



Center for Research and Development

Call for Research Proposal for 2018

SU-DA-R01 Research Grant

Executive Summary

Research and publications are key areas that are essential for academic development and are considered two major indicators for world university rankings. Hence, SIMAD University (hereafter SU) is committed to improve its research and publication capacity in order to be ranked globally. To provide robust and supportive environment to the different academic scholars in conducting scientific research, the center for research and development grants four scientific research projects that address health, public policy, technology, engineering, entrepreneurship challenges.

These projects will produce various research papers in the aforementioned areas of study, which will significantly contribute to the SU' publication requirements. Moreover, these projects will contribute the development of economy, public policy, education, healthcare, and technology.

Introduction

As a higher education institution, SU primary business is teaching, research and public services for improved quality of life of Somalis. The Center for Research and Development (CRD) established to promote academic researches, training and publications to renovate the progressive role of Somali intellectuals and professionals, both current and potentials. The range of research activities at SU is broad and deep. SU scholars conduct research in almost every field including engineering, businesses, public policy, and economics to advance the science and technology nationally and world widely and to expand human knowledge through research, training, academic conferences, symposiums and publications.

To provide robust and supportive environment to the different academic scholars in conducting scientific research, the center for research and development announces the opportunity to grant four scientific research projects in the fields of health sciences, public policy, computing, engineering, entrepreneurship and business development for the year 2018.

Research Areas

As per the National Development Plan (NDP) of Somalia, the research office will accept the multidimensional research projects to promote the awareness of the political, governance, health, social and economic conditions of the country. SU center for research and development (R&D) has been enthusiastic to come out with research projects that are in line with both the NDP and SU strategic plan. After thorough discussions with the different stakeholders, the following scientific research projects were proposed to fund for the year 2018:

1. The state of federalism in Somalia: obstacles and way forward
2. Mapping elections in Somalia: policies, players, and practices
3. Environmental degradation and human conflict in south central Somalia
4. Foreign direct investment and peace building in Somalia
5. ICT and Higher Education Reform
6. The state of cancer in Somalia: plans, monitoring and surveillance
7. The increasing income inequality and life style of young Somali generations, and
8. Other research areas which are significant for the development of the country.

Eligibility

1. The projects should result research brief (policy brief) and publications in international indexed peer reviewed journals and other relevant reports.
2. The Call is open to all researchers within SU and its affiliations, who hold at least Master's Degree and have at least two years of research experience. This criterion does not apply to the research assistants appointed on the project.
3. Applications from groups of researchers are also eligible. The principle and lead members must fulfil the eligibility criteria.
4. Applications are limited to one application per person/group.
5. Eligible costs include research consultancy, research assistance, travel, data collection, research tools, impact and knowledge exchange, conference fees, and publications.

How to apply

1. Proposals are to be submitted electronically in Word format to crd@simad.edu.so.
2. Please submit proposals of no more than 2,500 words (Times New Roman font, size 12, justified alignment, 2cm margins, 1.5 spaced). Proposals should address the five evaluation criteria laid out in the **Selection Process** below and should be structured under the following sub-headings:
 - **Summary:** project title, name of the researcher(s) (and other lead researchers together with a structure of the team and the allocation of tasks across its members), start and end dates, total budget in figure
 - **Research objectives and Contribution of the study**
 - **Methodology**
 - **Time-Line**
 - **Planned Publications** (Research report/brief, international publications): suggested publisher, date of submission, estimated date of publication and so on..
 - **Impact**

- **Annex 1: Personnel** (including short biographies). Full CV's should be attached as separate documents.
- **Annex 2: Detailed Budget** - Please complete the Excel budget template provided where the total budget cannot exceed \$15000.00 (fifteen thousand dollar).

Selection Process

Proposals will be selected by the committee appointed by the SU according to the following criteria:

- **Originality**, significance, and impact of the research
- **Evidence** that the individuals involved have the capacity to execute the proposed project and deliver on stated outcomes
- **Contribution** towards relevant challenges facing Somali Community/
- **Value for money**
- **Compatibility** of the research with the broader work of the SIMAD University

Deliverables

The successful researcher / research team will be required to provide:

- **Final Research Note/ Brief:** a Final Research Note of up to 10,000 words at the end of the project
- **Other:** Scholarly publications, stemming from the research project will be a significant criterion for the evaluation of the applications submitted.

Timetable

- **Application Deadline :** Friday 15th of April 2018 (23.59 East African Time)
- **Successful Projects Announced :** 31th of May 2018
- **Final Research Brief:** a brief up to 10,000 words (after 5 months from the award date)
- **Submission:** Final research output for scholarly publications (after 6 Months from the award).