

“We Innovate 2025–2026” A Creative Leap into the Future

Program Funding Criteria and Time Period

The total value of the grants is one million Egyptian pounds, and the value of financing one project is a maximum of (50,000) fifty thousand Egyptian pounds, provided that the implementation period does not exceed one year. These projects are funded through the Research and Innovation Support Office at Galala University. The fund will cover student projects in all specializations; this is under the supervision and follow-up of a faculty member, one of the supporting staff members (TA/LS) and at least one student in the specialization or field of research. For each approved research project, the following is paid:

1. **First installment of payment** to start the project amounting to Thirty Thousand Egyptian pounds (30,000 EGP), which should be spend only on the research activity, including the purchase of tools, supplies, materials, analyses, others.
2. **Other installment** after the end of the project and its closure, which is disbursed after acceptance of the technical and financial report submitted to the university and after the research is published (or there is evidence of acceptance of publication) as follows:
 - An amount worth (20,000) for research in an internationally classified journal in the field (Q1).
 - An amount worth (15,000) for research in an internationally classified journal in the field (Q2).
 - An amount worth (10,000) for research in an internationally classified journal in the field (Q3).
 - An amount worth (5,000) for research in an internationally classified journal in the field (Q4).

Time Schedule

Announcing scholarship program and applications	15/11/20245
Deadline for submitting the research project	31/12/2025

To submit your application, please visit the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/xygbAgYxfA>

Eligibility

The funding program is designed to support **full-time members of Galala University** in developing and implementing innovative research projects across a wide range of disciplines. Projects should aim to address **pressing societal challenges** and contribute directly to the achievement of the **United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. Proposals are expected to demonstrate **clear applied outcomes**, such as the development of practical solutions, models, or prototypes that have the potential for real-world implementation or commercialization. Eligible applicants and projects must meet the following criteria:

I. Research Team Composition

- Each project must include **a minimum of three participants**, comprising at least:
 - One **Principal Investigator (PI)**, must be a **faculty member** (Professor, Associate Professor, or Lecturer/Teacher).
 - One **Teaching Assistant (TA)** or **Laboratory Specialist (LS)**.
 - Up to **four undergraduate or postgraduate students**.
- The inclusion of **interdisciplinary teams** is strongly encouraged to promote collaboration across different **scientific and technological** domains.

II. Student Involvement

- Participating students must be **officially enrolled** in one of Galala University's accredited academic programs at the undergraduate or postgraduate level.
- Student participation should be meaningful, contributing actively to the design, implementation, and analysis phases of the project.

III. Interdisciplinary Approach

- Projects involving **multiple specializations** or **cross-disciplinary collaboration** are prioritized, as they are more likely to yield comprehensive and innovative solutions to complex societal problems.
- Teams may include members from different faculties, departments, or research centers within the university.

IV. **Scientific and Academic Merit**

- The **quality and originality** of the proposed research topic will be a major evaluation criterion.
- Proposals must demonstrate **sound scientific methodology**, clear objectives, and achievable milestones.
- The topic should align with **national priorities, university research themes, or emerging global challenges**.

V. **Relevance and Impact**

- The proposed project must clearly contribute to one or more of the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** or address **locally significant issues** with measurable social, environmental, or economic impact.
- Projects that can lead to **applied outcomes, innovation, patents, or prototypes** will be given special consideration.

VI. **Feasibility and Implementation Plan**

- Proposals should include a **realistic implementation plan**, specifying the timeline, research activities, deliverables, and expected outcomes.
- The team should demonstrate **technical capacity and institutional readiness** to execute the proposed work within the project period.

VII. **Budget Requirement**

- Each proposal must include a **comprehensive and justified budget**, detailing all anticipated expenses such as materials, equipment, fieldwork, and student support.
- Budgets should be consistent with the project's scope and objectives, and all costs must comply with university funding regulations.

Output and Conditions for Project Closure

Upon completion of the funded research project, the Principal Investigator (PI) and research team must fulfill the following requirements to ensure proper project closure and accountability for both technical and financial aspects. The final evaluation and disbursement of any pending funds will depend on the satisfactory submission of these deliverables.

