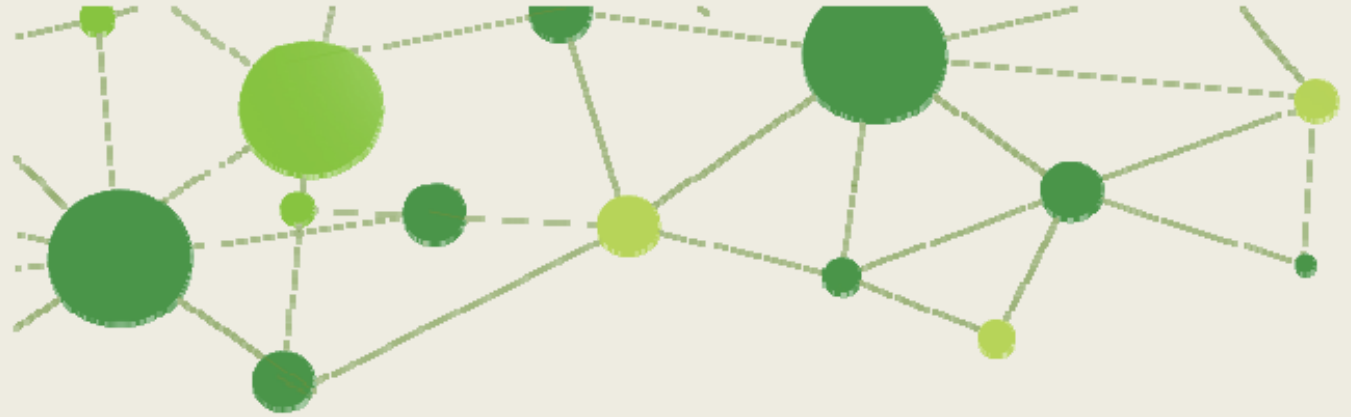




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Graduate Research Support Program (GRSP)

