The Research Initiation Grant (RIG) constitutes one of the grant categories of the Research Sector (RS) Research Support System to facilitate the accomplishment of distinguished research projects at Kuwait University (Rules & Regulations, Chapter 12, Item (45)). This category of grant support was initiated during the academic year 2003/04 to encourage new Kuwaiti academic staff members, who did not complete two years since appointment in various colleges and departments at the Assistant Professor's level, to initiate their participation in scientific research. RIG grants aim at familiarizing the new academic staff members to the prevailing scientific environment, and the RS Research Support System (RSS) at Kuwait University. In addition to the Research Initiation Grant, the Research Sector also offers grant support under eight other categories. These are University Research Projects, External Research Projects, General Facilities Projects, National Research Projects, Priority Research Projects, University Service Projects, Graduate Students Research Projects, and GCC Joint Research Projects.

Introduction

To encourage new Kuwaiti faculty members (Assistant Professors) to participate in KU Research programs concerning this grant as a nucleus for applying for other research grants.

Purpose

The RIG grants are intended for new Kuwaiti faculty members' participation in scientific research, and to initiate their research activity. At the completion of the RIG project, the researcher is expected to submit a comprehensive proposal under any of the mainstream grant categories.

Conditions

1. Research Sector offers RIG for new Kuwaiti faculty members (Assistant Professors) who did not complete 2 years since their appointment.
2. RIG is awarded only ONCE to researchers who did not apply for a research grant funding before.
Research Initiation

3. The research team of the RIG project consists only of a Principal Investigator (PI).
4. Permanent manpower hiring is not allowed.
5. RIG budget cannot be carried over to the next fiscal year.

Funding Level
KD. 2000 (maximum)

Project Duration
12 months (maximum)

Budget Categories
1. Consumables
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   It is mandatory that the researcher presents all original bills/receipts when settling the petty cash.

2. Temporary Manpower

3. Equipment

Implementation Procedures
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2. Proposals are submitted through the Vice Dean for Research (VDR) or his/her representative to the Office of President for Research (OVPR) at least a month prior to starting Research.
3. The grant is processed, endorsed by the Vice Dean for Research (VDR), and approved by the Vice President for Research (VPR).
4. It is mandatory that the Researcher submits a Final Report at the end of the grant period on the standard RIG - Incentive Final Report Form.
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