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<b>How do I access the National Grants Portal System?</b>	To access the National Grants Portal System, simply visit the official website ( <a href="https://grants.rdia.gov.sa">https://grants.rdia.gov.sa</a> ) and follow the provided login instructions ( <a href="#">User guidelines</a> ).
<b>How do I register to use the Grants Portal?</b>	To register for the Grants Portal, you'll need a unique email address (Official email ended with .sa) and mobile number to complete the sign-up process on the portal's website. Simply click on the registration link ( <a href="https://grants.rdia.gov.sa">https://grants.rdia.gov.sa</a> ) and follow the provided instructions.
<b>How do I apply for a grant once I'm logged into the portal? And can I apply for more than one grant program at a time? Which file types are acceptable for uploading?</b>	To apply for a grant, log into the portal and navigate to the grant application section. Follow the instructions provided for each grant you're interested in. If you are eligible for multiple grants, you may be able to apply for them separately. During the application process, you will be prompted to upload any required documents. Make sure to review the specific file types accepted for uploading (ex. pdf, docx). Once your application is complete, follow the submission instructions. For more information, please follow this link ( <a href="#">User guidelines</a> ).
<b>How can I access an application that I've already submitted? What do the various application statuses on the Application Status page signify?</b>	You can retrieve all of your submitted applications through your grant portal dashboard. This enables you to review the application's specifics, observe its status (e.g., accepted, in progress, rejected), and consider any feedback offered by the reviewers, allowing you to take appropriate actions.
<b>How much time do I have to work on my application?</b>	The timeframe to work on your application varies depending on the grant program and its guidelines. It is important to review the specific grant's instructions and deadlines.
<b>I've submitted an application and I need to make changes. What should I do?</b>	In case you need to modify your submitted application, contact your STU / RDIU for assistant.
<b>How long does it take to receive a grant? How is "innovation" evaluated?</b>	The typical duration for grant processing, which encompasses revision, resubmission, and the administrative stages, ranges from 90 to 180 days. The assessment of "innovation" takes place through a peer-review process. It hinges on factors such as the originality of the proposal, its potential to create an impact, and the viability of the outlined research plan.
<b>Can I delete or withdraw a submitted proposal?</b>	Absolutely, you have the option to delete or withdraw a submitted proposal. To proceed, kindly consult the guidelines available within the grant portal or get in touch with the grant support team at ( <a href="mailto:GRANTS-INFO@rdia.gov.sa">mailto:GRANTS-INFO@rdia.gov.sa</a> ) for comprehensive instructions.



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<b>In what language can I submit my application?</b>	You can submit your application in English (default) and Arabic for some fields.
<b>Does RDIA fund non-Saudi researchers?</b>	RDIA does provide funding for non-Saudi researchers. However, it's important to note that non-Saudi researchers must be associated with a Saudi institution in order to meet the eligibility criteria for funding.
<b>Does the portal have specific grants? What is the typical duration of the grants?</b>	<p>The portal offers a diverse range of grants specifically designed to address the national priorities: Health and Wellness, Sustainable Environment and Supply of Essential Needs, Energy and Industrial Leadership, and Economies of the Future. These grants include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Scholars Grant (YSG)</li> <li>• Basic Science Grant (BSG)</li> <li>• Exploratory Consortium Grant (ECG)</li> <li>• Baseload Applied Grant (BAG)</li> <li>• Technology Development Grant (TDG)</li> <li>• Technology Breakthrough Grant (TBG)</li> <li>• Reactivation and Rebuilding Grants (RRG) for Existing Labs</li> </ul> <p>Typically, grants have a duration of three years, although the specific duration may vary depending on the requirements. For more detailed information, please refer to the guidelines provided for each grant.</p>
<b>Are there formal funding deadlines on the portal? Do unsuccessful applicants receive feedback?</b>	<p>The funding deadlines are specified for each grant. Please, refer to the grant's guidelines for more information.</p> <p>Yes, unsuccessful applicants will receive feedback on their applications.</p>
<b>Where can I find information on grants I am eligible for?</b>	You can locate information regarding grants that you are eligible for within the grant guidelines. For more information, please visit <a href="https://rdia.gov.sa/grants">https://rdia.gov.sa/grants</a> .
<b>Are there grants available for students?</b>	Certainly, RDIA provides grants for students. While there are currently no dedicated grants available for students, they have the opportunity to participate in ongoing research projects as part of the existing research teams. For more information, please visit <a href="https://rdia.gov.sa/grants">https://rdia.gov.sa/grants</a> .
<b>What is the purpose and function of the National Grants Portal?</b>	The National Grants Portal serves as a comprehensive hub for government grants. It functions as a centralized platform where researchers, innovators, and entrepreneurs can easily discover and apply for various government grants.



