

Research Seed Grant Initiative 2022

Call for Proposals

Specific Goals:

- a. *External leveraging*: Preliminary research leading to major proposal for external funding
- b. *Interdisciplinary partnerships*: Among BracU schools/institutes, with national/international partners
- c. *Team building*: Teams of senior/experienced investigators mentoring junior/starting researchers
- d. *BracU image*: Enhancing BracU image as research university via publications and other recognition

Evaluation Criteria:

1. *Intellectual merit*: Service to science/technology (30%)
2. *Broader impacts*: Service to society and humanity (30%)
3. *Institutional value*: Service to BracU and Goals above (40%)

Review:

- * Blended internal and external reviewer panels
- * By reviewer email and panel meetings
- * Unconflicted with proposal teams

Research Area:

Any research field supported at BracU

Participation & Eligibility:

PI: Faculty member of BracU in any School or Institute – only one proposal per PI

Co-PIs: One co-PI from another BracU School or Institute than the PI;

One co-PI from another national or international partner research institution

Research Assistants: Any faculty, staff or student of BracU or partner institutions or external experts

Duration and Reporting:

- * 12-month duration
- * 6-month no-cost extension option
- * 6-month intermediate reports; final report

Budget:

* *Maximum amount of call*: BDT 17 M; *maximum amount of each grant* BDT 2 M

* *Eligible expenses*: all research expenditures except:

- salaries and benefits of employees of BracU and partner institutions
- subcontracts and subawards to external entities
- unallowed expenses (meals, entertainment, personal services etc)
- Facilities & Administration / indirect costs

Form of Proposal:

- * Template form, also explicitly addressing the Goals above
- * Appendices: Up to 5 pages (biosketches of PI/Co-PI's, research facilities, endorsement letters etc)
- * *Submission*: as one pdf document, by email to researchtaskforce@bracu.ac.bd
- * Questions & further information: Haris Doumanidis, haris@bracu.ac.bd

Timeline

- * *Call for proposals*: by October 24, 2021
- * ***Proposal submission deadline: December 1, 2021 (5:00 pm)***
- * *Proposals to reviewers*: By December 15, 2021
- * *Reviews due*: January 15, 2022
- * *IRB review*: by February 15, 2022
- * *Results announced*: by February 28, 2022
- * ***Funds disbursed/obligated -projects start: March 1, 2022***