1. **Final Technical and Financial Report**

A comprehensive technical report detailing the project's objectives, methodology, outcomes, and impact must be submitted, accompanied by a financial report summarizing all expenditures in accordance with the approved budget. Both reports should adhere to the standard templates provided by the Research and Innovation Support Office (RISO) and must be submitted within the stipulated deadline following project completion.

2. **Scholarly Publications**

The research team is required to produce one or more scientific papers derived from the project's findings and submit them for publication in internationally indexed and peer-reviewed journals (Scopus or Web of Science), preferably within Q1–Q4 ranking categories.

- Papers should reflect the core results of the funded research and demonstrate scientific rigor and innovation.
- Publication in reputable open-access journals is encouraged to maximize the visibility and impact of Galala University's research outputs.

3. **Acknowledgment of Funding and Institutional Support**

All publications, conference papers, and other dissemination outputs must clearly acknowledge Galala University's support using the following statement: *"This work was supported by Galala University (Grant ID: [insert ID]). The authors would like to thank Galala University for providing essential facilities, resources, technical advice, and financial support."*

4. **Authorship and Institutional Affiliation**

- **The PI must be affiliated to Galala University as a first affiliation.**
- The university's name must appear in full as "Galala University" in the author affiliations of all publications and submissions derived from the project.

5. **Conference Participation and Support**

- The registration fees for international conferences may be covered by the **grant** only if a research paper resulting from the funded project is accepted and presented (either orally or as a poster) at the conference.
- The presentation must acknowledge Galala University and the associated grant.

6. **Intellectual Property and Patents**

- If the research outcomes have commercial or innovative potential, the research team is encouraged to submit a patent application through the Research and Innovation Support Office (RISO).
- Patent application and registration processes typically take 1–3 years.
- In accordance with university policy, Galala University will hold the intellectual property (IP) rights for all outputs resulting from the funded project, in joint cooperation with the contributing researchers.
- The university will manage IP protection, licensing, and commercialization processes to ensure that both institutional and researcher interests are appropriately recognized and protected.

Jury Committee

The evaluation and selection of research projects submitted for funding shall be conducted through a structured and transparent peer-review process managed by a designated **Jury (Arbitration) Committee**. The committee is responsible for ensuring that all proposals are assessed fairly, objectively, and in accordance with the university's academic and research excellence standards.

1. Formation of the Committee

- The **President of Galala University**, upon the recommendation and approval of the **University Council**, shall issue a formal decision to establish the **Arbitration Committee**.
- The committee shall be chaired by the **Vice President for Academic Affairs**, with membership including **two senior professors from each college** across the university, selected based on their academic reputation, research expertise, and integrity.

2. Project Evaluation Assignments

- Each submitted project shall be assigned to **two independent reviewers** (arbitrators) drawn from the committee members.
- One reviewer must specialize **precisely in the project's scientific or academic field**, while the second reviewer must have a **closely related or complementary specialization** to ensure a balanced and interdisciplinary assessment.

3. Evaluation Process

- Each reviewer shall independently complete the **official project evaluation form**, assessing the proposal based on predefined criteria such as originality, feasibility, impact, interdisciplinary value, and alignment with institutional priorities.

- The **final project score** shall be determined by calculating the **average of the two evaluations**, ensuring fairness and consistency in judgment.

4. **Committee Deliberation and Decision**

- Upon completion of the individual evaluations and within the designated arbitration period, the **Arbitration Committee** shall convene under the chairmanship of the **Vice President for Academic Affairs** to review the results and deliberate on the final recommendations.
- The committee shall formally **approve and announce the list of projects accepted for funding**, based on the highest evaluation scores and the availability of funds.
- The results will be **endorsed by the University Council** and subsequently communicated to the Principal Investigators and relevant colleges.

WE INNOVATE: For more details and to apply, please visit the website through the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/xygbAgYxfA> or you can visit the headquarters Research and Innovation Support Office at Galala University.

Good Luck