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Research, Development
& Innovation Authority

Service Catalog

Research, Development and Innovation Authority

2026

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

Service Description:

This service enables researchers to create and manage their accounts on the platform, allowing them to access the Authority's electronic services and manage their requests securely and efficiently. It also allows users to manage their personal profiles, update their information, and showcase their experience and research areas professionally, contributing to the documentation of their qualifications and enhancing communication with relevant entities.

Service Channels:

[Research, Development and Innovation Authority \(RDI\) Website](#)

Requirements:

- A valid email address and a unique identifier are required for each researcher.
- Multiple accounts for the same user are not permitted.

Policies and Procedures:

1. Account Creation Policy
 - A valid email address and a unique identifier are required for each researcher.
 - Multiple accounts for the same user are not permitted.
2. Identity Verification Policy
 - Identity must be verified before account activation (via email or national systems).
 - The Authority reserves the right to suspend or cancel accounts containing incorrect or misleading information.
3. Information Security Policy
 - The platform complies with approved security standards to protect user data.
 - Users are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of their login credentials.
4. Personal Data Management Policy

- Users must regularly update their personal and professional information.
 - Data is used strictly for service delivery in accordance with applicable privacy policies.
5. Experience and Research Areas Policy
- All information provided must be accurate, reliable, and free from any non-compliant content.
 - The Authority reserves the right to review, modify, or hide any content that does not comply with policies.
6. Service Usage Policy
- The account must not be used for any purposes unrelated to the Authority's research or official services.
 - Any misuse may result in account suspension or cancellation.
7. Access Control Policy
- User permissions are determined based on the account type and the nature of the service.
 - Researchers are not permitted to share access credentials with any other party.

Target Audience:

- Individuals
- Companies
- Organizations and government entities

Service Duration:

Instant

Launch Date:

03/09/2024

GRANT RESULTS INQUIRY

Service Description:

This service allows applicants to obtain a report on the status of their grant applications, including an expert evaluation of the proposal's quality and expected impact.

Service Channels:

Grants Management Platform: <https://saudiminds.rdia.gov.sa>

Requirements:

- An active account on the grants platform.
- A submitted grant application with a reference number.
- Completion of all regulatory requirements associated with the proposal.
- The inquiry must be made by the principal researcher.

Policies and Procedures:

- RDI Research Grants Regulations.
- Open Access Policy to Government-Funded Research Infrastructure in KSA.
- Guide to Innovation Support Services and Enablers in KSA.
- Researchers and Innovators Guide.
- National Guidelines for the Procurement of RDI Materials.
- National Guide for Technology Transfer Offices in KSA.

Target Audience:

- Individuals
- Companies
- Organizations and government entities

Service Duration:

Instant

Launch Date:

2024

SIGP RESEARCH PROPOSAL (INITIAL STAGE)

Service Description:

This proposal represents the initial stage of expressing interest in participating in the program. It includes a brief overview of the project idea, its objectives, and its research field. The proposal is submitted through the program's e-portal and is used as a preliminary stage to screen applications and assess their alignment with program's objectives and stated challenges. This step helps ensure that only projects meeting the basic requirements proceed to the next stage of the evaluation process.

Service Channels:

[RDI website](#)

Requirements:

- Company Size: The number of employees must not exceed 250.
- Revenue Limit: The company's annual revenue must not exceed 200 million SAR.
- Headquarters: The company's headquarters must be located within Saudi Arabia.
- RDI Activities: At least 75% of the planned RDI activities must be conducted within Saudi Arabia, as outlined in the business plan.
- Nature of the Applying Entity: The applying entity must be a for-profit company.
- Academic Partnership: Applications must be submitted in partnership with an academic or research entity; this is mandatory requirement for the SETP track.

Policies and Procedures:

- SIGP Guidelines

Target Audience:

- Individuals
- Companies

Service Duration:

Instant

Launch Date:

January 1, 2025

EVALUATION OF RESEARCH PROPOSALS FOR GRANTS AND APPROVAL COMMITTEES

Service Description:

A core service that enables accredited experts to evaluate research proposals submitted for grants, manage scientific committees, and monitor review processes electronically while ensuring compliance with academic standards in accordance with the Authority's regulations.

