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Faculty for Factory Grant Call for Proposals (FFF Grant)

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Guide for Applicants
(Researchers)

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I. Introduction:

According to the Presidential decree number 218/2007, under which the Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF) was founded, the STDF mandate is to promote Science and Technology (S&T) through funding scientific research and technology development in a way that supports the complete cycle of innovation. The STDF vision is to act as a tool of change for the improvement of the life of Egyptians. Its mission is to generate a critical mass of human, logistic and infrastructure resources that are needed for a complete cycle of innovation. Consequently, the STDF's specific objectives are to fund S&T activities, develop innovation capacity, enhance and monitor S&T systems and develop appropriate and flexible funding mechanisms for S&T. A major component of the STDF's general plan is to implement its objectives within the context of the national S&T development strategy, which is the direct product of the Higher Council of Science & Technology and the individual strategies of the Egyptian Ministries.

II. Grant Objectives:

The main objective of the current grant is to bridge the gap and enhance the collaboration between the academic community and the industry and service sectors to eliminate Egypt's economic and social challenges by developing a knowledge-based-economy. Through this grant the relevant state-of-the-art knowledge of experienced researchers in the academic community is exploited to draft proposals that suggest means of resolving the problems of both industrial and service sectors. Simultaneously, this activity helps in propagating real industrial problems into the academic community, thus offering it more frontiers for applied experience and new research.

III. Grant Scope

This grant is designed to cover an experienced researcher's time and effort (for a part-time engagement over a period ranging from 1 to 4 months) to diagnose and suggest solutions to an industrial (or service sector) problem. A detailed proposal to solving the problem under consideration is expected to be the final main deliverable of the grant. It should be clear that consultancy works are not eligible in any way.

Another track of this grant suggests that an interested experienced researcher may choose one of the announced FFF industrial problems (Annex 1) as his topic of

interest and in this case the endorsement letter is not needed; only the suggested Proposal/Development Title, Number, and Beneficiary (National Organization for Military Production) should be mentioned in the application form.

IV. Application Submission:

Researcher must upload application form to STDF's website www.stdf.eg:8080.

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V. Grant Mechanism:

1. Any interested experienced researcher affiliated to a university and/or research center (supported by an industrial entity or service sector endorsement letter, in case of choosing an industrial problem that is not one of the FFF Industrial Problems mentioned in Annex1) should submit his/her proposal using the relevant Faculty for Factory application form.
2. The proposal shall be subject to review and approval from STDF before project initiation.
3. Upon proposal acceptance and project initiation, a final report shall be submitted no later than one month after the end of the project outlining the main outcomes of the project and including a detailed proposal for resolving the problem under consideration.
4. The industrial/service entity is expected to submit to STDF a report including the entity's comments and feedback regarding the project.

VI. Eligibility Criteria

- The Applicant (i.e., PI) shall hold at least a Ph.D degree and should be affiliated to a recognized Egyptian university or research institution.
- The maximum duration for a project is four months.

VII. Eligible Expenses

- This grant shall cover only the honorarium for the researcher (no overhead costs).

- Gross monthly payment (corresponding to a part-time one or two days per week) for each project shall conform to STDF researcher honorarium guidelines.
- The beneficiary industrial/service entity shall be responsible for covering any other necessary expenses related to the execution of the project. These include; purchase of equipment, infrastructure, workspaces, machinery, supplies and consumables, ...etc. **This has to be clearly stated in the beneficiary endorsement letter, in case of choosing an industrial problem that is not one of the FFF Industrial Problems mentioned in Annex1.**

VIII. Responsibilities

Researcher Responsibilities:

- The researcher shall dedicate one to two working days per week for the execution of the project. The consent of the PI's institution regarding this condition shall be included in the full proposal.
- The researcher shall be responsible for the timely submission of the final report to STDF.

Industrial/service entity Responsibilities:

The industrial/service entity shall, to its best capacity and without violating any internal policies, available all requirements for the execution of the project to the researcher. This commitment has to be explicit in the endorsement letter, in case of choosing an industrial problem that is not one of the FFF Industrial Problems mentioned in Annex1.

STDF Responsibilities:

STDF shall provide the researcher honorarium based on the progress indicated in the final report. Site visits may be conducted by STDF at any time to monitor the project progress.

IX. Intellectual Property (IP)

If the project resulted in any novel product or process, the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) shall be owned by the beneficiary industrial/service entity. The PI shall be designated as inventor(s) and shall be entitled to a case-by-case negotiable portion of any revenues resulting from exploiting the resulting IP.