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1. Record of Amendments

This is a record of changes made to this document, based on review.

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01		XX-DD-GDL-000	Initial Release

2. Overview

Description:

Doha International Family Institute (DIFI) invites researchers and scholars inside and outside Qatar who are interested in Family Research in the Arab region to apply for OSRA Research Grant. This cycle specifically focuses on four main themes that represent priority research areas. Proposals are encouraged to have tangible impact, contributing to the development of policies, programs, and measures, as well as building theoretical knowledge related to the Arab family in different contexts around the world. OSRA Grant aims to support research addressing family issues within the following key themes:

1. **Policies Theme**
2. **Programs Theme**
3. **Measures and Indicators Theme**
4. **Theoretical Theme**

To highlight the challenges that are facing Arab families around the world, and to contribute to developing evidence-based policies and programs to promote the well-being of families.

What is OSRA grant?

OSRA grant is an annual research grant that was first established in February 2015 as a joint grant between DIFI and the Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF), with the goal of supporting innovative and high-quality research initiatives to advance knowledge on issues facing Arab families and to provide policy-makers in the Arab world with evidence-based research and policy analysis that supports the design and implementation of new, or more effective, family related policies and programs through jointly funded grants. This grant started as a joint grant for the past five years, as QNRF was managing the local projects and DIFI was managing and acting as Research Office for the international projects. But from the sixth cycle and onwards of the grant, DIFI will manage both the national and international projects.

The grant awards each proposal team up to **50,000 USD** for a maximum period of 18 months. Grants will be made to the most innovative ideas received and selected through a competitive peer-review process. The proposal that meets all the conditions will have the highest chance of winning the grant.

Background:

DIFI was established in 2006 by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation (QF). The mission of DIFI is to support the aims of the 2004 Doha Declaration on the Family (<https://www.difi.org.qa/doha-declaration>) by contributing to the global knowledge base



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on issues facing the Arab Family through the development and dissemination of high-quality research, encouraging knowledge exchange on issues related to the Family across an international and interdisciplinary network of researchers, policy-makers, and service providers, making family issues a priority for policy-makers through advocacy and outreach at the national, regional and international levels, and building a global network of regional experts.

For more information, please visit DIFI's website at: <https://www.difi.org.qa/>.

3. Scope

The following times are in Doha time:	
Online Registration	Always open and ongoing
Open Proposal Submission	Wednesday, 24th of September 2025
Close Proposal Submission	Wednesday, 24th of December 2025 (12 PM, Doha Time)
Close RO Vetting	Wednesday, 31st of December 2025 (12 PM, Doha Time)
Announcement of Results	March 2026
Anticipated projects Start Date	Project activities cannot begin until a Master Research Funding Agreement (MRFA) has been signed with Doha International Family Institute (DIFI). Therefore, the project's start date will be from the date of signing the MRFA from DIFI's side.
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support high-quality empirical work that advances research on Arab families. 2. Support high-quality social policy research related to families. 3. Provide policy-makers with evidence-based research and analysis that encourages the formation and/or modification of family-related policies. 4. Develop research capacity on issues related to Arab families. 5. Develop research areas within Qatar and Arab Countries.
Specific Research Priority Areas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policies Theme 2. Programs Theme 3. Measures and Indicators Theme 4. Theoretical Theme
Applicant Eligibility	Researchers and scholars inside and outside Qatar. The Lead Principal Investigator (LPI) must hold a research-oriented doctorate and have at least three peer-reviewed publications in Social Science field. In case of collaboration, each individual team within the collaborative team structure must include a Principal Investigator (PI).
Award Budget	Each award is up to 50,000 USD. The total award amount is to be divided among the investigators/institutions involved in the collaborative teams. This amount includes Personnel, Capital Equipment (Consumables, Materials and Services) Travel, Miscellaneous and Applicable Indirect Costs. The duration of each award is up to 18 months.



