

Prince Faisal bin Fahad Award for Sports Research

A. Award Overview

The **Prince Faisal bin Fahad Award for Sports Research** is an international research grant program targeted at sports research projects related to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The Award aims to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious, and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in sports. We seek to financially support scholarly work that develops new foundational knowledge or build upon existing knowledge, that may have a lasting impact on the sports discourse. The Award will allow researchers to apply for funding of **USD 80,000 to USD 120,000** to support their research. A total of **USD 1,000,000** will be awarded.

Award proposals are accepted **October 4th, 2020** through **February 15th, 2021**.

The Leaders Development Institute (LDI) oversees the award, and is an educational institution operating under the Ministry of Sports of Saudi Arabia, and is committed to developing the sports sector through research, innovation, and education. The Award is one of the initiatives of the Quality of Life Program, operating under Vision 2030.

An independent scientific committee, established by the International Academy of Sports Science and Technology (AISTS), the international academy based in the Olympic Capital, Lausanne, Switzerland, will determine grant recipients through the Award.

Non-Monetary Advantages

- The LDI is able to support applicants by facilitating collaborations with Saudi-based institutions and academics.
- COVID-19 conditions permitting, grant winners will be invited to an award ceremony held in the Olympic Capital Lausanne Switzerland in the Summer of 2021.

B. Scientific Scope

Research proposal topics must fall under one of the following tracks in the context of sports, and in relation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia:

Public Health

This track supports research projects targeted at sports-related public health topics in the context of Saudi Arabia. Proposals under this track can target topics affecting public health and sports, broadly conceived. These may include, but are not limited to, physical inactivity in schools and the community, the effects and barriers to physical activity, and more.

Youth and Grassroots

This track supports sports research projects targeted at the under 24 years old segment of the population, in the context of Saudi Arabia. Proposals can be presented from the perspective of, but is not limited to, the following fields:

1. Sports Sociology,
2. Sports Psychology,
3. Kinesiology,
4. Sports Management.

Coaching & Education

This track supports research projects targeted at the coaching and education aspects of sports. This can be in the context of but is not limited to, pedagogy, physical education, movement, and active play. Projects can focus on any age, athletics level (mass participation, amateur, elite), and any sport in the context of Saudi Arabia.

C. Important Dates

Applications open from **October 4, 2020**

Full Proposal Deadline **February 15, 2021 (23:59 GMT+3)**

D. Eligibility

1. Principal Investigators (researchers) and Co-Principal Investigators (researchers) must be currently enrolled in, or have completed, a Ph.D. program or above in an academic discipline or professional field, or have appropriate experience in a sports-related profession.
2. Proposals must be for academic research that aims to study sports, broadly conceived, under the given three themes, and be in the context of Saudi Arabia.
3. The Principal Investigators (researchers) must be affiliated with a research institution that is willing to serve as the administering organization in the event the grant is awarded. Submissions must be from recognized and accredited universities or sports-related institutions.
4. Researchers may only hold one active research project from the Award in the event of being granted funding.
5. Researchers may not submit more than one application for a given deadline for the Award.

E. Restrictions

In the event of receiving funding from the Award, the following restrictions would be applicable:

1. Proposed budgets are limited to the mentioned range and may not include indirect cost charges above 15% of the amount granted. Indirect costs can be, but are not limited to, infrastructure and space maintenance (includes utilities), resources such as library and computer information services, general administration.
2. The use of funding is allowed for 12 months, beginning on the date successful research project proposals receive funding (spring 2021).

F. Proposal Specifications

Any research project proposal submission that does not respect the formatting outlined below and/or the deadline will not be considered for review.

1. Project Personnel: A description of the roles, responsibility, and knowledge base of the Principal Investigators (researchers) and Co-principal investigators (researchers) and any supporting researcher(s).
2. State of own work of each researcher up to now: A summary of the current and past academic work of the Principles Investigators (researchers) and Co-principal investigators (researchers) must be included.
3. Research Project Proposal Title.
4. Research Project Purpose (one sentence).
5. Project Rationale: include the significance of planned work and foreseen divulgation (i.e. journals and publications, open-access resources, or subscription-based entities). The planned work must be in the context of Saudi Arabia regardless of which of the three themes is chosen.
6. Budget & Budget Justification in line with the project timeline. A clear breakdown of direct and indirect costs (maximum of 15% of the total amount applied) must be submitted in the proposal for the entire duration of the foreseen research project. A figure in USD must be stated of how much is being requested for the research project (min \$80'000 to max \$120'000).
7. Full citations for up to three papers relevant to the research project proposal. More citations can be provided in the appendices.
8. Description of proposed research methods, description of participants, data collection instruments, and modes of analysis.
9. Project Timeline (including key milestones).
10. CV of the researcher(s) (including relevant publications) Requested upon submission of the research proposals.
11. A maximum size of 5'000 words is permitted, including footnotes and the list of references, excluding appendices (maximum 5 pages of appendices) Font size 12, Avenir, 3 single spacing, PDF format must be submitted when uploading to your research project proposal.
12. A minimum size of 2'500 words is permitted, including footnotes and the list of references, excluding appendices (maximum 5 pages of appendices) Font size 12,

Avenir, single spacing, PDF format must be submitted when uploading to your research project proposal.

13. Research proposals must be written in English.

G. Award Timeline

Application Phase - October 4, 2020 to February 15, 2021 (23:59 GMT+3)

Applicants can submit their research project proposal at any time in the open application period. All applicants must meet the eligibility criteria, adhere to the key elements of the research project proposal, and conform to the formatting criteria for submission.