Service Channels:

Grants Management Platform: <https://saudiminds.rdia.gov.sa>

Requirements:

- An active account on the grants platform.
- The reviewer must be accredited within RDI's database of experts.
- A review invitation linked to a research proposal or scientific report must be available.
- Commitment to impartiality, scientific integrity, and avoidance of conflicts of interest.

Policies and Procedures:

- RDI Research Grants Regulations.
- Open Access Policy to Government-Funded Research Infrastructure in KSA.
- Guide to Innovation Support Services and Enablers in KSA.
- Researchers and Innovators Guide.
- National Guidelines for the Procurement of RDI Materials.
- National Guide for Technology Transfer Offices in KSA.

Target Audience:

- Individuals

Service Duration:

Instant

Launch Date:

2024

NATIONAL RDI VIRTUAL CLUSTER

Service Description:

A platform for communication, collaboration, and innovation within Saudi Arabia's thriving RDI ecosystem. It is designed to meet the needs of the private sector, researchers, entrepreneurs, and partners from both the public and private sectors, fostering effective innovation, mission-driven programs, and strategic partnerships across various sectors.

Service Channels:

[RDI website](#)

Requirements:

- Registration on the platform.
- Registration in the virtual clusters service.

Policies and Procedures:

- All users are entitled to register in the virtual cluster, provided they are registered on the Authority's website and obtain approval from the Authority to access the virtual cluster.
- The Authority has the right to use registered users' data for statistical, research, or study purposes as needed.
- Users may access services based on the permissions granted to them by the Authority.
- The Authority has the right to suspend user permissions when necessary.
- The services offered within the platform are limited to registered users and cannot be utilized without registration.

Target Audience:

- Individuals
- Companies
- Organizations and government entities

Service Duration:

Instant

Launch Date:

27/04/2025

INSTITUTIONAL FUNDING SERVICES

Service Description:

Enables government entities to submit budget requests for RDI projects within the annual budget preparation cycle approved by the Ministry of Finance, with support and supervision from the Authority to ensure efficient allocation and alignment with national priorities.

Service Channels:

[RDI website](#)

Requirements:

- The entity must be a government entity funded by the Ministry of Finance.
- The submitted projects must fall within the scope of RDI.
- The projects must be linked to national priorities and missions.
- Compliance with the budget execution instructions issued by the Ministry of Finance.
- Compliance with the guidelines and regulations issued by the Authority.

Policies and Procedures:

- Budget preparation and execution instructions issued by the Ministry of Finance.
- Guidelines issued by RDI.

Target Audience:

- Organizations and government entities

Service Duration:

Instant

Launch Date:

Targeted at the beginning of 2027

SEMICONDUCTORS PORTAL

Service Description:

A simple website that provides an overview of the National Semiconductors Cluster. It was launched to provide information about the cluster after receiving multiple local and international inquiries through the Authority. It is proposed to be redesigned after clarifying the future direction of the cluster and to be integrated into the Authority's main website.

Service Channels:

[Semiconductors Portal](#)

Requirements:

- None

Policies and Procedures:

- None

Target Audience:

- Individuals
- Companies

Service Duration:

Instant

Launch Date:

11/08/2024

STARTUP ATTRACTION PROGRAM

Service Description:

This program aims to attract startups and scaling global companies that develop innovative products addressing the needs of a rapidly changing world. It focuses on building strategic partnerships that accelerate the growth of innovators, with the goal of establishing Saudi Arabia as a global leader in the research and development sector and creating an enabling environment where innovators can succeed and thrive.

It also supports the growth of deep tech companies by facilitating their entry into the Kingdom and empowering them through practical and effective partnerships.

Service Channels:

[RDI website](#)

Requirements:

- Must be a global startup company.
- Submission of company information, including its business scope, technology readiness level, founding team, expansion plans within Saudi Arabia, and compliance with relevant regulatory requirements.
- The company must be established or in the process of establishment.
- The company must be in the research and development stage.
- The company must fall within one of the four national priority sectors.
- The parent company must be headquartered in Saudi Arabia.
- Completion of all required documents and licenses.