How to Apply?	Register and submit the full application through the online submission portal website: https://digrants.fluxx.io For more details on how to apply, please download the Grant Application Guide (GAG) from https://www.difi.org.qa/
DIFI Grant Management Office	For any query regarding this call, please contact DIFI Grant Administrator via the below address: Email: digrants@qf.org.qa Office number: +974-44545655

4. Acronym List

Acronyms (A)	
AROR	Authorized Research Office Representative
Acronyms (C)	
CFP	Call for Proposal
Acronyms (D)	
DIFI	Doha International Family Institute
Acronyms (G)	
GAG	Grant Application Guide
GS	Graduate Student
Acronyms (I)	
IP	Intellectual Property
IRB	Institutional Review Board
Acronyms (K)	
KI	Key Investigator
Acronyms (L)	
LPI	Lead Principal Investigator
Acronyms (M)	
MOPH	Ministry of Public Health – State of Qatar
Acronyms (O)	
OSRA	Means “Family” in Arabic
Acronyms (P)	
PD	Post-Doctoral Scholar
PI	Principal Investigator
PR	Peer Reviewer
Acronyms (Q)	
QNRF	Qatar National Research Fund
Acronyms (R)	
RA	Research Assistant
REG	Research Ethics Guide
RIG	Research Integrity Guide
RO	Research Office
Acronyms (S)	
SI	Submitting Institution

5. Objectives

OSRA Grant aims to:



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1. Support high-quality empirical work that advances research on Arab families.
2. Support high-quality social policy research related to families.
3. Provide policy-makers with evidence-based research and analysis that encourages the formation and/or modification of family-related policies.
4. Develop research capacity on issues-related to Arab families.
5. Develop research areas within Qatar and Arab Countries.

6. Deliverables

The awarded LPI is expected to submit Progress/Interim and Final Reports including but not limited to:

- Publications/Manuscripts.
- Policy Reports.
- Data Sets.

7. Specific Research Priority Areas

OSRA Grant Program supports innovative, fundamental, and applied research, including comparative and policy-oriented studies that address the realities of the Arab family worldwide. This cycle specifically focuses on four main themes that represent priority research areas.

Proposals are encouraged to have tangible impact, contributing to the development of policies, programs, and measures, as well as building theoretical knowledge related to the Arab family in different contexts around the world

- **Policies Theme**

This theme focuses on the study and analysis of public and social policies related to the family. The topics include, but are not limited to, the following

- Policies related to family formation (marriage, unwillingness to marry, marital well-being, housing, etc.)
- Population dynamics policies (including declining fertility, rising rates of singleness, active aging, etc.)
- Policies aimed at addressing negative social phenomena (divorce, family breakdown, domestic violence, etc.)
- Family-friendly policies (work-life balance, childcare, parental leave, etc.)
- Social protection policies (care for the elderly, single-parent families, vulnerable and priority groups, etc.)
- Family and environmental sustainability policies (climate change, shifting roles, families' economic resilience, etc.)

- **Programs Theme**

This theme focuses on the design, evaluation, and development of family programs - both intervention and prevention - to address behavioral, social, and developmental issues. The topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Preventive and intervention programs for digital addiction, substance abuse, or risky adolescent behaviors.
- Parenting programs that promote father involvement, develop parenting skills, and support children with disabilities.
- Programs to strengthen family resilience in times of crisis (wars, disasters, displacement, migration).
- Pre-marriage and post-divorce programs to reduce family breakdown.



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- Intervention programs aimed at protecting family members from social, behavioral, and psychological challenges.
- Cost-benefit analysis of selected relevant family programs.

- **Measures and Indicators Theme**

This theme highlights the development of scientific tools and indicators to measure the well-being and cohesion of the Arab family. The topics include, but are not limited to:

- Developing a family cohesion scale.
- Developing a family well-being scale.
- Sub-indicators to measure marital satisfaction, intergenerational solidarity, child well-being, parental involvement in education, etc.

- **Theoretical Theme**

This theme encourages the development of theoretical frameworks to understand the Arab family within contemporary challenges. The topics include, but are not limited to:

- Theoretical models on the transformations of the Arab family structure across generations.
- Theoretical studies on cultural diversity, migration, and identity formation within Arab families in the diaspora.
- Comparative frameworks linking Arab family well-being with global family policy trends.
- Studies exploring the relationship between gender roles, societal change, and family cohesion.

