

National Regulations of STDF (Egypt)

1. Name of the Funding Agency, address and country

Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF)

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4. Participation criteria

- Research proposals may be submitted by an Egyptian PhD holder, affiliated to an Egyptian research institution (Universities, Research Centers/institutes ...etc.).
- An applicant, who is already participating as a principal investigator (PI) in two running STDF projects or participating as a team member in three running STDF projects, is not eligible for funding.
- Beside the original version of proposal submitted by a proposal coordinator on PRIMA platform, the Egyptian PI should submit another identical version of the proposal on STDF website(www.STDF.eg). It is a must in order to pass the eligibility stage

Note:

- Upon proposal acceptance, project contracts are made between three parties: STDF, the legal representative of the host institution, and the PI of the project (each project is expected to be managed by only one PI and his affiliation)
- The fund is allocated to both the host institution and the PI, administered by the host institution's financial department, and managed by the PI of the project. Non-governmental host institutions are requested to either submit a Letter of Guarantee against the amount of fund, or follow a post-activity milestone payment schedule.

5- Scientific criteria:

STDF thematic areas and topics to be funded:

Thematic Area 1: Water management

*Topic 2.1.1 (RIA) Low-cost, lean solutions for enhancing irrigation efficiency of smallholder farmers

Thematic area 2: Farming systems

*Topic 2.2.1 (RIA) Re-design the agro-livelihood systems to ensure resilience (Regarding this topic, the STDF will be funding all Universities, while the ASRT will be funding all Research Institutes and Private Entities).

6- Funding criteria

Each project can receive up to:

- 1- 150,000 Euro
- 2- 175,000 Euro (If the Egyptian Partner is the coordinator of the project)

The amount of funding is divided into instalments, to be disbursed upon the acceptance of periodic technical and financial progress reports and it will be disbursed in the local currency (Egyptian Pounds).

Eligible costs:

- Incentives for the project's team/Personnel cost: incentives are allowed for members of the project team and must not exceed 25% or 400,000 LE, whichever is less of the Egyptian Total Project Budget. Also, STDF abides by its approved scheme for incentives which takes into consideration each team member's academic credentials and the percentage of time spent on performing the project's activities.
- Equipment, spare parts, expendable supplies and material: funds required for the purchase of equipment, spare parts, expendable supplies and material required to fulfil the objectives of the project are allowed.
- Services: services necessary for fulfilling the objectives of the project are allowed. These include manufacturing of specimens & prototypes, registration and protection of the IP and publication, acquiring access to specialized reference source databases or computer software, fees for use of facilities in other national institutions, etc.
- Events: in general all costs directly related to the preparation, implementation and/or attendance of events like workshops, conferences, training courses etc. are eligible.
- Travel: the most economical means of transport consistent with effective pursuit of the project should be used. Upgrades to business class are to be done at one's own expense.
- Daily subsistence (per diem) allowance: calculated according to the current governing rules of the Mission Directorate - Ministry of Higher Education - and depending on the visited country. Sometimes it's limited by the internal regulations of the PI's institution.
- Indirect cost: costs incurred by the PI's institution in order to facilitate performing project activities, support financial administration, manage the facilities, etc. (overheads).

Indirect Cost must not exceed 20% of (Total Direct Cost minus Equipment cost) or 150,000 LE, whichever is less.

Note:

Egyptian Total Project Budget is equal to the Total Direct Cost plus the Indirect Cost

7- Consortium agreement is not mandatory and not binding if it violates STDF regulations.