

# **SCIENCEFUND**

## **INTRODUCTION**

ScienceFund is a grant provided by Government to carry out R&D projects that can contribute to the discovery of new ideas and the advancement of knowledge in applied sciences, focusing on high impact and innovative research.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of ScienceFund are:

- i. to support research that can lead to the innovation of products or processes for further development and commercialisation; and/or
- ii. to generate new scientific knowledge and strengthen national research capacity and capability.

## **TYPES OF RESEARCH**

Applied Sciences

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- ❖ This fund is open to all research scientists and engineers who are employed on a permanent or contractual basis from the following organisations:
  - i. Government Research Institutions (GRIs);
  - ii. Government Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Agencies; and
  - iii. Public and Private Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) with accredited research programmes.

### **Note:**

- Expatriates working under contract with any of the above institutions are eligible to apply. However, the project must have a permanent Malaysian co-researcher from the same institution, well-versed with the project, to ensure its completion in the event the expatriate's contract is terminated.
- The service of a contract researcher must be valid during the period of research proposed and contractual documents must be furnished as proof of employment for the period.

- ❖ The following organisations are **not eligible** for ScienceFund:
  - i. Private Research Institutions (PRIs) in the private sector;
  - ii. Other department/agencies that carry out research under their purview; and
  - iii. Research Institutions (RIs) with internal research funding such as Cess Fund.

**Note:** These organisations can participate by collaborating with the eligible institutions.

- ❖ Project proposals substantially similar to proposals submitted to any other government funding agencies.
- ❖ Researchers can **lead** only one (1) project at any time. Researchers have to submit the End of Project Report (EPR), before submitting a new application.

### **SCOPE OF FUNDING**

The funding can be utilised for the following categories:

- Wages and Allowances for Temporary and Contract Personnel
- Travel and Transportation
- Rentals
- Research Materials and Supplies
- Minor Modifications and Repairs
- Special Services
- R&D Equipment and Accessories

### **PROJECT DURATION**

The project duration is up to **30 months**.

### **QUANTUM OF FUNDING**

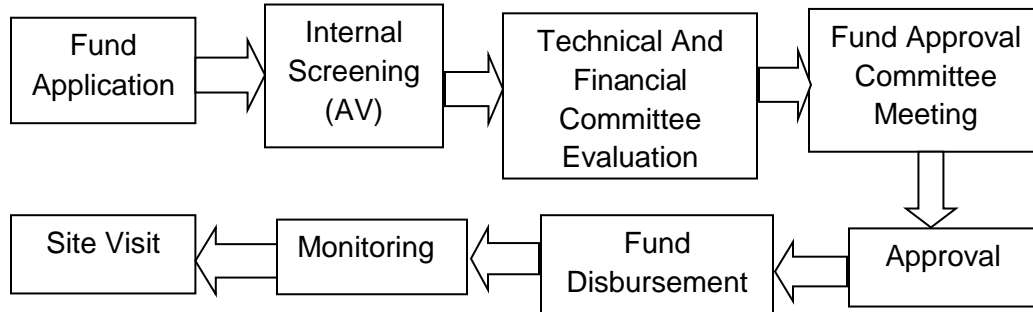
The quantum for each project is up to **RM500,000.00**.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA OF THE PROJECT**

- **Scientific and technical merit:** The project must be scientifically sound, technically feasible with achievable milestones, and has the potential for further development and commercialisation.
- **Research competence:** The research team must have the knowledge and competency to carry out the research successfully to completion.
- Innovativeness of the research.
- **High impact research:** Clear and measureable expected output, outcome and impact in line with National Key Economic Areas / National Key Result Areas (NKEA/NKRA).

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Application for ScienceFund must be made online through the website <http://ernd.mosti.gov.my/eScience>.



## **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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