8. Eligibility

8.1. Eligibility of Proposal

- 8.1.1. The proposal must be within one or more of the specific research priority areas indicated in **section 7**.
- 8.1.2. The proposal must include at least a Lead Principal Investigator (LPI) or a Principal Investigator (PI) from an Arab country.
- 8.1.3. The proposals must focus on subjects related to **Arab Families** in all over the world.

8.2. Eligibility of Submitting/International Institution

- 8.2.1. Applicants from all countries are allowed to apply for this grant.
- 8.2.2. To consider the ROs as "eligible," all ROs inside and outside Qatar must submit a letter from their affiliated institution when registering in DIFI-Grants Portal. For the following cycles, the ROs that are already registered on the system will not have to submit this letter. This letter can be downloaded from DIFI-Website.
- 8.2.3. Proposals should be within the research area(s) of the submitting institutions as declared by the approved ROs.
- 8.2.4. For institutions based outside Qatar, only Academic and Research Institutions are eligible to apply for this grant.
- 8.2.5. For institutions based outside Qatar, the affiliated ROs of the academic and research institutions will handle the vetting and other RO Responsibilities that are listed in DIFI-Website.
- 8.2.6. The institution of the LPIs inside Qatar will be considered the Submitting Institution while institutions of LPI outside Qatar will be called International Submitting Institutions.
- 8.2.7. Institutions other than the submitting institutions will be considered as collaborating institutions.
- 8.2.8. Authorized Research Office Representatives (ARORs) and other research administrators who are members of the RO are not eligible to participate in any OSRA projects.



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8.3. Eligibility of Participants

8.3.1. Eligibility of Lead Principal Investigators (LPIs)

- 8.3.1.1. Each team must be led by an LPI who submits the research proposal on behalf of the research team.
- 8.3.1.2. An eligible LPI must hold a research-oriented doctorate or any of the approved terminal degree, as defined under the approved list of terminal degrees in DIFI-Website.
- 8.3.1.3. The LPI should have at least three peer-reviewed publications relevant to the social science field uploaded in his/her profile in DIFI-Grants Portal. The forms of publications accepted by DIFI include journal papers, full papers, conference proceedings, books, book chapters, or patents.
- 8.3.1.4. LPIs from Qatar must be employed by a Qatar-based institution, with a DIFI-approved RO.
- 8.3.1.5. LPIs from outside Qatar are eligible to apply if they are affiliated with academic or research institutions, and their ROs registration need to be approved in prior by DIFI, as explained in **section 8.2**.
- 8.3.1.6. For individuals affiliated with international submitting institutions outside Qatar and aiming at being an LPI for this call, their institutions will be called the International Submitting Institutions and their Research Offices will act as the Grant Proposal Administrator for them.
- 8.3.1.7. If affiliated to an international submitting institution from a country outside the Arab world, the LPI must collaborate with at least one PI from the Arab world.
- 8.3.1.8. A post-doctoral scholar is not eligible to act as an LPI.

8.3.2. Number of Roles

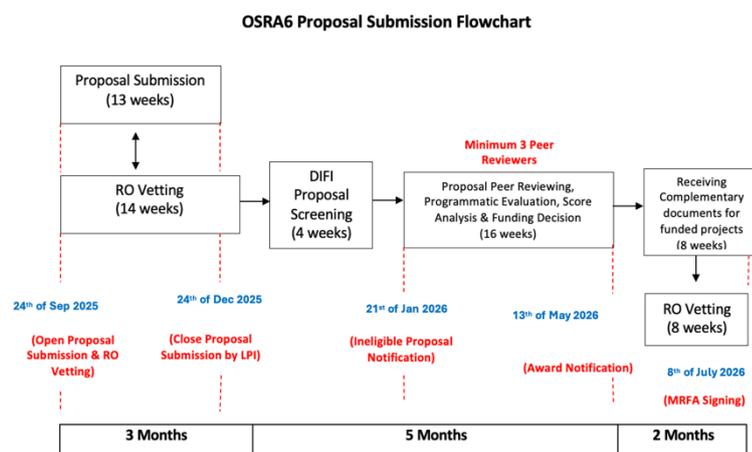
- 8.3.2.1. The LPI can submit only one application per cycle.
- 8.3.2.2. Each LPI and PI is eligible to submit and participate in only one research proposal under this call. That counts restriction excludes awarded projects under previous OSRA cycles.
- 8.3.2.3. Each LPI is eligible to participate as an LPI in up to **two** OSRA projects in all on-going cycles.
- 8.3.2.4. DIFI reserves the right to reduce the permissible number of a participant's roles based on previous award performance.
- 8.3.2.5. Post-doctoral scholars, graduate students, research associates, research assistants, and undergraduate students are considered Research Team members and are eligible to participate in only one research proposal in this Call. Definitions of the personnel are below in **section 11**. For more details on definitions please visit DIFI-Website.

