

**Qatar University**

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**Emergency Response Grant 2020**

**ERG**

**Guidelines**

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# Emergency Response Grant (ERG) Program Summary

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| **Launch of the Call for Proposal** | April 5th, 2020 |
| **Deadline for Proposal Intention Submission** | Please check the call website |
| **Vetting Feedback** | Please check the call website |
| **Deadline for Proposal Submission** | Please check the call website |
| **Award Announcement** | End-May 2020 (expected) |
| **Projects’ Start Date** | Beginning June 2020 (expected) |
| **Project duration** | Up to 12 months |
| **Budget** | 150,000 QR per Research Track  (One or more proposals could be funded per Track) |
| **Submission** | Upload the full application online through igrants  https://www.conftool.org/igrants/  https://www.conftool.org/igrants2019/ |
| **Program Contact** | [igrants@qu.edu.qa](mailto:igrants@qu.edu.qa) |

# Program Overview

ERG is a specific established grant dedicated to emergency circumstances. ERG provide bridge support to new and early stage investigations that provide a basis for more extended research. ERG naturally has a short lifecycle to accelerate the start of the awarded projects, due to the critical nature of the situations.

**2020 Theme: Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19):**

ERG Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) is part of the international research effort to respond to COVID-19 and supports a rapid initiation of scientific research.

**Research Areas:**

1. Basic Molecular research

2. Clinical research

3. Social behavioral research

4. Infectious disease epidemiology

5. e-Health

1. **Program Objectives**

1. Establish dedicated research projects and teams to tackle Coronavirus Disease

2. Study the virus from different perspectives, such as incubation duration, stages, shapes and strains

3. Contribute to enhance proper protection plans and awareness

4. Highlight QU role in addressing emerging concerns

# Research Team Structure

The research team members of each proposal are QU faculty members (from colleges, and research centers), researcher(s), and graduate students (if necessary, researchers from outside QU but inside Qatar could participate in the proposals). Research centers and colleges should provide all support needed to research groups in terms of equipment.

# Eligibility

1. The Lead PI must have a track record of successful research with peer-reviewed journal publications.
2. The LPI must not have a current active internal grant
3. Lead PI, PIs and QU group members, should be full time faculty Ph.D. holders.
4. Group members from outside QU could be part of any proposal, however they cannot use QU budget.
5. No equipment more than 50,000 QR from the group budget is allowed to be purchased from the allocated fund.

# Budget

ERG Grant has funding of maximum QR 150,000 per research Track. One or more proposals could be funded per Track (the more proposals are funded, the less budget per proposal is provided).

Please ensure all ERG funded budget categories comply with the QU Internal Grants Policy (<http://www.qu.edu.qa/research/offices/research-support/policies> )

# Proposals Evaluation

The proposal process has 2 steps:

* **Step1: Submission of the proposal intentions** (summary) [through the iGrants system]

ORS Advisory Committee will study and vet all the proposal intentions. ORS will communicate the feedback of the Advisory committee to the LPIs and coordinate the possible merging of proposals. The output of this step is a reduced number of proposals to be submitted per track, as the budget per track can accommodate only a limited number of proposals per track.

* Step 2: **Submission of the final research proposals** [through the iGrants system]

Only selected applicants could continue to this step. On iGrants, LPI can use an account created during STEP 1, or create a new account if they are a new elected LPI

All proposals that have met the Eligibility Criteria will then be sent out for Technical feedback by external peer reviewers. Based on this feedback, QU Research Committee, in collaboration with the Advisory Committee, will then validate the proposals to be funded. A feedback will be communicated to the LPIs for both accepted and rejected proposals.

# Acknowledgement of Support

ERG LPIs shall ensure that all research publications resulting from this grant includes the following statement:

*“This [publication, poster, report, etc.] was jointly supported by Qatar University ERG-XXX-XX-XX [GRANT CODE]. The findings achieved herein are solely the responsibility of the authors.”*

# Inquiries

For any inquiry regarding this document and the proposal submission process please send an email to [igrants@qu.edu.qa](mailto:igrants@qu.edu.qa)