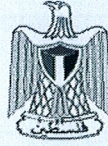




Ministry of Education & Higher Education  
Education to Work Transition Project- Additional Financing  
(E2WTP-AF)  
Quality Improvement Fund-QIF  
Call for Proposals No. 03/2017

1. The World Bank is providing The Palestinian Liberation Organization through Palestinian National Authority-Ministry of Education and Higher Education an additional financing in the amount of US\$5 million to the Education to Work Transition Project (E2WTP). It is expected that the Additional Financing will (i) foster productive linkages between TEIs and businesses; (ii) promote social responsibility among the business community; and (iii) better prepare graduates to find and keep gainful employment in their prospective professional-technical areas.
2. An allocation of up to US\$ 3.9 million of the E2WTP-AF will help finance scaling-up activities of the well-performing Quality Improvement Fund (QIF) to further enhance its impact. Specifically, it will fund additional calls for proposals to provide incentives to Tertiary Education Institutions (TEIs) to develop and implement employment-oriented education programs in partnership with the private sector. TEIs will partner with private sector employers in designing curricula, updating teaching practices, and providing practical training to students.
3. Tertiary Education Institutions are invited to submit **Preliminary Proposals** in the following two windows:
  - A. **Technical-Production Professional Areas.**
  - B. **Business and Humanities Professional Areas.**
4. Each institution may submit different applications – individually or as part of a consortium with other tertiary education institutions for the above mentioned grant windows. More details on those windows are provided in the QIF Operational Manual, revised seventh version dated June 2016 and the concept note which can be found at the following website: [www.palpcu.ps](http://www.palpcu.ps)
5. Partnership with the private sector is mandatory; TEIs must enter into partnership with private sector associations or individual private sector firms or a consortium of private sector firms.
6. The grant applications will follow a two-step process. First interested TEIs will present **Preliminary Proposals** which will be evaluated internally and according to the QIF Operational Manual. The approved Preliminary Proposals will then be invited to develop **Full Proposals** that will be evaluated towards receiving funding support based on the procedures described in the QIF Operational Manual and the online tutorials available on the website: [www.palpcu.ps](http://www.palpcu.ps)





7. Each Preliminary Proposals shall be submitted using the **online application** which can be reached at the Ministry website [www.mohe.pna.ps](http://www.mohe.pna.ps) and the project website [www.palpcu.ps](http://www.palpcu.ps) . An additional electronic -CD- copy must be submitted by hand to the PCU offices in Ramallah and Gaza at the following addressess at or before 11:00 A.M. of February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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