Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship (QIF) India 2019 FAQs

Team Composition

1. Can students from different advisors or departments form a team?

   Yes. As long as both students meet the criteria for participation. Note that the students forming the team need to be from the same institute.

2. Can a student be part of multiple teams? Can a team submit multiple proposals?

   Yes. A student may be part of multiple teams and a team may submit multiple proposals. The funds are provided to the winning team's institute department(s) to be used at the department's discretion.

3. Can a team include one student from a QIF school, and one from a non-QIF eligible school?

   No. The money is awarded as a Fellowship through the eligible school(s) attended by the winning students.

4. Can the two team members be from different QIF schools?

   No

Eligibility

5. Can students without advisors participate?

   No; The students are required to find faculty advisor/sponsor to recommend the innovation. The faculty recommendations are an important factor in the judging process.

6. Are newly admitted students eligible to apply for the fellowship?

   Yes. Students who begin a Masters (MS / M.Tech.) or PhD program in the Fall semester of a Fellowship academic year are eligible to apply for a fellowship for that academic year. For example: a student entering a PhD program in the Fall 2019 semester may apply for a fellowship for the 2019-2020 academic year referred to as "QIF India 2019." The advisor's recommendation should mention that the student has been admitted for the upcoming Fall semester. The second student member in the team, if enrolled in under-graduate or dual-degree (B.Tech./MS + B.Tech) program, must be entering his/her final year for the 2019-20 academic year. The advisor's recommendation should mention that the student will be graduating from his or her program at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 academic year.

7. When do I have to be enrolled to be eligible to apply?

You do not have to be enrolled at the time that you apply for a Fellowship, but winners must be enrolled for the entire QIF 2019 Fellowship academic year.

8. I am graduating soon, am I still eligible?

   Students are eligible if they are enrolled for the entire QIF 2019 Fellowship academic year. Therefore, students who intend to graduate prior to the conclusion of the QIF 2019 Fellowship academic year are not eligible.

9. Can previous QIF applicants apply again?

   Of course! In fact, we encourage former applicants to submit new proposals, or update their original proposals and resubmit them using the current proposal guidelines.

Awards

10. Is there an "award quota" for schools or regions?

    No. This is an open contest between all eligible schools. It is possible that two or more teams from one school may each win a fellowship.

11. What if the applicant also receives a non-QIF fellowship?

    Winning a non-QIF fellowship does not preclude the student from being awarded the title of QIF Fellowship winner nor their department from receiving the associated funds.

12. Do funds expire after 1 year?

    No, the department can roll the awarded funds over to the next year. Each winner's department is allowed complete flexibility on how to use the funds.

13. How many Fellowships will be awarded?

    QIF Fellowships will be awarded to eight winning teams.

14. What will Qualcomm Technologies, Inc. provide to Fellowship winners in addition to the financial awards?

    Qualcomm Technologies, Inc. will also make the following benefits reasonably available to QIF 2019 winners during the QIF Fellowship academic year:
    - A mentor for each winning team
    - Opportunities to regularly interact with researchers in Qualcomm Technologies, Inc.
    - Travel arrangements to a Sponsor facility(ies) for select QIF events

Proposal Process

15. Is there a template available for the proposal?

    Yes. Templates will be provided and will be available on the website for download. The proposal must fit onto three pages (as suggested in the template) with an optional fourth page for bibliography/references.

16. What is the proposal submission requirements?

    The submission includes the following documents: proposal, student CVs, letter(s) of recommendation, and signed agreement form. The documents must be submitted through the online submission portal (link available from the QIF India 2019 website) before Mar 13, 2019, for consideration in this QIF India 2019 program. For the agreement form, download the official rules and sign at the marked location in the rules document thus agreeing to the competition rules.

17. I am an entrant enrolled in Masters or PhD program. Can I use ideas related to my thesis work (or on-going research work) to form a proposal application?

    The Masters or PhD entrants from each team may elect to choose ideas from their on-going or planned research and/or thesis projects in accordance with their university policies.

18. What is the judging process?

    The final winners are selected via a two-step process: (i) reviewers from Qualcomm Research select a list of finalists based on their applications; and (ii) after all of the finalists have presented their proposals, the judging panel selects the winners.