



**Competitive Funding Programme (CFP)**  
**Project Funding Unit**  
**Postgraduate, Research and Cultural Affairs Sector**  
**Mansoura University**

Proposal Form for

***Research Projects (2009)***

## Cover Page



- **Project's Details:**

- Full Title:
- Running title:
- Duration in months:
- Budget:
- Research area(s):

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- **Participants' Details:**

Role*	Name	Position	Faculty/Department	e-mail
PI				
Co-PI				
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\* Add more Co-PIs if relevant.

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- **Evaluation** (To be filled in by the programme coordinator)

- **Prescreening Result:**

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- **Final Decision:**

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## **Abstract:**

Provide a condensed, brief (300-500 words) description of your proposed project. A well-prepared abstract should contain a *brief* account of the following:

- 1- Broad, long-term objectives of the project.
- 2- Specific aims of the project.
- 3- Research design and methodologies.
- 4- Relevance of the applicants' expertise to the outlined research.
- 5- Expected outcomes and potential applications of project's results.

## **Background and Significance**

Provide a *critical* analysis of the pertinent literature highlighting the gaps in current knowledge that could be bridged via the realization of your project. Also, demonstrate the progress beyond the state of the art that your project could bring about. This section should be presented in a maximum of 2 pages (Font: Time New Romans/ Times, Size: 12, 1.5 line space, 2 cm margins).

# Objectives

List both specific and broad, long-term objectives that your project aims to achieve in a maximum of one page.

## **Beneficiaries**

Provide a detailed description of the target groups and final beneficiaries in a maximum of 2 pages. Indicate how your project will improve the situation and the technical and management capacities of target groups/beneficiaries. Be specific in defining the beneficiaries and addressing the benefits they will receive from the realization of your project.

## **Research Design and Methodologies**

This section is the core of your proposal, in which you should provide the following:

- An outline/overview of your proposed research.
- A description of the stages that you and your collaborators will pursue in order to achieve the planned research. If relevant, you may apply the "workpackages" concept by formulating sub-teams to achieve certain tasks within certain times. In this case, you will have to list and describe these workpackages.
- A time plan of your proposal presented in the form of Gantt chart or similar.
- A description of the scientific and technical methodologies that will be employed in your research. While an adequate, brief reference to the standard methodologies will be sufficient, you will have to provide a detailed description of any novel methodology you will be using.

This section should not exceed 8 pages and you are advised to use illustrations to clearly explain your research plan.

## **Contributors**

Incorporate a table of the names, affiliations and e-mail addresses of all investigators involved in the project stating the role of each investigator in the project. Then, provide a biographical sketch of each investigator you have mentioned highlighting his/her relevant skills and expertise.

## **References**

Provide a list of the references you have cited in your proposal. There is no preferred reference style, but you will have to use a single one throughout the whole list.

## **Resources**

Describe all relevant facilities and equipments available at your and your research partners' laboratories that you can use in order to achieve the planned research. Then, highlight the lack of certain equipments and facilities that you will need to achieve your project. This will help you justify your budget request.

## Budget Plan

You may request a budget of up to L.E. 200,000 to achieve your project. However, you have to propose a realistic budget that is consistent with the size of your proposed research and the number of faculties, departments, individual investigators involved in the project. Furthermore, when two relevant proposals would be given the score by evaluators, the one with lower budget will be selected. The following table shows the items that you can request budget for:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Maximum Percent of total Budget</b>
<b>Equipments</b>	40%
<b>Supplies (chemicals, plastics, glassware, etc.), Stationary materials, Publication costs, etc...</b>	30%
<b>Researchers' Salaries</b>	15%
<b>Administrators' Salaries</b>	5%
<b>International Travel</b>	7 %
<b>Other Costs (local travel, courier, post, etc....)</b>	3%

Provide a table including realistic estimations of the costs of the items you request budget for. Then, justify the need to spend on these items in light of your research plan and proposed activities.