

**Qatar University**

**Office of Research Support**

**Qatar-Japan Research Collaboration**

**QJRC-2**

**2nd Call for Proposals**

**Guidelines**

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| **Launch of Call for Proposal** | Feb , 2023 |
| **Submission’s deadline** | 5th March 2023 |
| **Award Announcement** | End-May, 2023 |
| **Description** | QJRC Qatar-Japan Research Collaboration program (cycle 2), funded by Marubeni, brings together Qatar University and Japanese Universities to collaborate on research topics of mutual interest and develop high-quality, high-impact outcomes and prototypes that benefit both parties. QJRC paves the way for sustainable cooperation and helps, in a concerted manner, to fulfill the knowledge-based economy aspiration of Qatar. |
| **Research areas** | Research areas of interest are those based on QU [Research Pillars and Priorities](https://www.qu.edu.qa/research/research-priorities) & State of Qatar's national research priorities. |
| **Duration and budget** | A maximum amount of 100,000 USD over 12 months (5 to 6 projects will be funded, according to the available budget). |
| **How to apply** | Online submissions through the iGrant system at the regular iGrants weblink. |
| **Contacts** | [igrants@qu.edu.qa](mailto:igrants@qu.edu.qa) |
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**Program Objectives**

The main objective of this QU-Marubeni (QJRC) second call is to continue strengthening the collaboration and cultural/scientific exchange with Japanese Universities and Research Institutions.

This call is open to interested faculty members having strong research outcomes from former projects or fundamental research, and are willing to go further in terms of prototyping (outcome as TRL Technology or SRL Social Readiness levels 4 minimum). Thus, the QJRC program aims at continuing the collaboration between Qatari and Japanese multidisciplinary teams and raising the potential of the creation of products and systems.

QJRC shall pave the way for sustainable cooperation, based on the following activities:

* Building human capital and developing research networks between QU and Japanese participating universities.
* Providing a vibrant cross-pollination research platform to students and researchers by creating exchange opportunities.
* Developing new partnership activities and strengthening existing ones
* Optimal utilization of research resources, infrastructure, and expertise to the joint advantage of the participants.
* Exchanging experiences and building trust in a concerted manner to fulfill the Knowledge-Based Economy aspiration of Qatar.

**Funds Allocation**

Japanese partner institutions are entitled to receive up to 30% of the allocated budget for the project (including a maximum of 20% of the indirect cost).

Each of the Lead Principal Investigators (LPIs from QU and Japanese institutions) is directly responsible for dispersing and managing the funds allocated for the granted proposal as per the signed agreement. QU research centers, colleges, and central lab units should provide all support needed to QU research teams in terms of equipment. It is highly encouraged to include at least one travel in the budget to the partner institution during the first year of the project to carry out a kick-off meeting.

**Research Team Structure and Eligibility**

The research team should have LPIs from QU and each of the Japanese partner institution(s). QU research team is encouraged to have at least two faculty members (from colleges, and research centers) and at least one junior researcher (Research Assistant, Graduate Assistant). The inclusion of undergraduate students attending summer courses or short internships in partner institutions (in relevance to the research activities) is highly recommended.

The following criteria will also apply:

1. The LPI from each of the partner institutions must be a full-time faculty member at the time of the CFP.
2. The engagement of more than one partner (Japanese or Qatari) institution in the same project is encouraged.
3. A letter of commitment from all partner institution(s) must be provided with the proposal at the time of submission.
4. Submitted proposals should not be currently or previously funded by another funding program.