

The 6th Forum for Women in Research

QUWA: Advancing Knowledge. Inspiring Innovation. Transforming Society.

31 March - 1 Apr 2027 | coinciding with International Women's Day

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Share Your Research. Inspire Innovation. Create Impact.

The WIRF2027 invites women researchers from around the world to share their research, exchange ideas, and contribute to shaping the future of science and innovation.

Under the theme **QUWA: Advancing Knowledge. Inspiring Innovation. Transforming Society**, the Forum provides a platform to showcase impactful research, connect with a global research community, and compete for **research grants supporting innovative projects across diverse fields**.

Submit your research proposal for the opportunity to receive a **research grant ranging from AED 10,000–25,000 per project** and gain recognition for your contribution to research and innovation.

Research Category	
Category 1:	- Bioinformatics - Biomedical Engineering - Dentistry - Health Sciences & Digital Health - Medicine - Pharmacy
Category 2: Emirates NBD Special Track in Technology:	- AI & Agentic Banking Innovation - Blockchain & Digital Assets - Sustainability & Inclusive Finance - Operational Resilience and Cybersecurity
Category 3:	- Computing & Informatics - Engineering - Sciences
Category 4: NAMA 5 Special Tracks in Humanities and Social Sciences	- Gender Mainstreaming in Public Policies and Services (Global) - Legal and Institutional Responses to Life Transitions Affecting Women's Economic Security (Global) - Measuring the Impact of Women's Leadership Policies and Initiatives (Global) - Women's Social Status in the UAE - Health Challenges and Quality of Life Among Aging Women: The Role of Health and Social Institutions (UAE)
Category 5:	H.H. Shaikha Jawaher Center for Palestinian Studies Track: Women's Studies in Palestine

The winning research projects will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Scientific Rigor
- Community Impact
- Novelty
- Industry Partnership

Terms and Conditions

- The research work should not be published before the date of the Forum.
- Participants must specify the current phase of their submitted research in the submission template as follows:
 - Research Proposal: With expected results.
 - Research in Progress: Preliminary results available, but the work is still ongoing and unpublished.
- The prize should be spent on the research project. (e.g., conference expenses, publication fees, project resources, software, etc.).
- The prize winner should acknowledge the sponsor in her publication.
- The applicant should submit **ONLY ONE** research study as the principal investigator (PI).
- The main applicant (PI) should be a female researcher in a University (Faculty Member, Postdoctoral Fellow, Graduate Student (MSc/ PhD), or Research Assistant).
- The PI must be a female researcher; the team may include male collaborators/researchers.

Submission Deadline: October 15, 2026

Author Notification: January 15, 2027

Submission link: <https://www.sharjah.ac.ae/en/Research/Conferences/wirf2027/Submission>



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