9. Submission Process

9.1. Proposal Submission Flowchart and Timeline

9.1.1. Flowchart

The following flowchart illustrates the steps necessary for proposal submission by the LPI and the RO until the notification of the final award.



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9.1.2. Timeline

The following table shows important dates for OSRA 7th Cycle:

Timeline for OSRA 7 th Cycle	
Description	Dates
Online Registration for LPIs and ROs	Always Open
Open proposal submission as well as RO vetting* process.	Wednesday, 24th of September 2025
Close proposal submission by LPI	Wednesday, 24th of December 2025
RO Final Proposal Submission and Vetting	Wednesday, 31st of December 2025
Ineligible Proposals Notification	Wednesday, 21st of January 2026
Successful Proposals Notification, Awards Announced	Wednesday, 18th of March 2026

**RO vetting can only start once the proposal is submitted.*

9.2. Applications Procedures

During proposal preparation, LPIs must select one of the two types of applications stated below:

9.2.1. New

- 9.2.1.1. LPI must select “**New**” application if it is the first time that the application is submitted for funding.
- 9.2.1.2. New application may also include proposals that did not pass the screening stage in previous cycles.

9.2.2. Resubmission

- 9.2.2.1. Proposals that passed screening but were not awarded in OSRA are allowed to be resubmitted in the subsequent cycle. Such proposals should be flagged as “**Resubmission.**” Resubmission is allowed once only.
- 9.2.2.2. Previous proposals that have passed screening but were not awarded and are being resubmitted as “**New**” proposals will be disqualified during the screening.

10. Budget Allocation

Please refer to the **Budget Components** document available at DIFI-Website.

11. Personnel Requirement

11.1. Principal Investigators (PIs)

- 11.1.1. An eligible PI must hold a research-oriented doctorate or any of the approved, listed terminal degrees as defined under the approved list of terminal degrees available at DIFI-Website.
- 11.1.2. A Principal Investigator must be affiliated with a research institution from inside or outside Qatar.
- 11.1.3. A post-doctoral scholar is not eligible to act as a PI.



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11.2. Graduate Students (GS)

11.2.1. A graduate student (GS) is eligible to participate in OSRA projects provided that he/she is enrolled in a higher education degree program at the submitting/international submitting or collaborative institution and that the OSRA research activities are related to the GS's degree program.

11.2.2. A GS sponsored by the Qatari government to pursue his/her studies abroad is eligible to participate in OSRA grant regardless of the institution in which he/she is enrolled.

11.3. Undergraduate Students

If necessary, the LPI may include undergraduate students as Research Team Members under the "Undergraduate Student" roles on the DIFI-Grants Portal, provided that their participation would comply with their institution's policies. Each undergraduate student shall not participate for more than 16 hours per week in the awarded project activities.

11.4. Consultant

Consultants are not permitted under this Call.

11.5. Research Assistant/Associate

A person holding university degree conducting research with the aim of:

11.5.1. Assisting in carrying out research tasks of a research project under the supervision of the key investigator.

11.5.2. Acquiring further research skills that help them along their research career.

PS: The designations "Associate" and "Assistant" are organizational and may indicate a differential in scale or duty, but the function of the general category remains essentially the same.

