

Call for Research Proposals under IRTI Research Grant Programme

The Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI), a Member and the knowledge hub of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group, hereby invites proposals for research projects that propose policy work on Islamic Economics, Finance and Banking. Given the importance of Islamic finance in mobilizing resources, we solicit proposals from developing, emerging, and developed countries to look into areas such as Islamic Finance: Innovation, Development, and Stability; Islamic Finance for Sustainable Development; and Comprehensive Human Development based on *Maqāṣid* al- Sharī‘ah. Further information about priority research areas can be retrieved by following [this link](#).

In the light of this, IRTI invites think tanks, research institutions, and individual researchers to develop research proposals that will contribute in implementing IRTI’s research agenda. IRTI has the right to publish completed paper as IRTI Working paper. However, researchers have the option to publish completed paper in IRTI Journal. Researchers should provide an acknowledgment that funding for the project is received from IRTI via the research grant scheme in any work that relates to this project. Successful proposals will receive funding for project implementation.

Why apply

Selected proposals will receive funding for conducting research projects for a period of 3-6 months. Successfully completed research output and results should be publishable either in IRTI publication series or in a refereed journal.

The grants will cover expenses related to outreach, staff research, and administrative expenses, which constitute grant allocation of up to 60, 50 and 10 percent respectively.

How to apply

Proposals are invited from think tanks, research institutions, and individual researchers. A proposal shall not exceed five pages in single-space format. Each proposal shall include:

1. Brief summary
2. Topic and working approach
3. Roles of participating think tanks/research institutions/individual researcher(s)
4. Expected outputs and results
5. Profiles of submitting organizations
6. Completed research grant [application form](#)

In addition, the following documents should be included in the annex:

1. CVs of the lead staff from participating think tank and research institution
2. Faceted budget proposal indicating budget lines for each participating entities (in US dollars)
3. A detailed timeline for implementation with milestones
4. Focal person and contact details (mailing address, email address, and telephone number(s)) for each participating think tank/ research institution(s)

A decision on funding will be made by a committee of the grant provider, IRTI, through a competitive selection process. The decision will be based on quality, originality, and policy relevance of the proposal.

Eligibility criteria

- Proposals can be submitted jointly from think tanks/research institutions/individual researcher(s).
- This program is not available to individuals currently pursuing graduate degrees or post-doctoral studies.
- The research proposal shall be within the areas of research focus of IRTI
- Method of knowledge sharing of research findings with policymakers and the public should be outlined in the proposal.

Application Deadline

All completed applications should be submitted no later than 30 July 2018.

All proposals must be submitted via email to irtigrant@isdb.org.