

AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION PROGRAM
Competitive Grants
Preliminary Proposal Form

1. **Project Title:** _____

2. **Applicant's Details:**

a) **Principal Investigator:**

Name: _____

Qualification: _____

Institution/Organization: _____

Present Position: _____

Postal Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

b) **Co-Principal Investigator:** _____

(Information as above)

c) **Other local team members:**

3. **Duration:** (1-2 years) _____

4. **Abstract/ Justification:** _____

5. **Objectives:** _____

7. **Plan of Work:**

Years	Activities	Locations	Methodology/ Procedure
1			
2			

8. **Proposed Budget:**

(Rs. millions)

S. NO	Object	YEAR-1	YEAR-11	YEAR-111	TOTAL
1	Operating Cost				
2	Capital Cost				
	Total				

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Guidelines for the completion of the Preliminary Proposal Form

At the first stage, a preliminary proposal in form of **concept paper** is required on the enclosed format. Preliminary proposals are brief out lines for evaluation of research ideas. These also provides an opportunity to the reviewer for constructive input, before a full proposal is written.

A preliminary proposal should be brief, yet it should include as complete information as possible especially under objectives, and plan of work, so that a professional scientist in the subject area can properly evaluate and offer comments and suggestions. The guide lines for the preparation of preliminary proposals are given as under:

1. **Title:** Title should be brief accurate and be self explanatory.
2. **Applicant's Details:** (a,b&c) Principal Investigator will be responsible for implementation and will participate in it and Co-Principal Investigator will be provided only in the project involving inter-disciplinary research. In addition to the Principal Investigator, a list of professional, technical and other personnel to be engaged in the project alongwith their qualifications, experience and duties should be given. The Bio-data of Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator should be attached with the proposal to judge the competence of Investigators to undertake the proposed research.
3. **Abstract/ Justification:** A short summary (one or two paragraphs) written in terms understandable to an informed layperson and justify how this project benefit agriculture in Pakistan.
4. **Duration:** Give time (Months) required for completion of the proposal. A period of 12-24 months would normally be appropriate.
5. **Objectives:** Objective represents the desired future situation giving solution to the identified problems. The objectives should be in quantitative terms. Please do not give statement like, “ it will increase agricultural production in the country.”
6. **Plan of Work:** Briefly state the major activities year-wise and their location and brief description of the research methods to be used. It is valuable to break-up the activities into specific tasks, which can each be assessed for outcome and linked to proposal objectives and benefits.
7. **Proposed Budget:.** Mention total budget requirement according to the Table.
 - i. **Operating Cost:** It is a operational cost and includes, Research Fellow/ Contractual Staff, Supplies/ Materials, Transportation of Goods, Travel Cost (Both domestic and international), Rents, Contractual Services, Indirect Cost, DPLs, Honoraria etc.
 - ii. **Capital Cost:** It is capital cost and includes permanent research equipment etc.

Note: Four Copies of preliminary proposal should be submitted to AIP Secretariat, Plant Sciences Division, PARC, 20 Ataturk Avenue, G-5/1, Islamabad.