12. Online Submission Procedures

12.1. Submission Requirements

12.1.1. The online application submitted by the LPI must be vetted by the Research Office (RO) of their affiliated institutions to be considered as an official submission to OSRA Research Grant; RO vetting must be completed following the timeline (**section 9.1.2**). Please refer to the RO responsibilities at DIFI-Website.

12.1.2. Proposal application materials must be prepared in English or Arabic. A research plan in Arabic and English must be submitted as a PDF document. The Research Plan template should be downloaded from DIFI-Website.

12.1.3. All LPIs and ROs listed on an OSRA grant application, residing inside or outside Qatar, must register with DIFI-Grants Portal at <https://difigrants.fluxx.io>.

12.1.4. Applicants are required to use their official work email addresses (if available) when registering—even the previously registered need to register again so that they can have a profile in DIFI-Grants Portal. Applicants who register with two different emails will be disqualified.

12.1.5. Each LPI is required to upload at least three single- or co-authored peer-reviewed publications in research areas relevant to this Call.

12.1.6. LPIs are expected to submit the completed application through DIFI-Grants Portal at <https://difigrants.fluxx.io>.

12.1.7. For the requirements regarding online registration please refer to the Grant Application Guide (GAG) at DIFI-Website.



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12.2. Proposal Registrations

- 12.2.1. After registration to the portal, the LPI is required to submit the proposal at the following website: <https://difigrants.fluxx.io>. For more information regarding the proposal registration and submission, please refer to (GAG) at DIFI-Website.
- 12.2.2. The LPI can use the “Comments to DIFI” box to state the names and emails of Peer Reviewers that DIFI should not utilize for evaluating the proposals, in addition to any other issue he/she must declare ahead of submission.

12.3. Proposal Preparation

During the **Proposal Preparation**, the LPI has to submit the information according to the online sections listed below and upload documents as required.

- 12.3.1. **Proposal Summary:** A brief description written in the third person outlining the significant aspect(s) of the proposed activity while illustrating the objectives and methods to be used. The description should be informative, highlighting the intellectual merit and the potential policy impact of the project; this is requested during the proposal submission phase on the system.
- 12.3.2. **Submitting Institutions:** The LPI’s institution must have appropriate research resources specialized in area(s) of the call and is responsible for submitting research proposals to DIFI. The LPI’s institution in Qatar will be considered the Submitting Institution and will be responsible for vetting the proposal. Submitting Institutions of LPIs from outside Qatar will be called International Submitting Institutions, and their affiliated ROs will be their Grant Proposal Administrator and be responsible for vetting the proposals. For International Submitting Institutions, the LPI should upload an International Submitting Institution supporting letter; the template of which is available at DIFI-Website.
- 12.3.3. **Collaborative Institutions’ Information:** Research Institutions inside or outside Qatar may collaborate with the Submitting Institution/ International Submitting Institution in conducting the research proposal. In case of collaboration, the LPI should enter the required information for each collaborative institution, including uploading a collaborative institution supporting letter. Please download the letter from DIFI-Website.
- 12.3.4. **Personnel:** The LPI can nominate Research Team Members (see definition at DIFI-Website) from the Submitting/International Submitting and Collaborative Institutions. PIs are required to register to be added to the proposal submission. The portal will request the PIs to update their profiles with all required documentation/information in order to be added to the proposal.
- 12.3.5. **Research Plan:** The LPI should prepare the research plan file according to the Research Plan template available at DIFI-Website. The research plan should use Arial font for the body text, font size 11, single space, and the margins as identified in the template (no less than 0.5 inches) and use APA style. The research plan must not exceed 25 pages in total excluding cover page, table of contents and references. All submitted proposals must include an appendix report from a certified Plagiarism Checker to be accepted. DIFI may accept limited use of identical or nearly-identical phrases which describe a commonly- used methodology. The Plagiarism Check report should be attached to the Research Plan when submitting it to DIFI-Grants Portal.
- 12.3.6. **Budget:** for information on the budget, see the Budget Components document at DIFI-Website.
- 12.3.7. **Ethical Compliance:** For research involving human subject(s), LPI is required to comply with the laws and regulations set out by the Ministry of Public Health-Qatar (MoPH) for the protection of the human subjects. Foreign institutions must follow the appropriate regulations of the jurisdiction where the research will be conducted and must obtain prospective review and approval for research involving human subjects in accordance with the requirements of the jurisdiction where the research will be conducted. LPIs are required to submit an MoPH assurances for studies done in Qatar or on Qatari sample. For more information, please visit MoPH website at: <https://research.moph.gov.qa/en/Pages/IRB.aspx>.
- 12.3.8. **Miscellaneous Documents:** This section may contain any supporting documents such as tables, appendices, etc. However, documents wrongly uploaded under this section, such as a research plan,