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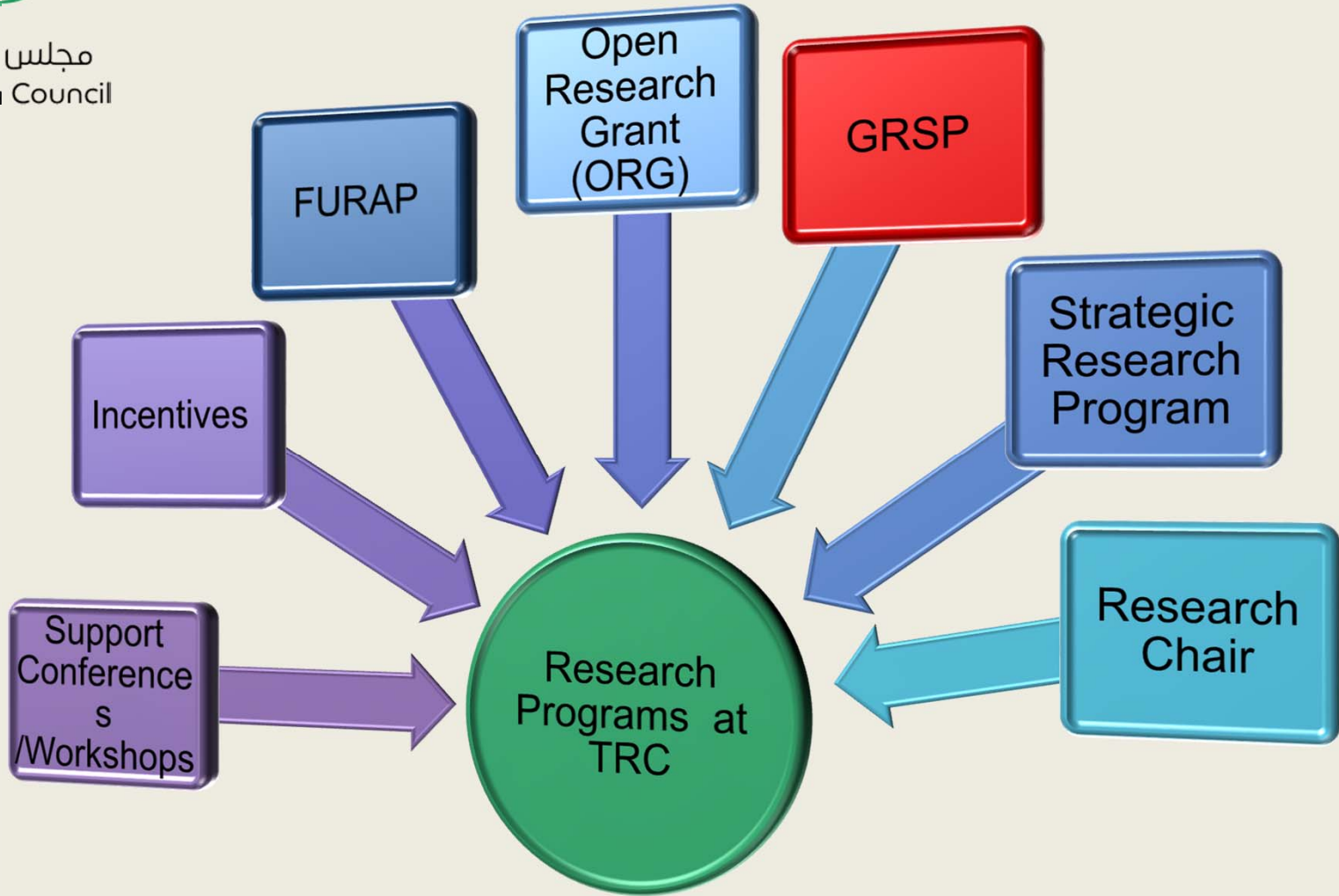
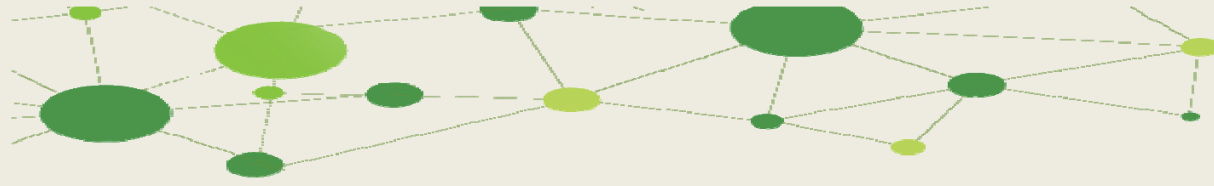


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1. Introduction-GRSP

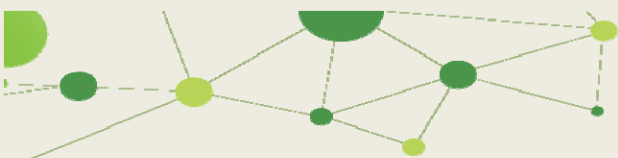
Graduate Research Support Program (GRSP) was founded to support the pre-doctoral investigators to pursue research in the following areas:

- Education and Human resources
- Humanity and Basic sciences
- Information Communication Technology
- Biological and Environmental Sciences
- Energy and Industry
- Health & Social Development

2.Objectives of the program



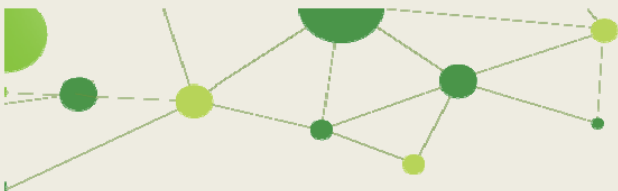
- Encourage research initiatives by individuals or groups of investigators in areas specific to their interest and relevant to their expertise
- Contribute to human capacity building in research in Oman
- Cultivate individual creativity
- Improve the quantity and quality of the pre-doctoral research.
- Elucidate the role of TRC in promoting research in the country
- Buildup of research culture in the Sultanate.





