font size: Arial, Courier New or Palatino: 10 points or larger; Times New Roman, Calibri: 11 points or larger.
* Margins: At least 1.5cm on all sides. Single line space or larger.
* Footer: Include proposal title (smaller font size can be used) and page number (outside right corner)
* References: Use numbered referencing styles which are characterized by references indicated in-text by superscript numbers, or numbers in brackets.
* Further details regarding the grant: max ticket size, duration, eligibility and award criteria, please refer to the call for proposal document

PART A: APPLICATION FORM

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|  | General Information |  |

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| **Grant Program** | Saudi Emerging Investigator Grant | |
| **National Priority** |  | |
| **National Mission** |  | |
| **Research Focus** |  | |
| **RDI Domain** |  | |
| **Key Technology Used** |  | |
| **National Priority** |  | |
| **Proposal Title** | Max 200 characters (with spaces). It must be understandable for non-specialists in your field. | |
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| **Keywords** | Enter any words you think give extra detail of the scope of your proposal (max 200 characters with spaces) | |
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## Abstract

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| **Maximum words:** | **400** |

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| Has this proposal (or a very similar one) been submitted in the past 2 years in response to a call for proposals under any RDIA initiative?\* | ○ | Yes | ○ | No |
| Please give the proposal reference or contract number | | |  | |
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## Declarations

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| 1. We declare to have the explicit consent of all applicants on their participation and on the content of this proposal. | □ |
| 1. We confirm that the information contained in this proposal is correct and complete and that none of the project activities have started before the proposal was submitted (unless explicitly authorized in the call conditions) | □ |
| 1. We declare:  * To be fully compliant with the eligibility criteria set out in the call * To have the financial and operational capacity to carry out the proposed project | □ |
| 1. We acknowledge that all communication will be made through the official portal, unless directly specified otherwise | □ |
| 1. We have read, understood and accepted the  [Terms of Use](https://rdia.gov.sa/terms-en.html) that set out the conditions of use of the Portal and outline the responsibilities, limitations, and guidelines for accessing and using its services. | □ |
| 1. We declare that the proposal has an exclusive focus on civil applications. If the project involves dual-use items or other items for which authorization is required, we confirm that we will comply with the applicable regulatory frameworks (e.g. obtain export/import licenses before these items are used) | □ |
| 1. We declare that this proposal does not contain any investigators included on the basis of personal or reciprocal arrangements, and that the list of Principal Investigators and Co-Principal Investigators is formed based solely on their ability to contribute meaningfully to the project. | □ |
| The coordinator is only responsible for the information relating to their own organization. Each applicant remains responsible for the information declared for their organization  **False statements** or incorrect information may lead to disqualification of the applicant and further legal action |  |

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|  | Team Structure |  |

## List of Participating Organizations and Potential Partners

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| **#** | **Organization Name** | **Role** | **Location** | **Beneficiary Type** | **Country** | **Brief Description** | **Website** | **Status** |
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## List and Role of Researchers in the Project

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| Please append CVs of all team members at the end of the proposal | | | | | | | | | |  |  |

## Leading Organization Data

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## Point of Contact (POC) Details

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## List of up to 5 publications, widely-used datasets, software, goods, services, or any other achievements relevant to the proposal

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## List of up to 5 most relevant previous projects or activities related to the proposal

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|  | Budget Breakdown & Duration | |  | |
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| Total duration required for the completion of the project (in months) | | | 00 | |
| Total in years | | | 00 | |

## Summary of Budget Category Costs Proposed (Individual Grant)

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| Organization Name |  |
| Beneficiary Type |  |
| Funding Rate |  |

## *\*Please fill and submit the budget sheet in excel format in addition to the table below*

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| **Category** | **Year 1** | **Year 2** | **Year 3** | **Year 4** | **Year 5** | **Total Costs by Category** | **% of Total Costs** | **Justification\*** |
| a. Manpower cost |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Equipment cost |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| d. Other Operating cost |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| e. Indirect cost |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Total project cost** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **RDIA contribution** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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|  | Modification from Pre-Proposal |  |

## *Please indicate any changes in the full proposal when compared to pre-proposal and the reasons for the modification*

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| Are there any substantial changes from pre-proposal? | Yes | No |

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| Team / Partnership | *List any substantial differences and indicate the reason* |
| Budget | *List any substantial differences and indicate the reason* |
| Approach | *List any substantial differences and indicate the reason* |