will not be considered. All the information required for the evaluation process should be included in the research plan.

- 12.3.9. **Declarations:** The LPI should declare electronically that the proposal is his/her own work, except where appropriately referenced, and that the proposal did not and will not be submitted in whole, or in part, for funding twice within the same cycle or other funding agencies.

13. Proposal Screening

All submitted proposals are subject to screening by DIFI according to the screening process outlined at DIFI-Website before they can proceed to the Evaluation stage.

14. Proposal Evaluation

14.1. Proposal Review and Ranking

The proposal review and ranking process comprises a number of assessment steps, including peer review by international experts, followed by a programmatic review, which DIFI carries out. The two procedures are detailed below.

14.1.1. Peer Review (PR):

DIFI solicits at least three qualified international peer reviewers to evaluate each proposal against a set of criteria listed below. The reviewers will score the proposals, make recommendations for “fund” or “not fund,” and provide narrative feedback to applicants. The evaluation criterion consists of the following:

14.1.1.1. Literature Review (Excellent; Very Good; Good; Fair; Poor)

- Relevance/positioning the proposal in relation to the current debate in the literature.
- Comprehensiveness of literature review and how recent it is.
- Depth of literature review.
- Creativity and innovation in generating hypotheses from the literature review.
- Critical assessment of the literature.

14.1.1.2. Originality and Methodology (Excellent; Very Good; Good; Fair; Poor)

- Novelty of research problem/idea.
- Methodological innovation.
- Contribution to knowledge and/or literature on the subject.
- Accuracy of the operational definitions of variables and measurement indicators.
- Accuracy of specification/conceptualization of the relationship between variables.
- Identification of data sources (quantitative/qualitative, primary/secondary) and their appropriateness to the research problem.
- Data accessibility.
- Appropriateness of the data analysis tools to the nature of data.
- Timeline and methods of dissemination.

14.1.1.3. Anticipated results, policy implications and impacts (Excellent; Very Good; Good; Fair; Poor)

- Relevance of anticipated results to the discipline.
- Potential to generate new research questions/problems.
- Anticipated policy implication(s) of the research.
- Significance of the project’s potential impact on developing human capacity in the relevant research areas in Qatar and the Arab countries.



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14.1.1.4. Resources (Excellent; Very Good; Good; Fair; Poor)

- **Research Team**

Evaluation indicators look at:

- The qualifications of the research team.
- The quality of their publications.
- Their designated roles and suitability to conduct the research (if appropriate, prior work will be considered).

- **Resources**

Adequacy of the resources to support the project activities as listed in the resources section of the research plan.

14.1.1.5. Budget (Adequate, Inadequate)

Adequacy of the proposed budget to the project's objective(s) in terms of:

- Personnel
- Equipment and materials
- Travel
- Miscellaneous
- Indirect costs

14.1.1.6. Overall Summary

Summarize your review of this proposal. In addition, provide a funding recommendation (Fund/ Not fund).

Criteria #	Criteria Name	Weight
C1	Literature Review	20
C2	Originality and Methodology	25
C3	Anticipated results, policy implications and impacts	35
C4	Resources	20

14.1.2. Programmatic Review:

Only scientifically meritorious proposals will advance to programmatic review. The programmatic review is designed to assess and compare all proposals in each specific research priority area. The programmatic review provides coverage of all aspects of interest and ensures a balanced and equitable outcome. It takes into account the peer reviewer's comments, as well as the programmatic and strategic goals of DIFI, related but not limited to:

14.1.2.1. The strength of the alignment with the call objectives and the specific research priority area(s)

Do the project objectives address the research priority areas of OSRA Cycle 7?

