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| **AKU University Research Council**  **Intramural Funding**  **Application Form**  **Leaping Leopard Program**  (targeted towards obtaining extramural grants)  (Please use Calibri Font Size 11)  Application number :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (For office use only)  URC Cycle ❶ ❷ ❸ |
| 1. **Principal Investigator**   **(Name, designation, affiliation, address and email)** |
| 1. **Biographic sketch of principal investigator (template provided)** 2. **Co-PIs and other collaborators (Please provide biographic sketches)**  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | # | Name and designation | Role | Affiliation & Dept. | Expected contribution to the proposed project | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |
| 1. **Project title (maximum 50 words)** |
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| 1. **Project Summary (maximum 350 words)** |
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| 1. **Significance (maximum 1000 words) (In this section please describe in detail the important contextual problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field that you are addressing. Detail a rationale with appropriate citations of prior work. Is the prior research that provides rationale for your study rigorous? Once you achieve your aims how will prevailing knowledge, concepts or practice or policy be advanced?)**   **Do not exceed 2 pages** |
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| 1. **Specific Aims (Describe with a little background leading up to the aims of your study. Delineate in point form your study aims, objectives and associated hypotheses (as applicable). Study aims should be specific, achievable, realistic and time bound.)**   **Do not exceed 1 page** |
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| 1. **Approach/Methodology (Describe the methods you will use to execute each specific aim. Articulate a well-reasoned and appropriate strategy including reflection on the feasibility, plans to address weaknesses, rigor and relevant conceptual and theoretical frameworks. Present risks, alternative approaches and benchmarks for success.)**   **Do not exceed 6 pages** |
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| 1. **Innovation/Novelty (Describe how your application challenges current paradigms, theoretical concepts, approaches and methods, interventions? How are the concepts, approaches, instruments, or interventions novel? ) Do not exceed 1 page** |
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| 1. **Ethical considerations (Do not exceed 1 page)** |
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| 1. **References (Vancouver style)** |
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| 1. **Time line and monitoring and evaluation plan (Do not exceed 1 page)** |
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| 1. **Inclusivity/Diversity (Reflect on diversity in participants and study team as appropriate)**   **Do not exceed 1 page** |
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| 1. **Products (as applicable)** |
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| 1. **Environment (Describe the environment for your research including facilities, equipment, space and support available to you; and unique characteristics that you will leverage to successfully execute the specific aims; Describe a sustainability plan including a clear path for obtaining further extramural funding) Do not exceed 2 pages** |
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| 1. **Impact of research (Describe the anticipated impact of the proposed work on Public health/clinical/social/educational/arts and humanities research as applicable)**   **Do not exceed 1 page** |
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| 1. **Strategy for dissemination of results (describe your specific approaches to disseminating the results of your research) (Do not exceed 1 page)** |
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| 1. **Departmental Research Committee (DRC) or equivalent has peer reviewed the**   **Project (If a DRC/ equivalent does not exist in your dept./entity please mark NA):**  **Yes □ No □ NA □** |
| 1. **Letter of Support from HOD attached: Yes □ No □** |
| 1. **Name and signature of the Principal Investigator** |
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