



**GUIDELINES**

• **About the Program:**

This program aims to complete the requirements for achieving a graduate degree in the universities and institutions of the Kingdom in the one of the following natural sciences (Engineering, Medicine, Agriculture, and Science) and they could be basic, applied or innovation researches. The total budget for this program should not exceed **SR 170,000** for Ph.D. grants and **SR 70,000** for M.Sc. grants.

• **Conditions for Applying for this Program:**

1. The proposal should be in one of the applied scientific fields.
  2. The proposal should get the approval from the Graduate Studies in the University.
  3. The applicants (graduate students) should have finished at least 50 % from their courses as requirements for achieving their degree.
  4. The research proposal must not have been submitted to other funding agencies at the same time and must not have any other sources of funding.
  5. If it is approved for funding now from KACST, it is forbidden to submit it again to other funding agencies.
  6. All the team members (student and his supervisor) must be available in the University during the submission of the proposal and conduction of the project.
  7. If the proposal is approved, the thesis must include the KACST logo on the cover page and an acknowledgement for the grant number in the thesis body.
  8. The thesis proposal should have already been approved by the Graduate Studies in the University as a part of the degree requirements.
- The proposal should have an average of 10 pages and uploaded through the online portal (Arabic and English Abstracts (both in 1 page), Introduction (1 page), Literature Review (up to 8 pages), Objectives (half page), and Methodology (max. 4 pages)).

• **Supported Items:**

1. Distribution of amounts on items:

- **Ph.D. student:**

Item	Student	Supervisor	Equipment/ Materials	Trips	Conferences
Max. Amount (SR)	40,000	20,000	70,000	20,000	20,000

- **M.Sc. student:**

Item	Student	Supervisor	Equipment/ Materials	Trips	Conferences
Max. Amount (SR)	20,000	10,000	20,000	10,000	10,000

- The compensation is released after completing the study and delivering the thesis (soft and hard copies) and after completing all the financial and technical issues related to this study.
- KACST has the right to hold the compensation of the supervisor or student in case there exist some problems related to their finances in other projects.

2. Research requirements (equipment, materials and facilities).

3. Conferences and internal trips.

• **Requirements:**

The student should deliver three hard copies and an electronic copy of his thesis to KACST after it is approved by his university.

• **Minimum Required Outcomes to Successfully Close the Project and Get the Compensations:**

- **Ph.D. student:** 6 points.
- **M.Sc. student:** 3 points.

Distribution of points:

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Patent</b>	<b>ISI Journal Paper</b>	<b>Conference Paper</b>	<b>Participation in KACST Scientific Activities</b>
<b>Point(s)</b>	4	3	2	1

**Notes:**

1. The weights of journal publications can be increased depending on the Impact Factor (IF) of the journal. This applies for journals of excellent IF among other journals within their field.
2. Extra financial rewards could be awarded to the project team in case of having **extra** achievements.