





ENGAGING RESEARCH
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SCHOLARS/INDIVIDUAL RESEARCHERS FOR RESEARCH STUDIES

  **Planning Commission**
Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform
Government of Pakistan

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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Research institutes/firms/consultants/academic scholars/individuals researchers with track record of publications in peer reviewed journals and having ten years experience in conducting Research Studies are invited to submit their technical & financial proposals in two separate envelopes under one sealed envelope as per PPRA Rules. The proposals will be received within 40 days of appearance of this advertisement up to 2:00 PM of the last date. Only tax registered firms/entities are eligible to apply.

Outlines for RFP can be downloaded from the websites of PPRA (info@ppra.org.pk) and the Planning Commission (<http://pc.gov.pk>) or obtained from the address given below during office hours.

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Background

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- i. Future of Workforce Migration Prospects and Challenges
- ii. Exploring the Tax Potential of Services Sector in Pakistan
- iii. Reform of State Own Enterprises (SOEs) to turn them into high performance organizations
- iv. Impact of Devolution on Public Service Delivery
- v. Agriculture Sector in Post 18th Amendment Scenario
- vi. Socio-Economic profiling of the Districts along CPEC Routes
- vii. Exploring the Export Potential of Pakistan in China under CPEC
- viii. Trade Liberalization and Export Promotion of Pakistan
- ix. An Appraisal of Domestic Commerce in Pakistan
- x. Improving Rural Livelihood through Rural Enterprise Diversification
- xi. Potential and Issues of Electronic Payment Solutions to Accelerate Mobile/Electronic Commerce in Pakistan
- xii. Textile SMEs: Issues and their Ecosystem and Economic Development
- xiii. Gap Analysis in Diffusion and Adaptation of Water Technologies in Pakistan
- xiv. Harnessing Hill Torrents for Agriculture and Economic Growth
- xv. Taxation and Underground Economy: Myths and Realities
- xvi. Tax Buoyancy and Elasticity in Pakistan
- xvii. Job creation and Human Resource Planning
- xviii. Attitude and Lifestyle study of Well-being Economics
- xix. Urban Migration and management in 10 big cities

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Part A

- i. Background and comprehensive literature review
- ii. Objectives and scope of the research studies
- iii. Problem statement and research design

- iv. Work-plans, including approach and methodology
- v. Timelines – Indicative implementation plan
- vi. Personnel specification and expertise
- vii. Expected outcomes
- viii. The research proposals shall not exceed 10-12 pages including bibliography
- ix. Research proposals will be examined/evaluated by the Research Studies Evaluation and Review Committee (RSERC)
- x. Presentations of selected research proposals
- xi. Copies of plagiarism (Similarity Index) reports of the research proposals
- xii. RSERC is authorized to accept or reject any research proposal after presentation. Therefore, the final decision of the award rests with the RSERC

Part B

- i. Cost of the research studies
- ii. Financial Plan of the research studies

Part C

- i. Provide regular updates on monthly basis after award of research studies
- ii. Copies of plagiarism (Similarity Index) reports of the final research studies must be attached
- iii. Presentations of findings of research studies in seminars/workshop
- iv. Submit soft and 50 hard copies of the final research studies
- v. All the applicable federal, provincial & local taxes must be considered while preparing the financial proposals. The consulting firms providing substandard and / or incorrect information are liable to rejection/legal action or disqualification
- vi. The successful bidder in all respects would be awarded contract on merit and transparent basis and the report complete in all respects would be submitted by the consulting firm within the stipulated time, date and within the agreed cost otherwise the client would be free to impose penalty on the defaulting firm as per rules

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