KAUST Global Fellowship Program

Online Application - Instructions to Applicant

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of Science and Technology

Thank you for your interest in the KAUST Global Fellowship Program.

Before completing the electronic application form, please refer to the guidance materials and the KAUST Global Fellowship Program website to ensure that you and your research proposal topic meet the eligibility criteria for the program.

PREPARARING YOUR APPLICATION

Please follow the instructions outlined below to help you prepare the necessary materials and information required to submit your application through the online application portal.

Using the templates provided in the Information Kit, you would need to prepare the following documents:

Research Proposal

The Research Proposal template contains the following sections:

1. PROPOSAL SUMMARY
2. BACKGROUND
3. RESEARCH PLAN
4. ACTIVITY TIMELINE (table)
5. PROJECT DELIVERABLES (table)
6. BUDGET (table)
7. COMMUNICATION PLAN

Please develop your Research Proposal under these headings and the tables provided following the instructions and guidance within.

Please complete the document in no more than five (5) pages using concise and succinct language and using Calibri font, size point 11. While you will need to use technical terms particular to your field, please ensure that a scientist outside your specific discipline can understand your proposal and follow the logic in terms of posing a research question and carrying out the logical steps to arrive at a set of proposed outcomes.

Your proposed research must be in an area represented in any of the three academic divisions of KAUST (see more at https://www.kaust.edu.sa/en/study/division-programs).

Your research outputs should contribute to addressing global challenges and/or questions related to one or more of the five Pillars of Research at KAUST - *Water, Energy, Environment, Food & Health, the Digital domain*.

Though independent and responsible for your own research activities, you will be hosted by a KAUST faculty member who will provide access to their labs, integrate you into their team and academic life at KAUST, and facilitate administrative aspects of your research activities.

Please use the KAUST website to identify research groups and labs that fit your research topic and contact the relevant professor(s) (see https://www.kaust.edu.sa/en/research/Pages/areas.aspx) to:

(i) broadly discuss your proposal in relation to its fit with his/her research lab;

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(ii) discuss your project's needs in terms of equipment requirements and availability; and

(iii) obtain their agreement to host you during the Fellowship.

Note that interdisciplinary work is encouraged, and it is possible to collaborate with other groups in addition to that of your main host.

KAUST Host Confirmation Letter

To be completed by you and the KAUST faculty member who has agreed to host you during the three-year Fellowship appointment as an independent investigator.

Reference Letter

You will be required to obtain two (2) professional reference letters that support the merit of your research proposal and your ability to carry out this research as an independent investigator. At least one referee should be someone other than a direct supervisor (this includes current and past supervisors).

The referee must provide the reference letter directly to the Global Fellowship Program Office (KGFP@kaust.edu.sa) before the application deadline using the template provided.

CV/Resume

Please use the template to provide details of your academic and professional career and achievements.

In addition, we will ask you to provide PDF copies of your two (2) best publications.

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION

Once you have prepared all your documents, please complete the electronic application through the 'Apply' button on the KAUST Global Fellowship Program website.

The deadline for submission is November 30, 2021

The inputs to the electronic application form are brief. Details are captured in your CV and Research Proposal documents for uploading.

Ensure that all fields are filled as required and all necessary documents are uploaded correctly as PDF files.

You may exit and continue filling the form at a later time by using the link provided when you exit the form.

The electronic application form contains the following sections:

Section 1: Personal Details

Name, Date of birth, Email address, Gender, Citizenship, Other Nationalities (if any), Country of Residence, English competency (self-assessed)

Section 2: Academic Qualifications

Ph.D./Doctoral degree, plus up to two other degrees/diplomas

Name of Qualification, Institution, Country, Date completed/expected completion, Main Course of Study, Specialization (if any), Thesis Title or Topic

Section 3: Current or Most Recent Position

Job title, Start date, End date (unless current), Contract type (full-time, part-time, casual), Name of employer (Institution), Employer address (City/Country), Supervisor (Name and Position), Consent to contact supervisor for verification (YES/NO) and email of Supervisor if YES

Section 4: Scientific Communications – for your two best publications

Article title, Publication type and title, Date published

Section 5: Research Proposal Summary

Proposal Title, Area of Research, Which of the five KAUST Pillars of Research your proposal addresses and which Strand (1 or 2).

KAUST faculty member host name, and an indication of other KAUST faculty members you would be interested in collaborating with.

Details of two referees (Name, Position and Institution, Email)

Section 6: Document upload and Application Submission

Checklist of documents to upload:

☐Research Proposal

☐Host Confirmation Letter

☐CV

☐Publication 1

☐Publication 2

Once you have reviewed your completed application and are satisfied with it, you may submit it. You will receive a confirmation email to the email address indicated in Section 1 confirming receipt of your application.

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NEXT STEPS

After this time, the selection committee will review all applications. You will be notified by email of the outcome during the month of January, and the onboarding process will start from February 1, 2022.

For any questions or enquiries, please contact the Global Fellowship Program at KGFP@kaust.edu.sa

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