3. Expected Outcomes

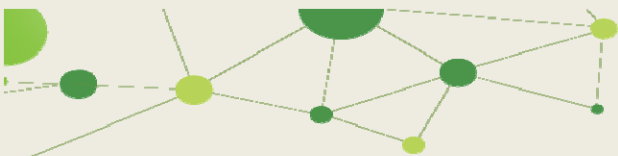
- Develop skills in grant writing and research methodology
- Develop communications and management skills in research
- Enhance hands-on training in research
- Establish a network of researchers
- Improve research outputs; publications, patents and transfer of knowledge

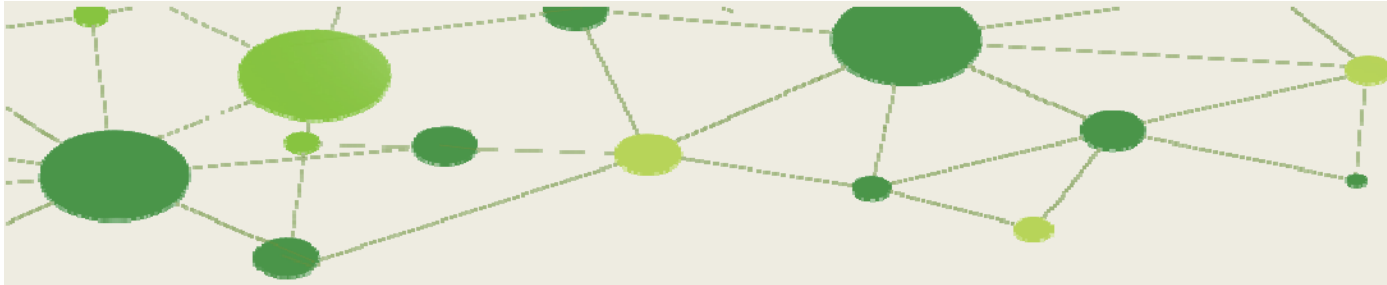




4.Target groups

- Full time Omani Employees with pre-doctorate qualifications, Bachelor and Master Degree holders or equivalent
- Omani Postgraduate students (Master or PhD students) registered in an institution affiliated with TRC





5. Terms and Conditions

General Rules

Rules for Employees

**Rules for Post graduate
students**

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5.1 General Rules

- The Principle Investigator (PI) must be an Omani. Non-Omani can be a Supervisor, Co-PI or Co-investigator
- The Research team (PI, Supervisor, Co-PI, and Co-investigators) must be all registered at an institution(s) affiliated with TRC.
- The Application should be submitted via The Electronic Submission System (TRESS) on TRC website.
- The Application requires approval from the IFP.
- Only one application by the same Principal Investigator should be submitted per call.
- PI awarded GRSP grant must submit the final report, before he/she can reapply for another GRSP grant.
- The maximum duration of a GRSP grant is three years.



5.2 Rules for Employees

- PI should be a full time employee in an institution affiliated with TRC. A minimum qualification of a Bachelor degree is required.
- Bachelor degree applicant requires at least 3 years work experience and a supervisor for the project.
- The minimum qualification of the supervisor is a Master Degree.
- The supervisor does not have to be from the same institution as the Principal Investigator.
- Supervision and work experience are not mandatory for Master Degree holder applicant, but a Co-Principal Investigator is required.



5.3 Rules for Post graduate students

- The PI can be a full time or part-time Omani postgraduate student.
- The applicant has to be registered at academic institution affiliated with TRC.
- The application requires an approval of the supervisor.
- The PI should not be registered as a post graduate student in any project/ grant funded by TRC.
- The funded research project should be accomplished before the end of postgraduate study.



6. Proposal Submission and Evaluation

1

- PI submits proposal via TRC submission system

2

- Co-investigator/Supervisor approval

3

- IFP approval

4

- PEC evaluates & Ranks proposals

5

- TRC-GRSP committee approves/rejects the funding

6

- IFP/PI notification
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7. Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Clarity of the Proposal

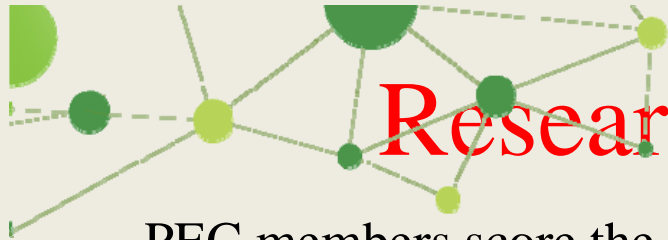
Scientific significance

Technical research methodology

Applicability and Relevance to Oman

Budget estimation

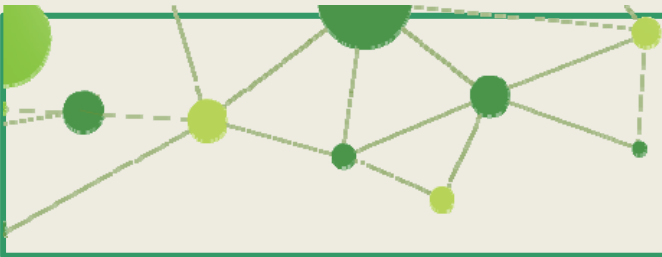




Research Proposal Scoring

PEC members score the proposal using the following Scoring scale:

