

Egyptian Applicant Guidance Notes Appendix – Leaders in Innovation Fellowships (LIF) programme 2022/2023

The Royal Academy of Engineering and Science, technology and Innovation Funding Authority STDF are seeking applications from researchers, with strong entrepreneurial potential, to take part in their Leaders in Innovation Fellowships programme. This is a training programme in innovation and technology entrepreneurship that will take place in Egypt with a residential period in the UK.

Introduction

The Leaders in Innovation Fellowships programme (LIF) brings together the emerging leaders in the global innovation community. It acts as a catalyst for individuals to commercialise engineering-based innovations that have the potential to contribute to the social and economic development of their country. The programme key objectives are:

- to build the capacity of researchers for entrepreneurship and commercialisation of their research;
- to create international networks of innovators and technology entrepreneurs.

The programme is aimed at researchers who are about to develop, or are in the process of developing, a business proposition for their innovation. A select cohort of researchers from Egypt will benefit from a focused period of training in Egypt and the UK, access to expert coaches, and opportunities for international networking. In the short term they will develop, with the support of the programme, a commercialisation plan for their innovation. In the long term they will benefit from access to an international network of peer innovators, in taking their commercialisation plan forward.

Please note that the training programme will be conducted entirely in English.

Participants are expected to attend the full training and completion of the programme is dependent on satisfactory attendance and participation in all programme activities.

This document lists the specific eligibility criteria and application procedure to Egyptian applicants. For a full description of the program and the details of the training phases, please consult the Applicant Guidance Document shared on STDF website and the [Royal Academy of Engineering application website](#).

To ensure that the learning is efficiently captured from the residential training in London by the Royal Academy of Engineering and so it is put into practice, program participants might be asked to demonstrate active efforts to actualise the project by submitting reports and /or work plans to show commercialisation of participant's innovation business plans upon the completion of the residence period in UK.

Specific eligibility criteria for the Egyptian Applicants are as follows:

- Applicants must be employed full-time at an Egyptian university or research institute.
- Applicants must be citizens of Egypt.
- Applicants must be in the process of developing a business proposition for their innovation. Projects at the basic research stage will not be supported through the current program.
- The innovation should have the potential to benefit Egypt in terms of improving social welfare and driving economic growth.
- The primary application of the innovation must **NOT** be in the defence or military sector.

Note that previous experience of commercialisation or involvement with technology transfer is not required.

How to Apply/submit your application

Applicants should follow the instructions provided on the [Royal Academy of Engineering application website](#) to submit their applications.

A downloaded copy from the completed online application MUST be submitted to the STDF website: (www.stdf.eg) including an endorsement letter and a CV as supporting documentation (Annex 1 & Annex 2) as illustrated below.

1. Endorsement letter (Annex 1)

Endorsement letter of the Egyptian PI institution: a scanned copy of the signed and stamped Endorsement Letter by the legal representative – Institution president - of the PI's institution stating the project title, the name, position, and affiliation of the PI in charge of the proposal, that the project idea was not funded or submitted to another STDF program, another agency (national or international), or otherwise declare, and that the institution approves the project.

2. Your CV (Annex 2)

1. Basic Information		
Full Name in Arabic:	Full name in English: <i>(As you write it in Int. publications, underline family name):</i>	
Date of Birth:		
National ID		
Last University Degree	Faculty, University, Country	Graduation Date
Title:	Field of specialization:	
Affiliation:		
Current Position:		
Contact Information:		
Mobile Phone:	Fax:	E-mail:
2. Scientific Achievements		
<i>h</i> index (SCOPUS only)	Citations (SCOPUS only)	Total no. of Int. publications in SCOPUS
Last three recent relevant publications <i>Authors (underline your name), year, title, Journal, vol. and pages</i>		
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If applicable, state other salient scientific achievements such as patents (granted only) and scientific prizes		
<p>Previous or running projects with STDF</p> <p>a. Running (ID no. & type of grant, role of applicant)</p> <p>b. Previous during the last 5 years (ID no., type, role of applicant and deliverables to be attached)</p> <p>c. List other submitted proposals to STDF (in evaluation process) (ID no. & type of grant)</p>		

**Submission Deadline**

All applications must be submitted to the Academy's online system as per the announced deadline on their website. The submission to the STDF website must take place no later than 48 hours after the online application deadline.

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