14.1.2.2. The quality of collaboration

- The extent of knowledge-creation inside Qatar and the Arabic countries and of knowledge-transfer to Qatar and the Arabic countries and the potential for technology-transfer to Qatar and the Arabic countries.
- The quality and extent of collaboration among researchers inside Qatar and the Arabic countries.



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- If relevant, the quality level of involvement of research end-users, their capacity to utilize the research outcomes and their ability to benefit from them.

14.1.2.3. The potential impact on Qatar and the Arabic countries

- The relevance of the project to Qatar’s and the Arabic countries’ development with respect to socio-economic, health, industrial development and environmental aspects and the ability to address end-user needs, as well as the potential to create positive international scientific visibility for Qatar and the Arabic countries (if applicable); the relevance of the project to the objectives of the call (if applicable).
- The extent to which the project provides a solution addressing research needs of end-users in Qatar and the Arabic countries.

14.1.2.4. The past performance of the LPI and participating PIs

- Prominence in the respective field of research, scientific background and track record (quality of publications/patents), proven abilities as an independent researcher to carry out the research project, research team leadership and project management experience.
- The quality of the outcomes and impact of previous OSRA Grant Cycles performed by the LPI and participating PIs.

14.1.2.5. Previous OSRA funding in this area of research

Does the project duplicate/overlap with previous and existing grants in the OSRA Grant portfolio?

14.1.2.6. The composition of the local/Arabic research team

- Participation of local/Arabic, academic and/or governmental entities.
- Local/ Arabic capacity building (training of graduate students in the project/ involvement of RAs, PDs, and junior researchers in the project).
- The level of commitment by local/Arabic institutional participants (resources, effort).

14.1.2.7. Budget

Appropriateness of the budget as related to the objectives of the project.

At the end of the review and ranking process, the proposals are categorized in terms of their competitiveness, as shown in the table below:

	Group	EvaluationOutcome	Description
Shortlisted – Programmatic Review	A	Highly Competitive	The proposal was evaluated to be an excellent project during the review process (with minor to negligible weaknesses) and is, therefore, considered “highly competitive” for funding. (Funding decisions are based on the available budget).
	B	Competitive	The proposal was evaluated to be a very good project during the review process (with moderate to minor weaknesses) and is, therefore, considered “competitive” for funding. (Funding decisions are based on the available budget).
	C	Not competitive	The proposal was considered “not competitive” for funding, due to moderate to significant weaknesses identified by the review process.



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Not shortlisted	D	Not shortlisted	The proposal was not shortlisted and is considered “not competitive” for funding due to significant weaknesses or shortcomings identified by the review process.
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15. Pre-Funding

15.1. Awarded proposals will go through a pre-funding stage, which starts after the award announcement, and continues for approximately eight weeks. During pre-funding, the submitting institutions will be notified of the requirements (possible budget reduction, budget details, timeline changes, etc.).

15.2. During the pre-funding phase, the LPI needs to provide requested information related to the data management plan.

See more information on the pre-funding stage in the Institutions Responsibilities and Post Award document available at DIFI-Website.

16. Post-Award

For rules and regulations related to pre-funding, fund management, payment schedule and reporting, please refer to the Institutions responsibilities and Post-Award document available at DIFI-Website.

17. Research Ethics Guide (REG)

Please refer to the **Research Ethics Guide (REG)** document available at DIFI-Website.

18. Research Integrity

For further information regarding research integrity and other related policies, please see the **Code of Practice** and the **REG** at DIFI-Website.

19. Intellectual Property Policy

This call will follow the Qatar Foundation (QF) IP policy. Please consult the DIFI website for details on the applicable Intellectual Property policy and the relevant IP terms posted on DIFI-Website.

20. Inquiries

For any inquiry regarding this CFP and the electronic proposal submission process, please contact us on difigrants@qf.org.qa

