

Time Lines of Research Fund

RF Policy Framing & Call for Proposals (Mar-June 2020) Phase 1	March April May	<p style="text-align: center;">Share initial RF utilization framework with HEC 15 March</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Formulation of templates & SOPs for applicants and assessment sheets for the reviewers and sharing them with HEC for approval 20 April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Approval from National Steering Committee Members 22 April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Info of SOPs/Policies/Checklist on Utilization of RF by HEC 29 April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Approval of RF Launch SOPs/ COI/ Posters/ Ads from NUST & HEC 22 May – 18 June</p>
	June	<p style="text-align: center;">Planning of Launch Strategy & Marketing Material design across NCAI 13 June – 22 June</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Call for Proposals (print media, social media and posters) 23 June</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NCAI Sectt. to frame reviewers’ list from available pool of experts & get approval from HEC 23 June – 30 June (deadline: 30 July)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marketing of RF through universities, Social Media, Print Media, & (if possible) through university visits, interactive sessions with students * Covid-19 permitting 23 June Onwards</p>
Proposal Submission & Initial Screening (July-August 2020) Phase 2	July - August	<p style="text-align: center;">Submission of Proposals First deadline of submission of proposals 24 July</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Final deadline of submission of proposals (if needed) 5 August</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Compilation & Initial scrutiny of proposals 5 – 12 August</p>

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> Phase 3 Review Process (August-September 2020) </p>	<p>August</p>	<p>Pooling & assigning of proposals to reviewers (experts) on case to case basis 14 - 29 August Informing & handing over proposals to reviewers (experts) 29 August – 4 September</p>
	<p>September</p>	<p>Review process progression (pitching/examination of proposals/ selection/finalization) 4 – 22 September Review Period Ends 22 September Shortlisted Tentative Awardees List Compilation 23 - 29 September List of shortlisted awardees with justifications/remarks, will be shared with HEC for their perusal and approval 29 September – 5 October Tentative list will be shared with NSC for their review and final confirmation 29 September – 5 October</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> Phase 4 Awarding of Grants (October 2020) </p>	<p>October</p>	<p>Invitation of Selected Applicants for Award of Grant 6 - 13 October RF Grant Committee Meeting (NCAI Sectt members, selected members from HEC) 19 - 23 October Contracts Preparation 26 – 29 October Signing of Paperwork 30 October</p>