Future Pioneers Program for Students Research Funding

Introduction:
Emanating from the objectives the University seeks to realize which include playing a positive role in the scientific research field which contributes in the advancement and development of the knowledge-based economy; and based on the believes the Deanship holds pertaining the great importance of scientific research in the process of development; the Deanship offers the Future Pioneers Program to activate the role of undergraduate students (Bachelor's), and postgraduate students (Master's and Ph.D.) in the scientific research field. This program is concerned with the undergraduate and postgraduate students to enhance their skills and provide the financial funding (for research projects). This would realize the University's visions of development in supporting the efficient students and preparing them for future leadership roles.

Objectives:
- Boosting research activity in the University
- Devoting attention to research and development
- Enhancing the concept of scientific research among students and raising the awareness of its importance
- Training students on scientific research methodologies and preparing them to contribute to the University and society service
- Encouraging students to engage in competitions
- Establishing a promising generation of researcher students
- Building the concept of teamwork.

Conditions:
- The project implementation period is one whole year
- The graduation project (for the undergraduate students) shall be supervised by a faculty member
Projects shall be approved first by the concerned Center's Council in preparation for submission to the Deanship of Scientific Research to consider the possibility of financial funding.

The necessary form shall be filled out.

A description of the proposed project shall be submitted, including a detailed budget of the project.

The project shall be characterized by novelty and originality and shall not be funded by any other party from within or outside the University.

The submitted project shall consider the Islamic ethics and values, the Saudi society traditions, and the scientific research ethics.

The financial funding shall be at maximum 20000 (twenty thousand riyals).

The funding of the project by the Deanship of Scientific Research shall be indicated when submitted for publishing.

Research requests and proposals shall be received from the end of the semester preceding the semester in which the project will be implemented.

The number of participating students shall not be less than 2 and more than 5.

The research project (for the undergraduate students) may be published by the names of all the participators, with the supervisor being the principal investigator.

The research plan provided to obtain the master's or doctoral degree shall be approved by the Deanship of Graduate Studies Council for the graduate student and the approval document shall be enclosed with the funding application.

Conditions for Accepting Published Research Papers:

1. The scientific output shall not be less than one scientific paper published in the refereed ISI & Scopus-indexed journals, with its results being from the research project.
2. The acknowledgment of the financial funding by the Deanship of Scientific Research at Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University shall be indicated in the published research, mentioning the project's number in the published research as in the following:
This research project was funded by the Deanship of Scientific Research, Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University, through the Pioneer Researcher Funding Program, Grant No xxx-x-x

3. The commitment to include all the project members' names who participated in the published research.
4. All project members shall be included in any submitted research as one of the project's outputs.
5. Research papers that include acknowledgment to different parties in the University other than the Projects Funding Program in the Deanship of Scientific Research shall not be accepted.
6. 25% of the fund will be deducted for each acknowledgment made for any external party other than Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University.
7. Adherence to the rules and ethics of scientific research
8. The scientific research and inventions resulting from this joint cooperation under this contract, which will be published in the future, shall be the property of Princess Nourah bint Abdul Rahman University, with full scientific and legal responsibility by the researchers for the content they provide.

Privileges:

- Receiving Financial funding
- Reserving intellectual property rights for students and projects supervisors.
- Receiving a certificate of excellence by the Deanship of Scientific Research for the promising projects that have an economic product or benefit.

Application Procedures for Future Pioneers Program:

1. The faculty member, supervising the research project, shall submit to the department's council before the end of the semester the project's form and the number of students who are expected to participate in this project.
2. The application shall be presented to the Projects Funding Committee and the Deanship of Scientific Research's Council in order to present the minutes to the University's Rector for approval. After that, contracts shall be signed.

**Future Pioneers Project's Financial Regulations:**

1. The financial dues of research projects shall be delivered in two phases. The first phase represents 30% and shall be delivered after signing the contract. The second phase represents 70% and shall be delivered after the acceptance of the final report by the Deanship of Scientific Research's Council, according to the approved project's financial plan, in addition to publishing the research or providing a proof of acceptance for publishing in ISI & Scopus-indexed journals.

2. After receiving the due payments and submitting all the documents indicating that in accordance with the Scientific Research Regulations, the principal investigator (the Second Party) is committed to deliver all the financial payments to the research project members according to each member's role.