Evaluation comments	Score
All relevant aspects of the criterion are successfully addressed.	5
The criterion is well addressed, although certain improvements are possible.	4
The criterion is broadly addressed, yet significant weaknesses need to be corrected.	3
There are serious weaknesses in relation to the criterion	2
The criterion is addressed in an unsatisfactory manner.	1



8. Research Proposal content

Abstract

Background and Specific Aims

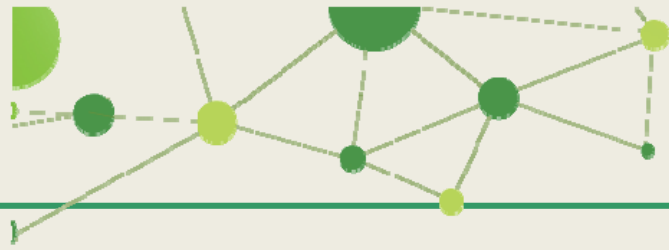
Research Design and Methods

Significance/ Career Goals

Timeline

Budget





9. Budget

- Fund should not be used for salaries/stipends for investigators
- Computers and accessories for office use



**Total Fund
5000
R.O/Project**

- Chemicals and consumables
- equipment.
- stationary
- Travel expenses.
- Contract for services
- Conference attendance



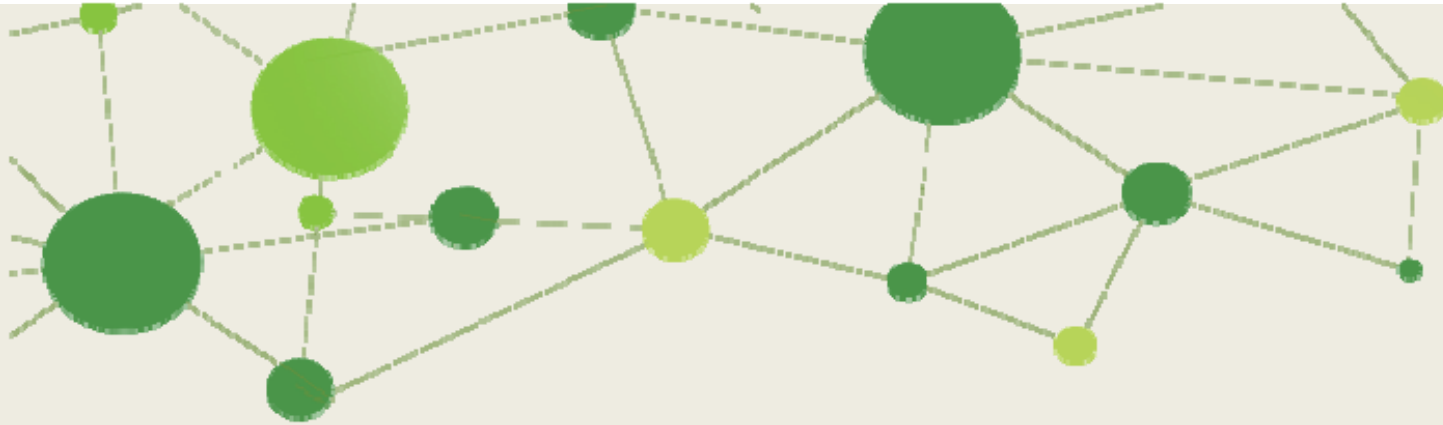
10.Deliverables

Interim Reports

- At the half way of the duration of the project, Interim Scientific & financial Progress Report should be submitted

Final reports

- Within one month after the end date of the award, the final report should be submitted along with the final statement of expenditures.



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