PART B- TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

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| **Table of content** | | **Main evaluation criteria addressed** |
| SHORT PROPOSAL | | |
| 1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** | | |
| 1. **RESEARCH NOVELTY AND POTENTIAL IMPACT** | | |
| 1 | PROBLEM STATEMENT AND LONG-TERM VISION | SCIENTIFIC AMBITION AND INTELLECTUAL MERIT |
| 2 | NOVELTY AND STATE-OF-THE-ART |
| 3 | OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY |
| 4 | CONTRIBUTION TO GRANT CALL FOCUS | POTENTIAL IMPACT |
| 5 | DISSEMINATION AND EXPLOITATION STRATEGY |
| 6 | BROADER IMPACT |
| 1. **PI TRACK RECORD AND CAPABILITY** | | |
| 7 | ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION | TEAM AND EXPERTISE |
| 8 | PI TRACK RECORD |
| 9 | PI CAREER DEVELOPMENT |
| 10 | TEAM MANAGEMENT |
| 11 | IMPLEMENTATION PLAN | PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION |
| 12 | RISK ASSESSMENT |
| 13 | IMPORTANCE OF RDIA FUNDING |
| 14 | BUDGET REQUEST WITH JUSTIFICATION |

Fill in the title of your proposal below.

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| **TITLE OF THE PROPOSAL** |

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (approx. ~2 pages)

This section should provide a concise and compelling overview of the entire proposal.

Important elements to include:

* Clear articulation of the problem or opportunity.
* Proposed solution and its innovation/breakthrough potential.
* Target market and its size.
* Team's expertise and capabilities.
* TRL advancement plan.
* Importance of RDIA funding and expected impact.

1. **RESEARCH NOVELTY AND POTENTIAL IMPACT** (approx. ~30 pages)
2. **Problem Statement and Long-Term Vision**: (approx. ~7 pages)

* Clearly define the problem, opportunity, and/or hypothesis being addressed and its significance.
* Describe the underlying vision of the solution, technology, process, or other to which the project would contribute in the long-term.

1. **Novelty and State-of-the-Art**: (approx. ~7 pages)

* Describe the relevant state-of-the-art or current understanding of the respective field and discuss the novelty and ambition of the proposed research with respect to it.
* Describe the potential contribution of the proposed research to the realization or advancement of the underlying vision.

1. **Objectives and Methodology:** (approx. ~10 pages)

* Describe the objectives of the project, which should be clear, plausible, verifiable and realistically achievable within the duration of the project.
* Describe and explain the overall methodology including the concepts, models and assumptions that underpin the proposed work. Explain how this will enable delivery of the project’s objectives. Refer to any important challenges identified in the chosen methodology and the proposition to overcome them.

1. **Contribution to Focus of Grant Call:** (approx. ~2-3 pages)

* Demonstrate how the project aligns with the RDIA call's objectives and priorities (research topics indicated).
* Explain how the project will contribute to the field and meet the call's expected outcomes and impacts.

1. **Dissemination and Exploitation Strategy** (approx. ~2 pages)

* Describe the dissemination and communication measures planned, as well as the target group(s) addressed for raising awareness about the project’s outcomes.
* Describe the measures/steps needed for a plausible path to translate the results of the project into higher TRLs.

1. **Broader Impact**: (approx. ~2 pages)

* Discuss the societal, economic, environmental, and climate impacts of the proposal.
* Explain whether and how the proposal contributes to developing technologies of strategic importance to KSA.

1. **TEAM AND IMPLEMENTATION** (approx. ~20 pages)
2. **Organization Description**: (approx. ~2 pages)

* This section should provide a clear and concise overview of the applicant organization.
* It should highlight the organization's core mission and vision, its key assets/ resources available (e.g., offices, laboratories, production facilities), and its relevant experience.

1. **PI Track Record:** (approx. ~2 pages)

* Present the Principal Investigator's (PI) track record to date, relevant experience, qualifications, and past successes, particularly those demonstrating their leadership ability.
* Elaborate on the current stage of the PI’s career and how the PI’s track record to date distinguish the PI.

1. **PI Career Development** (approx. ~2 pages)

* Describe the PI’s longer-term objectives and goals, both as a researcher, as well as within the PI’s respective field of expertise.
* Elaborate on how the proposed research, project, and potential grant further accelerate the PI’s trajectory and pathway towards the outlined goals.

