



## **CPEC Competitive Policy Research Grant – 2017/18**

### **Call for Proposals**

Proposals for policy research on CPEC related sub themes given below are sought from individuals/organizations/universities, M.S/M.Phil./Ph.D students and others. The research is expected to identify key policy measures related to CPEC and their possible impact on Pakistan's economy. The sub-themes include:

1. *Socio Economic Impact of CPEC*
2. *Regional Connectivity under CPEC*
3. *CPEC Trade and Industry Cooperation*
4. *Urban Development in Pakistan under CPEC*
5. *Job Growth and Human Resource Development under CPEC*
6. *Financing and Financial Sector Integration under CPEC*

#### **Key elements of Policy Research Proposal**

The key elements of the CPEC policy research proposal would be description of the proposed policy research including a problem statement, brief review of the relevant literature, hypothesis to be tested; proposed methodology including fieldwork, if any; sources of data (primary and/or secondary); potential limitations; anticipated use of the results; policy implications and potential beneficiaries, and a list of references. The technical proposal must not exceed 4 single-spaced pages with a font size of 12 (Times New Roman).

#### **Steps to follow:**

- Proposal Submission – the applicants will submit their best technical and financial proposals by the **25<sup>th</sup> August 2017**.

#### **Submission of the Policy Research Report after Acceptance of Proposal**

- Draft Report: within 08 (eight) weeks of proposal acceptance and contract signing
- Final Report: within 04 (four) weeks of draft report submission (minimum: 3,000 words)

#### **Selection Criteria and Process**

All applicants are required to provide their CVs along with the proposals. Student applicants are required to provide the names, designations, and if possible CVs of their supervisors along with the proposals.



### **Evaluation weightage:**

- Technical : 70%
- Financial : 30%

All grant applications will be reviewed by a panel of experts. Proposals will be evaluated based on the relevance and importance of topic, technical and financial proposals, cohesion and creativity of the proposed policy research.

Shortlisted proposals may be invited for oral presentation before the review panel, if required, at a date to be announced later.

### **Publications**

The final reports/papers will be published in CoE-CPEC Working Paper Series.

### **Honorarium**

The successful applicants/organizations/universities will be entitled to an honorarium. The successful applicants/organizations/universities shall also take the responsibility of the distribution of honorarium among the co-authors, if any. Up to forty percent of the honorarium will be paid upon the award of study and the balance sixty percent will be paid upon submission of the final report/paper to the CoE-CPEC.

### **Submission of Proposals (MOST IMPORTANT)**

PROPOSALS COMPLETE IN ALL RESPECTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN ONE BIG ENVELOPE IN WHICH TWO SEPARATE ENVELOPS WITH TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROPOSALS BE ENCLOSED AND SUBMITTED TO CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR CPEC, 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY PARK – 1, CONSTITUTION AVENUE, F-5/1, ISLAMABAD BY 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017.

The subject of proposal should include the **sub-theme title** for which it is being submitted.

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