

Rules and guidelines for research and short-term grants Of the Institute of Knowledge Integration (IKI)

Background and goals

The Institute of Knowledge Integration with the support of the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), initiates, encourages, and supports scientific research in various fields of Islamic Sciences to promote the renewal of Islamic thought and integration with modern human and social sciences.

IKI supports the development of original ideas and methodologies that will contribute to the renewal of Islamic thought and the reform of Muslim societies and communities. The Institute encourages scholars to integrate the basic Islamic values with their analyses of various socio-religious phenomena, as well as to answer the question of how their results will contribute to the progress of civilization.

Research directions and priorities

The Institute of Knowledge Integration invites scientists and researchers interested in conducting research to submit applications in one of the following priority areas:

1. Epistemology and decolonization of knowledge – Methodologies for integrating revealed knowledge (*al-wahy*) and the humanities / social sciences; revelation as a source of knowledge; reason and revelation; decolonization of knowledge and its impact on education; integration of knowledge as decolonization; research methods in Islamic studies / Islamic thought.

2. Renewal of Islamic Thought – theoretical/methodological research, that could provide a new understanding of key issues, related to the renewal of Islamic thought; theological and methodological developments for solving the main problems of our time (new atheism, violence, gender issues, and sexuality, environment, social and political organizations, secularism); research on reform movements, their successes, and failures; Quranic and prophetic methodologies of social reforms; legal and constitutional reforms in Muslim societies: new directions in Islamic social, political and/or economic thought.

3. New Methodologies in the Qur'an and Sunnah Studies (*'Ulum Al-Qur'an* and *'Ulum Al-Hadith*) – research in modern logic, linguistics, and other fields that may lead to a new understanding of approaches to the Qur'an and Sunnah; critical textual analysis in hadith (*naqd mutun al-hadith*); new approaches to tafsir; goals (*maqasid*) of the Qur'an; new directions in the study of the Qur'an and hadith.

4. *Maqasid Al-Shari'ah* – ethical and public policy-targeted (*maqasidi*) discourse and its relationship to *usul al-fiqh*; how can *maqasidi* approaches communicate ethical considerations, the design and/or implementation of public policy?; what new ideas in public policy creation can be derived from *maqasidi* theories and approaches?; application and boundaries of *maqasidi* discourse.

5. Islamic philosophy, spirituality and literary studies – reinterpretation and re-appropriation of Islamic philosophy; *tazqiyya an-nafs*; psycho-spiritual studies; literature, literary studies, and cultural production.

6. Educational reforms – theoretical works, case studies, "success" stories, and other issues related to the reform of all levels of education in Muslim states and societies; case studies on lessons learned from education reform in non-Muslim states and societies; curriculum reform and pedagogy practice.

7. Research in social sciences – priority is given to research that combines Islamic epistemology with modern social sciences that improve our understanding of various issues related to Muslim communities in different parts of the world.

Eligibility

IKI invites lecturers, scholars, and researchers in the fields of Islamic studies and Islamic thought, arts and humanities, legal studies, and social sciences to apply. The proposed projects should be creative and aligned with the intellectual orientation and objectives of the Institute.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Doctorate or master's degree in Islamic studies in law, art, humanities, physical, social and biological sciences.
- Successful contribution to science.
- Active participation in academic/scientific communities and life.

If you do not meet the above criteria, please do not apply for the grant. No exceptions will be made.

Expected research results

The grantees are expected to make an important contribution to the development of Islamic thought and the integration of knowledge in the form of a book, a chapter of a book, a ready-to-publish article, and the like. Applicants will be given an opportunity to publish jointly with

the IKI or IIIT. In some cases, the award of the grant may depend on the applicant's consent to the joint publication of the research result with one of the above-mentioned organizations. Since 1981, the International Institute of Islamic Thought has published more than 700 books in more than 20 languages. Publications of the International Institute of Islamic Thought are distributed all over the world and are available on major Internet resources for print media. IIIT also publishes the English-language peer-reviewed American journal of Islamic social Sciences (AJISS), which is indexed by several major indexes. For more information, see the "Publications" section on the IIIT website.

Evaluation criteria

Grant applications are evaluated internally by the IKI Research Grants Committee and external reviewers who are experts in the regions from which the applications are submitted.

The main evaluation criteria include the following:

- academic depth, integrity, originality, and creativity of applications
- use of appropriate methodologies and methods
- qualification of the applicant in addressing the proposed topic
- the potential for the creation of excellent research
- compliance of the proposal with the goals and objectives of the Institute
- the competitiveness of this proposal in relation to other submitted proposals
- applicant's potential to contribute to collaborative work and projects

Equipment, books, audio-visual and other supporting scientific materials

By accepting the grant, the recipient agrees to transfer the rights to own all permanent equipment, books, audio-visual, as well as other scientific tools purchased with the grant money during the research to the Institute of Knowledge Integration.

Research on human subjects

IKI strives to adhere to ethical principles to protect the human being as a subject of scientific research. If the proposed study includes people as research subjects, the applicant is strongly encouraged to seek approval from the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of the home institution or to obtain permission from the Ethics Committee of the home institution. IKI is not responsible for any improper or unethical treatment of a person or persons as a research subject(s) by researchers.

Intellectual property and copyright

By accepting the grant, the recipient acknowledges that, if the research is fully funded by the Institute, the IKI holds all rights to publish the research. Written permission is required for the publication of research results outside IKI. In the case where the research is partially funded by IKI, the applicant must obtain permission from the Institute before publishing the research elsewhere. The Institute will not refuse the publication without justification.

Format and guidelines for research publication

1. The research should correspond to the values and goals of the IKI, its volume should be at least 25 thousand words (together with footnotes), and the work should not have been published anywhere. IKI does not return articles to authors regardless of whether they were published or not.

2. The "Introduction" section, which is 500-1000 words in length, should contain information about the subject, goals and objectives, the scientific significance of the study, and the literature used in the work.

The "Conclusion" section has the same scope and should contain a summary, important conclusions, and recommendations of the study. The "summary" should contain an overview of the main ideas that the researcher wanted to convey to the reader. The "conclusion" is the cognitive information that forms the basis of the study, reflecting the original scientific contribution of the author. As for "Recommendations", this is a section that explains questions that require appropriate, more complex, research-based answers, as well as relevant aspects that can be translated into reality.

The main part of the study consists of 3-5 chapters, each chapter should be separated from each other by a subtitle (1, 2, 3, or First, Second, Third).

The author is provided with 10 copies of the published work. The relevant publishing body has the right to publish the work in its entirety or together with several other works in the native language or translate it into another language. In this case, the author's permission will not be taken.

4. The rules for the design of a study published by the IKI are as follows:

- the rules adopted in well-known scientific publications are accepted;

– When quoting the Qur'an, the text of the verse is presented in quotation marks, followed by the name of the surah in parentheses, and then, after the colon, the number of the verse in numbers. For example: "... " (Cow: 16). This rule applies to other Scriptures as well.

– When quoting the hadith, the author must identify the published source of hadith by writing the author, book title, publisher, place, and year of publication, page.

– when referring to books or scientific collections, the sequence should be as follows: last name, first name of the author, title of the work or article in the collection, title of the collection, place and year of publication, volume number, and page.