



Egypt-Jordan

Cooperation Program for Scientific Research

Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF), Egypt

www.stdf.org.eg

&

Scientific Research Support Fund (SRSF), Jordan

<http://www.srf.gov.jo/>

Call for joint proposals

Cycle I (February 2, 2015)

I. Background:

The Scientific Research Support Fund (SRSF) of Jordan and Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF) of Egypt agreed to co-finance collaborative research projects. The common commitment in promoting collaborative scientific research laid its foundation in June 2014 by signing the MoU on the Establishment of Egyptian-Jordanian Cooperation Program for Scientific Research as well as the joint Jordanian-Egyptian scientific workshop that took place in Amman during the period 21-22 December, 2014. The indicative average funding per country is equivalent to USD 30,000 per team (USD 60,000 per project). Each project will be funded for a period of up to two years. Based on the evaluations of the joint research proposals and consensus discussion between the Parties (ranking of the projects), STDF will fund Egyptian researchers and SRSF will fund Jordanian researchers according to the regulations of each organization. Applicants must submit their proposals in one of the following areas:

- 1- New and renewable energy;
- 2- Energy economics;
- 3- Water treatment and desalination;
- 4- Information and telecommunication technologies; and
- 5- Nanotechnology applications and developments.

Priority will be given to projects of applied nature expected to have a positive economical impact on partner countries.

Projects are conducted under the direction of an Egyptian and Jordanian Principal Investigators (PIs) and therefore, **must** have partner institutions from Egypt and the Jordan. Apart from being the Principal Investigators, each PI is responsible for coordinating the activities of the research project and his/her research team and is responsible for the submission of progress and final technical and fiscal reports. Work on joint projects may be performed at institutions in either or both countries, depending on the type of activity.

II. Application:

SRSF and STDF will open a call for proposals in accordance with their respective rules and conditions. The frame, submission, eligibility rules, evaluation process and period of the projects shall be decided by mutual consent of the SRSF and STDF. All applicants must fulfill national eligibility rules for their research grant application. After the closure date of the call, SRSF and STDF will exchange the result of application to each party by the official documents. The co-applicants will designate one national principal investigator for every proposal. All applications must be uploaded to the STDF/SRSF websites (www.stdf.org.eg & <http://www.srf.gov.jo/>) to which registration is required. Please note that proposals submitted as hard copies or sent via email will not be considered. Please download the Application Form template on the aforementioned websites.

III. Peer reviewing:

SRSF and STDF will implement evaluation of the proposals according to their own evaluation rules, and will rank the proposals based on quality and interest. The evaluation criteria will be based on the following:

- a. Relevance of the proposal to the call
- b. Quality of the proposal
- c. Quality of the project management and methodology
- d. Global impact of the proposal
- e. Quality of the consortium and good synergies between the partners
- f. Mobilization of resources
- g. Added value to be expected from the Egyptian-Jordanian research collaboration
- h. Balanced scientific and financial contributions

Based on the evaluation, national ranking, and consensus reached through discussions, the Parties will exchange ranked results and consult to select the joint projects. Then parties will agree on the joint projects to be funded. If a party does not agree to fund a project, the project will be rejected.

IV. Eligibility:

- ✓ A jointly prepared proposal submitted by Egyptian and Jordanian investigators working at public or private universities or research centers (having Egyptian and Jordanian entities).
- ✓ The applicants will act as the project's Principal Investigators (PIs).
- ✓ Each PI must be a PhD degree holder.
- ✓ Any other sources of funding for the project should be clearly stated and explained in the proposal.

V. Important Dates:

Action	Date
Announcement of the call	02/2/2015
Deadline for proposal submittal	01/3/2015
Exchange the evaluation result and discussion for final selection	01/4/2015
Date of announcement of the accepted proposals	15/4/2015
Date for grant contract agreement and start of implementation	15/5/2015