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<b>How can I stay updated on new funding announcements through the portal?</b>	You can stay updated on new funding announcements through the portal by visiting ( <a href="https://www.rdia.gov.sa">https://www.rdia.gov.sa</a> ) and following RDIA on social media ( <a href="https://twitter.com/rdia">https://twitter.com/rdia</a> , <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/company/research-development-and-innovation-authority-rdia/">https://www.linkedin.com/company/research-development-and-innovation-authority-rdia/</a> ).
<b>What are the accessibility features and recommended approach for students with disabilities to apply through the portal?</b>	The current portal does not support accessibility features for people with disabilities. Efforts are underway to implement necessary improvements and ensure inclusivity for all users.
<b>How to apply to the Reactivation and Rebuilding Grants (RRG) for Existing Labs?</b>	The STU/RDIU are responsible for submitting applications. Please, consult your STU/RDIU to register your application.
<b>What are the limitations regarding the projects I can submit and the projects in which I can participate?</b>	The maximum participation-limit is five projects, with a maximum of three projects where you can serve as the Principal Investigator (PI). Please note that allowances are provided for up to three participations per month.
<b>What is the overhead rate for institutions within the kingdom? How does the overhead rate differ for international partners?</b>	According to our bylaws, grants provided to both in-kingdom institutions and international partners are exempt from any overhead fees. However, it is important to note that 10% of the total budget of any grant is allocated for operational costs associated with the STU/RDIU.
<b>How is the review process conducted to evaluate applications?</b>	All applications will undergo a thorough review process conducted by experts and specialized committees, as outlined in the guidelines.



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Name of programs	YSG	BSG	RCG	BAG	TDG	TBG	RRG
<b>Grant Cap</b>	1,500,000 (SAR)	1,600,000 (SAR)	10,000,000 (SAR)	1,600,000 (SAR)	10,000,000 (SAR)	20,000,000 (SAR)	4,000,000 (SAR)
<b>Duration</b>	5 years	4 years	5 years	4 years	5 years	5 years	3 years
<b>Eligibility</b>	(PI) must have received their PhD within 5 years of this application OR PhD holder who is away from research (evidence should be provided) Or PhD holder who has not published in the last 3 years + from a Saudi-based institute	(PI) must be a PhD holder or its equivalent + from a Saudi-based institute	Joint Application from 3 applicants + Primary Principle Investigator (PPI) must be from a Saudi institution + PPI and SPIs are PhD holders or its equivalent	(PI) must be a PhD holder or its equivalent + from a Saudi-based institute	Joint Application from 2 applicants + Primary Principle Investigator (PPI) must be from a Saudi institution	Joint Application from 2 applicants + Primary Principle Investigator (PPI) must be from a Saudi institution	The research lab/center should be based in KSA.



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<b>Team guides</b>	At least: • 1 PI • 1 Co-PI	At least: • 1 PI • 1 Co-PI	At least: • 1 PPI • 2 SPIs • 3 Co-PI (for each PI)	At least: • 1 PI • 1 Co-PI	At least: • 1 PPI • 1 SPI • 2 Co-PI (for each PI)	At least: • 1 PPI • 1 SPI • 2 Co-PI (for each PI)	Not Applicable
<b>Nationality</b>	All local researchers in KSA are welcome for the grants Foreign researchers can participate as consultants in all grants, or as a Secondary PI only in the RCG, TDG or TBG.						
<b>Budget guide</b>	Generate detailed list of items with duration and amount as stated in the guideline and the template. * For RCG-TDG-TBG budget regarding the 40% for international partner, there is no constraints on the budget distribution as long as it is justified in the proposal.						
<b>Budget items</b>	There is a maximum ceiling for items, and each item must include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The maximum allocation for the Human Resources item is 40% of the budget.</li> <li>• The maximum allocation for Materials &amp; Equipment item is 75% of the budget.</li> <li>• The maximum allocation for Trips &amp; Training item is 15% of the budget.</li> <li>• The maximum allocation for any other budget items is 15% of the budget.</li> </ul> In case of international partner, budget allocation must not exceed 40% of the total budget, and all financial plan and justifications must be clarified in the proposal application.						



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<b>Allowances of the Project Team</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Maximum Allowance (SAR)</b>	<b>Yearly Allowance (Months)</b>	<b>Total (SAR)</b>
	<b>Researchers</b>			
	<b>Principal Investigator</b>	6,000	10	60,000
	<b>Co-Principal Investigator</b>	5,000	10	50,000
	<b>Assistants – Part time</b>			
	<b>Project Manager</b>	3,000	10	30,000
	<b>Masters / PhD holders</b>	3,000	10	30,000
	<b>Assistants – Full time (Salaries Exclusively for Project Contracts)<sup>1</sup></b>			
	<b>PhD Holder<sup>1</sup></b>	12,000	12	144,000
	<b>Master<sup>1</sup></b>	9,000	12	108,000
	<b>Bachelors<sup>1</sup></b>	7,000	12	84,000
	<b>Technicians and Administrators</b>			
	<b>Technicians</b> <small>Including master and PhD students</small>	2,800	10	28,000
	<b>Administrators</b>	2,400	10	24,000
	<b>Professionals (Skillful Labors)</b>			
	<b>Staff/Workers and the like</b> <small>Including bachelor students</small>	1,600	12	19,200