

## QNRF AND DIFI ANNOUNCE RECIPIENTS OF FOURTH CYCLE OF OSRA GRANT

*Joint program aims to develop and promote research on Arab families*

**Doha, Qatar, July 30, 2019:** Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF) and Doha International Family Institute (DIFI) – both members of Qatar Foundation – have awarded grants to seven research proposals under the 4<sup>th</sup> cycle of their jointly funded program ‘OSRA’.

OSRA, the Arabic word for ‘family’, is a QNRF-DIFI joint initiative designed to promote research on issues related to the Arab family. It supports the development of comparative and evidence-based policies and programs aimed at promoting the preservation of the Arab family unit, as well as offering analysis to help alleviate the problems they face.

Funding for the 4th cycle of OSRA has been awarded to researchers from Qatar, Palestine, Lebanon, the US, and UK, and topics include exploring marriage and the family structure in the context of political conflict and migration in the Arab World, as well as fatherhood, adolescent substance abuse, and factors of marriage delay.

To broaden the existing knowledge-base on Arab families, QNRF and DIFI encourage researchers from around the world to conduct empirical research that contributes to the development of evidence-based policies relating to family cohesion, marriage and divorce, families at risk, parenthood, and relevant social policy research.

Dr. Abdul Sattar Al-Taie, Executive Director QNRF, said: “We are delighted to see that OSRA has garnered an increasing interest from researchers globally over the years. Through this program, we aim to engage scholars, researchers, and policymakers in a holistic and comprehensive discussion pertaining to the contemporary challenges faced by the Arab family, as well as support the formulation of strategies and policies to address these challenges effectively.”

Dr. Sharifa AL Emadi, Executive Director, DIFI, said: “This year we received a number of interesting and relevant proposals touching on important issues related to the Arab family, which will help us to delve into some of the pressing issues the family unit is facing in our region today. In return, this knowledge will help us identify realistic solutions for the benefit of every family, and to ensure their happiness and well-being.”

The call for proposals, launched in January this year, received strong interest from local, regional, and international academic research institutions. The applications were subjected to a rigorous evaluation process, which assessed them for their competitiveness based on scientific and programmatic review.



For more information about the OSRA research grant, please visit <https://www.qnrf.org/en-us/Funding/Research-Programs/Joint-Funding-Research-Program-JFRP/Osra> or <https://www.difi.org.qa/grants/osra-research-grant/>

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### **Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF)**

Driven by the aim of fostering a culture of research in Qatar, QNRF was established in 2006 to advance knowledge and education by acting as a support system for researchers.

QNRF, a member of Qatar Foundation, administers funding for original, competitively selected research and furthers collaborations within academia, the public, private, governmental and non-governmental sectors through effective, mutually beneficial partnerships. While QNRF actively seeks internationally-recognized researchers, it is dedicated to funding research that meets the needs of Qatar. For more information, please visit [www.qnrf.org](http://www.qnrf.org)

### **Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential**

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) is a non-profit organization that supports Qatar on its journey to becoming a diversified and sustainable economy. QF strives to serve the people of Qatar and beyond by providing specialized programs across its innovation-focused ecosystem of education, research and development, and community development.

QF was founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, who shared the vision to provide Qatar with quality education. Today, QF's world-class education system offers lifelong learning opportunities to community members as young as six months through to doctoral level, enabling graduates to thrive in a global environment and contribute to the nation's development.

QF is also creating a multidisciplinary innovation hub in Qatar, where homegrown researchers are working to address local and global challenges. By promoting a culture of lifelong learning and fostering social engagement through programs that embody Qatari culture, QF is committed to empowering the local community and contributing to a better world for all.

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