

**UNIVERSITY RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSAL**

Date Submitted:

Project Title:
Project Duration:
Total Cost of the Project in MVR (including in-kind):

Total Cash for the Project in MVR (excluding in-kind):

**Please note:** *Applicants are kindly requested not to include any personal information, such as names, contact numbers, or email addresses, in this document. Proposals containing personal details will* ***be returned to the applicant during the desk review stage for necessary revision.***

**1. PROJECT TITLE**

[Insert a concise and descriptive title limited to 20 words or fewer. Do not include names of the Principal Investigators and Co-Investigator detail under the title]

**2. ABSTRACT**

[Summarize the research project in 150-250 words, including the research aim, significance, methods, and expected outcomes.]

**3. INTRODUCTION: [**limited to **250 – 300 words]**

[**Context or Statement of the Problem**: This section provides a brief overview of the problem to be addressed, including the background of the study. Key details such as current prevalence, incidence, or other relevant data should be included. Ensure the context is concise yet informative, setting the stage for the proposed research.]

**4. PURPOSE OF THE STUDY, OBJECTIVES AND RESEARCH QUESTIONS: [**limited to **200-300 words]**

[Explain why the research is being proposed and what it aims to achieve. Include the following: Purpose of the study: Align with broader social, economic, or health concerns outlined in the introduction, Objectives: Clearly state the overall and specific objectives of the study, Research Questions: List specific questions or hypotheses the research intends to answer.]

**5**. **CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)**:[limited to **150-200 words**].

[Briefly identify which SDGs your research contributes to and explain how. Focus on goals directly linked to your topic—for example, SDG 2 for food security or SDG 13 for climate action. Describe how your work supports these goals through practical outcomes like community resilience, gender empowerment, or sustainable resource use. Ensure your explanation clearly shows how the research contributes to national or global development priorities]

**6. REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE: [**limited to **400-500 words].**

[Provide a critical summary and synthesis of existing literature relevant to the problem. Include: Insight into the problem and theories underpinning the topic, work done by other researchers, especially in the local context, theoretical and conceptual frameworks, if applicable Ensure the review demonstrates familiarity with current knowledge gaps].

**7. METHODOLOGY: [**limited to **700-1000 words].**

[Describe the design of the study and justify how it supports the research objectives and questions.

7.1. ***Sample, Population, or Subjects;* [**Outline the sampling methodology, including: sampling technique and frame, calculation of the sample size (if applicable), and identification of potential biases and their mitigation strategies

7.2 ***Instruments and Materials***: [Provide details of the instruments to be used, including: Validity and reliability measures, Attachments of questionnaires, surveys, or other data collection tools in appendices

7.3. ***Data Collection:*** [Explain the procedure for data collection, including:administration of instrumentsandpersonnel involved in data collection]

7.4. ***Data Management and Analysis***: [Describe plans for managing and analyzing data: software or tools to be used, quality control measures and methods of compiling, organizing, and interpreting results]

**8. ETHICAL CONSIDERATION: [**limited to **150- 200 words]**

[Address ethical issues, including:

8.1. ***Informed consent and respect for participants’ privacy, confidentiality, and anonymity***

8.2. ***Data storage, security, and disposal measures***

8.3. ***Strategies for mitigating risks to participants’ safety***

**9. RISK MITIGATION/MANAGEMENT: [** limited to **400 words]**

[Identify potential risks that could affect the project's success and outlines strategies to minimize or manage these risks. It should include: potential risks, mitigations strategies, monitoring & evaluation]

**10. DISSEMINATION PLAN: [** limited to **500 words]**

[Outlines how the project's findings, results, or outputs will be shared with stakeholders and the broader community. It should include: target audience, methods, channels and timeline for dissemination]

**11. SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPACT: [** limited to **500 words]**

[Explain why the research is important and who will benefit from it. Address how your project will advance knowledge, solve practical problems, or contribute to policy or practice. Describe potential outcomes and their broader implications. Align the project’s significance with the funding body’s priorities and goals.]

**12. BUDGET**

[Take a screen shot of the Budget Summary Sheet and paste here]

**13. TIMELINE:**

**Key Activities and Milestones:**

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| **Activity**  | **Projected start date**  | **Projected completion date** | **Milestone**  |
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**14. REFERENCES**

[Include all sources cited in the proposal, formatted according to the required style guide. Ensure references demonstrate familiarity with current research in your field.]

**15. APPENDICES (IF REQUIRED)**

[Provide supplementary materials such as letters of support, preliminary data, or additional methodological details.]

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| **1** |  **APPLICANT/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR RESEARCH BACK GROUND** **[Do not include names of the Principal Investigator]**  |
| **a** | Research skills and research Areas:  |   |
| **b** | Research activities/projects (*relevant to the current URG application*)  |  |
| **c** | Other Research activities/projects  |  |

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| **2** | **CO-INVESTIGATOR (S) RESEARCH SKILLS AND EXPERTISE[Do not include names of the Co-Investigator detail under the title]** |
| **Co-Investigator #**  | **Highest Qualification**  | **Research Skills and Expertise** | **Research activities/projects** (*relevant to the current URG application*) | **Publications** |
| a | Co-Investigator 1 |  |  |  |  |
| b | Co-Investigator 2 |  |  |  |  |
| c | Co-Investigator 3 |  |  |  |  |
| d | Co-Investigator 4 |  |  |  |  |