Policies and Procedures:

The service is provided in accordance with the approved policies and regulations of RDI, and in alignment with relevant national regulations, while ensuring compliance with internal governance procedures, data protection, and information confidentiality.

Target Audience:

- Companies

Service Duration:

Instant

Launch Date:

After registration and completion of requirements.

FULL RESEARCH PROPOSAL SUBMISSION (COMPANIES)

Service Description:

This stage requires submitting a detailed application that includes comprehensive technical and commercial documentation.

The full application must provide a clear and comprehensive presentation of the proposed project, including the level of innovation in the proposed solution, its feasibility, its market readiness, as well as the capabilities and experience of the team responsible for its implementation.

Service Channels:

[RDI website](#)

Requirements:

- Company Size: The number of employees must not exceed 250.
- Revenue Limit: The company's annual revenue must not exceed 200 million SAR.
- Headquarters: The company's headquarters must be located within Saudi Arabia.
- RDI Activities: At least 75% of the planned RDI activities must be conducted within Saudi Arabia, as outlined in the business plan.
- Nature of the Applying Entity: The applying entity must be a for-profit company.
- Academic Partnership: Applications must be submitted in partnership with an academic or research entity; this is mandatory requirement for the SETP track.

Policies and Procedures:

- SIGP Guidelines

Target Audience:

- Companies

Service Duration:

Instant

Launch Date:

1 July 2025

COMPANY REGISTRATION

Service Description:

This service enables companies to create their own profiles to track applications submitted by their employees for the services available on the Authority's platform.

Service Channels:

[Saudi Minds Platform – Research, Development and Innovation Authority](#)

Requirements:

- A valid email and unique identifier are required for each company representative.
- Multiple accounts for the same user are not permitted.

Policies and Procedures:

1. Account Creation Policy

- A valid email address and a unique identifier are required for each company representative.
- Multiple accounts for the same user are not permitted.

2. Identity Verification Policy

- Identity must be verified before account activation (via email or national systems).
- The Authority reserves the right to suspend or cancel accounts containing incorrect or misleading information.

3. Information Security Policy

- The platform complies with approved security standards to protect user data.
- Users are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of their login credentials.

4. Personal Data Management Policy

- Users must regularly update their personal and professional information.
- Data is used strictly for service delivery in accordance with applicable privacy policies.

5. Service Usage Policy

- The account must not be used for any purposes unrelated to the Authority's official services.
- Any misuse may result in account suspension or cancellation.

6. Access Control Policy

- User permissions are determined based on the account type and the nature of the service.
- Users are not permitted to share access credentials with any other party.

Target Audience:

- Companies
- Organizations and government Entities

Service Duration:

Instant

Launch Date:

30/04/2024

REVIEW OF FULL RESEARCH PROPOSALS AND VERIFICATION OF SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY FOR GRANTS (GRANT DISBURSEMENT EXECUTION AND MONITORING)

Service Description:

This service enables the submission of a formal request to establish a new research unit within the beneficiary entity, in accordance with approved standards.

It also allows researchers or entities to track the status of the grant and its related procedures through the platform, as well as to submit financial and technical progress reports.

Service Channels:

Grants Management Platform: <https://saudiminds.rdia.gov.sa>

Requirements:

- An active account on the grants platform.
- Completion of all regulatory requirements associated with the application.
- A submitted grant application with a reference number.
- The inquiry must be made by the principal researcher or the authorized entity.

Policies and Procedures:

- RDI Research Grants Regulations.
- Open Access Policy to Government-Funded Research Infrastructure in KSA.
- Guide to Innovation Support Services and Enablers in KSA.
- Researchers and Innovators Guide.
- National Guidelines for the Procurement of RDI Materials.
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Target Audience:

- Individuals
- Companies

- Organizations and government entities

Service Duration:

Instant

Launch Date:

2024

RESEARCH MATERIALS IMPORT PERMIT CERTIFICATE

Service Description:

This service enables research entities to obtain permits for importing chemical materials used in RDI, in accordance with Royal Decree No. (41772) dated 22/5/1447H, which assigns the Authority the responsibility of issuing permits for the import, export, re-export, and clearance of chemical materials required by research entities, in line with the Authority's regulatory mandates.

