



Center for Research and Development

Call for Research Proposal for 2019

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 (R & D) 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 more scientific research projects in the fields of health sciences, public policy, computing, engineering, entrepreneurship and business development for the year 2019.

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,

Eligibility

For researcher(s) to be eligible he/she should be:

SU full time full time staff either academic or non-academic staff.

Private sector entities, Researchers, Research Institutions (RIs) or other Institutions of Higher Learning (IHLs) collaborating with SU researcher(s).

- Researcher(s) with on-going SU research project are not eligible to apply another grant until they submit their scientific paper(s) to an international Journal.

- For long term research grant the research team must have a minimum of two researchers and maximum of four researchers.
- The projects should result research brief (**policy brief**), proceedings in relevant international conference and at least **TWO** publications in international indexed peer reviewed journals for long term projects and **ONE** for short term projects.
- The Call is open to all researchers within SU and their partners from other institutions.
- Applications from groups of researchers are also eligible. The principle and lead members must fulfil the eligibility criteria.
- Applications are limited to one application per person/group.
- Eligible costs include research consultancy, research assistance, travel, data collection, research tools, impact and knowledge exchange, conference fees, and publication charges.

Amount of Grant

After reviewing the research proposal and road map submitted by the applicant(s), the center for research and development will consider grant applications of research project and decide the amount of money to be allocated for that specific project. The amount of money to for long term grant will range from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and for the case of short term grants will range between \$1,000 up to \$5,000. A researcher(s) to request more than these stipulated amount should come with a reasonable justification.

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
- **Publications:** The projects should result research brief (**policy brief**), proceedings in relevant international conference and at least **TWO** publications in international indexed peer reviewed journals for long term projects and **ONE** for short term projects.

- **Other:** Scholarly publications, stemming from the research project will be a significant criterion for the evaluation of the applications submitted.

Timetable

- **Application Deadline:** 15 of March 2019.
- **Successful Projects Announced :** 31st of March 2019
- **Final Research Brief:** a brief up to 10,000 words (after 6 months from the award date)
- **Submission:** Final research output for scholarly publications (after 8 Months from the award).