1. **Team Management:** (approx. ~2 pages)

* Present the team, highlighting the track record of PIs, and other team members, showcasing available skills and experience.
* Identify missing skills and outline recruitment plans to address these gaps.
* Elaborate on the proposed plan to manage the team, role of team members and their expected contribution to project goals.

1. **Implementation Plan:** (approx., ~ 10 pages)

* Present a brief overview of the work plan's structure, describing the logical sequence of activities and corresponding deliverables.
* Describe the infrastructure and equipment required to successfully complete the project, highlight resources the project team has already secured access to and outline the plan for gaining access to the missing ones.
* Provide a visual representation of the project timeline using a Gantt chart or similar tool / representation.
* Leverage tables such as the one below to submit list of deliverables and milestones.

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| **Instructions:**  Deliverable numbers in order of delivery dates.  **Types of deliverables**  Use one of the following codes:  R: Document, report (excluding the periodic and final reports)  DEM: Demonstrator, pilot, prototype, plan designs  DEC: Websites, patent filing, press & media activity, videos, etc.  DATA: Data sets, microdata, etc.  DMP: Data management plan  ETHICS: Deliverables related to ethics issues.  SECURITY: Deliverables related to security issues  OTHER: Software, technical diagram, algorithms, models, etc.  **Delivery date**  Measured in months from the project start date (month 1) |

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| **Milestone Number** | **Milestone Name** | **Due Date (in months)** | **Means of verification and link to the objectives of the project** |
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| **Due date**  Measured in months from the project start date (month 1)  **Means of verification**  Show how you will confirm that the milestone has been attained. Refer to indicators if appropriate. For example: field survey complete and data quality validated. Please also indicate how the milestone will contribute to achieving the objective of the project (including achievement of a specific TRL level). |

1. **Risk Assessment:** (approx. ~2 pages)

* Describe any critical risks relating to project implementation that the stated project's objectives may not be achieved.
* Outline the likelihood of these risks occurring, their potential effects, and the planned mitigation methods.
* Leverage the below table to summarize foreseen risks.

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| **Description of Risk** | **Likelihood of occurring (Low/ Medium/ High)** | **Impact on project, if occurs** | **Severity of impact**  **(Low/ Medium/ High)** | **Risk Mitigation Measure** |
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1. **Importance of RDIA Funding** (approx. ~1-2 pages)

* Explain why RDIA funding is required and critical to support the successful execution of the project.

1. **Budget Justification** (approx. ~2 pages)

* Provide the reasoning behind total project cost and highlight significant cost items.
* Explain if there is any deviation from industry standards.

1. **Any Additional Information** (optional)

Appendix - Program Deliverables

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| **#** | **Deliverable Category** | **Deliverable Type** | **Description** | **Quantity** |
| **1** | Publication | Publication in High-Impact Journal | Submit and have accepted one full-length research paper in a top-100 journal by 2024 Impact Factor (e.g. Nature, Science, Cell). |  |
| **2** | Publication | Publication in Q1 Journal Articles | Submit and have accepted original research articles in Q1 journals (Scimago SJR). |  |
| **3** | Publication | Publication in Q2 Journal Articles | Submit and have accepted one article in a Q2 journal |  |
| **4** | Reports | Case Study / Case Report | In-depth analysis of a single case in context (e.g., patient case, teaching strategy, etc.). |  |
| **5** | Reports | Clinical Trial Report | Describes the methodology, design, and outcomes of a clinical trial following standard reporting formats (e.g., CONSORT). |  |
| **6** | Reports | Field Report / Field Study | Based on field observations and data collection, often in natural sciences, anthropology, or archaeology. |  |
| **7** | Data | Data Sets | Structured datasets used or produced during the project (e.g., summary tables, processed variables). |  |
| **8** | Data | Microdata | Anonymized, raw individual-level data records with appropriate documentation (e.g., codebook). |  |
| **9** | Data | Data Management Plan | Written plan detailing data collection, storage, sharing, preservation, and reuse policies. |  |
| **10** | ETHICS | Data Privacy Impact Assessment | Report assessing risks and safeguards for handling sensitive or personal data in the research. |  |
| **11** | ETHICS | IRB Approval | Institutional Review Board (or equivalent ethics committee) approval for human subject research. |  |
| **12** | ETHICS | Informed Consent Pack | Templates and completed forms used to obtain informed consent from study participants. |  |
| **13** | Others | Algorithms, Technical Diagram, Software | Documented algorithms, System architecture diagrams, flowcharts, or workflow representations of methods or data pipelines, Software scripts, tools, or applications |  |