Review Phase - November 2020 to March 2021

Three scientific committees made up of experts in fields associated with each theme will review project proposals. The committees will liaise with appointed peer reviewers in the relevant fields who will assess the research project proposals during the review phase. Committees will then select the best research project proposals.

Selection and Announcement Phase - March 2021

The committees will determine the selected research project proposals and announce grant recipients shortly after. Only successful applications will be contacted for the next steps.

H. Post Award Deliverables

- 1.** Successful applications must submit a 4-month progress report on the implementation of the research project. This should include practical and financial aspects and will be in the form of an in-person presentation or via an on-line platform based on a written report submitted before the presentation. A detailed document will be shared with successful applicants post awarding of funding. (Spring 2021).
- 2.** Successful applicants will also need to submit a final report on the execution of the research project in addition to completing a research form of knowledge transfer. A detailed document will be shared with successful applicants post awarding of funding. (Spring 2021).
- 3.** Successful applicants will be expected to publish in an academic journal of the researcher's choosing upon completion of the research. This must be agreed upon with the Leaders Development Institute (LDI) before publishing.

I. Submission

Proposals can be submitted on the submission page in the award website (<https://pfra.sa/>). Before proceeding please ensure that you have the following documents ready to be uploaded:

- 1.** Research project proposal in PDF format.

2. An up-to-date CV(s) in PDF format including all Principal Investigators (researchers) and Co-principal investigators (researchers) contact details. Please share one PDF document with the CVs of all team members.

J. Terms and Conditions

Any funding awarded for the research projects may be subject to relevant taxes according to applicable laws.

The author(s) of the research project proposal confirm that the work is original and that he/she has not submitted it for publication anywhere else and that he/she has not made it available in any other manner (including on a website) at the time of submission and that he/she will not do so until the decision of the successful research project proposals shall be communicated.

In the event of successful granting of funds from the Award, the release of findings in the form of publication or other must be agreed with the Leaders Development Institute (LDI).

The author(s) of the research acknowledge their names and images may be used in publications associated with the Award including, but not limited to, the Leaders Development Institute (LDI) website.

K. Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Who is qualified to apply for this award?**
Principal Investigators with a Ph.D. or above in a related field are eligible to apply for the award.
2. **Can a graduate student serve as a PI or Co-PI on a proposal submission?**
No, the PI and any Co-PIs named on the proposal are expected to have earned doctorate degrees (PhD, MD, or equivalent) prior to proposal submission. While graduate students may be included in the budget as research assistants, this program is not meant to support student research projects.
3. **Is this award exclusive to Saudi-based researchers?**
No, researchers from around the world are eligible to apply, but research must be in the context of Saudi Arabia.
4. **What is the expected duration of projects in this program?**
Grants will have a use-of-funds duration of 12 months.
5. **Do research projects need to be conducted in Saudi Arabia, with Saudi collaborators, or designed to be relevant for improving physical activity in your country?**
Research projects must be relevant to improving physical activity and/or public health

and sports activity literature in the country. It is not a requirement that research projects are conducted in Saudi Arabia. Conducting research projects with Saudi collaborators is encouraged, but not required.

6. What languages are accepted for the proposals?

All proposals must be submitted in English.

7. What non-monetary support are you able provide?

We are able to provide support to applicants with facilitating partnerships and collaborations with Saudi institutions and academics.

L. Contact

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Appendix: Direct & Indirect Costs

DIRECT COSTS (ALLOWABLE AS BUDGETED ITEMS)	INDIRECT COSTS (NOT ALLOWABLE AS DIRECT COSTS)
Salaries/Wages & Fringe Benefits: Faculty, other professionals, technicians, post doc associates, research associates, graduate students	Salaries/Wages & Fringe Benefits: Clerical and administrative assistants, fiscal manager, secretaries, and directors
Materials and Supplies: Project related research and scientific supplies. Any equipment or software that does not qualify under the equipment definition	Office Supplies/Books & Journals: Pens, pencils, paper, staples, transparencies, toner cartridges, diskettes, printer paper, word processing and spreadsheet programs
Equipment: Equipment used for scientific, technical, and research purposes that has a useful life of at least one year	Equipment: General office equipment such as copiers, printers, office computers, and fax machines
Facilities: Project specific space rental for off-campus facilities from a third party. Use of specialized equipment for which there is a commonly applied charge	Facilities:
Travel: Transportation, lodging, subsistence, and related items incurred by employees who are in travel status on official business of the institution related to the project	Travel: Costs of entertainment, and any costs directly associated with such costs (such as tickets to shows or sports events, meals, lodging, rentals, transportation, and gratuities)
Telephone: Long distance calls, phone surveys or calls to project participants	Telephone: Local calls, cell phones, installation and maintenance
Maintenance & Repairs: Requires justification that the expenditures are required and directly related to the specific award (e.g., less expensive than buying new)	Maintenance & Repairs: Maintenance and repairs to general purpose equipment, buildings, and grounds
Advertising: Recruitment of research subjects or for job openings for the project	Advertising: Public relations to promote unit/department/college
Publications: Project specific and project related. Copying included only when charges can be tracked	Publications: General printing and copying
Memberships, subscriptions and professional activity:	Memberships, subscriptions and professional activity:

Membership in business, technical, and professional organizations; related to and supportive of the project.

Subscriptions to business, professional, and technical periodicals; related to and supportive of project

Freight/express deliveries and Postage:

Justification required that cost needed to transport project material in a timely way

Consulting:

Project specific

Membership in any civic or community organization. Membership in any country club or social/dining club or organization

Freight/express deliveries and Postage:

Routine or internal courier

Consulting:

General, management, financial