Service Channels:

[RDI website](#)

Requirements:

- The import must be strictly for research purposes (Research Use Only).
- The application form must be completed with accurate information about the materials to be imported.
- All required documents must be attached.
- The requested materials must not be classified as restricted under the Chemical Management System. If restricted materials are required, proof of compliance with the requirements of the High Commission for Industrial Security must be provided (available at: <https://sais.gov.sa/ar/services/chemical-resources-ar.html>).
- The importer bears full responsibility for any damages resulting from misuse of these materials or use for purposes other than those for which they were imported.

Policies and Procedures:

- Chemical Materials Management Regulation.

Target Audience:

- Individuals
- Companies
- Organizations and government entities

Service Duration:

Instant

Launch Date:

8 March 2026

OPEN ACCESS RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE (LABS)

Service Description:

A platform that connects researchers and innovators with research infrastructure available at universities and research centers in Saudi Arabia. It enables beneficiaries—individuals and entities inside and outside the Kingdom—to explore the available research infrastructure across institutions in the Kingdom and request access to and utilization of such resources in accordance with the governing regulations.

Service Channels:

[RDI website](#)

Requirements:

- The host entity commits to providing the service efficiently and effectively within an appropriate timeframe, while clearly outlining all requirements and procedures related to the service for the researcher, from the application acceptance stage until its full completion and execution.
- The researcher is also required to submit their request through the Authority's electronic platform, maintain the confidentiality and privacy of the host entity's information, and comply with all approved internal policies and regulations, including any applicable regulatory requirements or service-related fees.

Policies and Procedures:

Open Access Policy for Research Infrastructure Funded by the Government of Saudi Arabia – 2023.

Target Audience:

- Individuals

Service Duration:

Instant

Launch Date:

07/05/2025

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OFFICES (TTOs)

Service Description:

This service aims to support the transformation of research and innovation outputs into commercially viable opportunities with economic value, thereby enhancing digital transformation and the knowledge economy in alignment with national priorities. The service includes mapping patents within national priorities' areas, supporting the commercialization of intellectual property, establishing or activating technology transfer offices, and providing specialized training programs and workshops, in addition to offering incentives for intellectual property commercialization.

Service Channels:

[RDI website](#)

Requirements:

- Applications are submitted by completing the application form in accordance with the registration requirements.

Policies and Procedures:

None

Target Audience:

- Individuals
- Companies

Service Duration:

Instant

Launch Date:

PROFILE MANAGEMENT

Service Description:

This service allows users to manage their personal profiles and control which information is visible to others when sharing their profile page.

Service Channels:

[Saudi Minds Platform – Research, Development and Innovation Authority](#)

Requirements:

- The user must be registered in the system.

Policies and Procedures:

- Users have the right to choose which data they wish to display or hide in their profile.
- The Authority has the right to determine which data must be displayed or restricted in users' profiles.

Target Audience:

- Individuals
- Companies

Service Duration:

Instant

Launch Date:

10/09/2025

APPROVAL OF RESEARCH PROPOSALS

Service Description:

After a project is selected for funding and meets all requirements set by RDI, a project agreement is concluded between the Authority and the applying entity or the project's lead partner.

Service Channels:

[RDI website](#)

Requirements:

- Company Size: The number of employees must not exceed 250.
- Revenue Limit: The company's annual revenue must not exceed 200 million SAR.
- Headquarters: The company's headquarters must be located within Saudi Arabia.
- RDI Activities: At least 75% of the planned RDI activities must be conducted within Saudi Arabia, as outlined in the business plan.
- Nature of the Applying Entity: The applying entity must be a for-profit company.
- Academic Partnership: Applications must be submitted in partnership with an academic or research entity; this is mandatory requirement for the SETP track.

Policies and Procedures:

- [SIGP Guidelines](#)

Target Audience:

- Individuals
- Companies
- Organizations and government entities

Service Duration:

Instant

Launch Date:

First Quarter of 2026



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