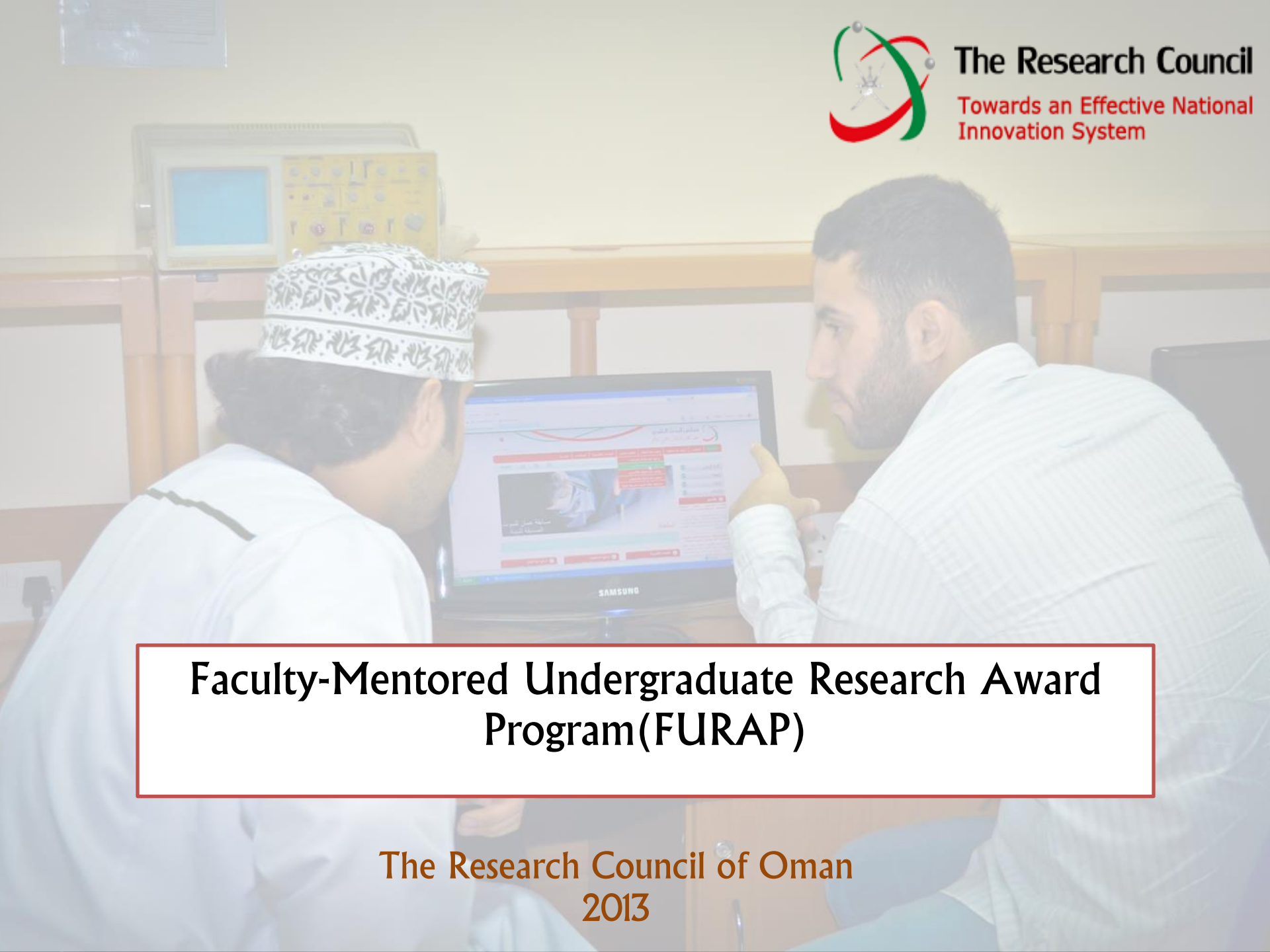

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Towards an Effective National Innovation System

Faculty-Mentored Undergraduate Research Award Program(FURAP)

The Research Council of Oman

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FURAP Objectives

- To promote research culture in Oman.
- To increase creativity in research activities in Oman.
- To enrich undergraduates research learning experience.
- To encourage undergraduates to seek careers in research.
- To enable student to carry out research that they would not be able to carry out without then necessary funding.
- To elucidate the role of TRC in promoting research in the society.

Benefits of FURAP

STUDENTS

1. Gain experience on how to write proposals and research papers.
2. Enhance hands-on training in research.
3. Develop a better understanding of the process of research and its challenges.
4. Enrich undergraduates learning experience.
5. Develop communication and management skills.
6. Develop a network of undergraduate researchers.
7. Develop skills and experience in knowledge creation.
8. Improve students' research outputs through funding.

FACULTY MENTOR

1. Interact with students in a research environment
2. Develop networks with TRC and other researchers in Oman.
3. Identify potential students for postgraduate study and research.

TRC

1. Increase awareness of TRC in Oman.
2. Educate the public about the role of TRC in the society.
3. Promote research culture in Oman.
4. Building research capacity.

FURAP

Who Is Eligible??

STUDENTS

- Omani undergraduates studying in Oman or abroad.
- International students studying in higher institutions in Oman (50%) of the team.
- Full-time or part-time
- GPA = > 2.30
- Completed at least first year courses (or equivalent of one year of credits hours).

FACULTY

- Faculty mentor should be working for a higher education institute in Oman.
- The faculty mentor should have a minimum qualification of master degree.

Funds

A total budget per proposal to a maximum of 2,400 RO.

- FOR:

  - ✓ Purchase supplies
  - ✓ Pay for any travel expenses associated with research.
  - ✓ Contract for services

- NOT:

  - × Salary or wages for undergraduates students
  - × Computer or computer-related equipment.
  - × Attending conferences.

Deliverables

Progress Report

- Each Faculty Mentor, with collaboration with his/her undergraduate research team is required to send a progress report to TRC through the Institutional Proposal Evaluation Committee after the completion of the first half of the research duration.

Final Report

- After the completion of the research the final report should be sent along with the final statement of expenditures within two months of the end date of the award. IPE committee will have to approve the final report before sent to the Research Council.

TRC Annual Research Forum

- All FURAP undergraduate participants are required to share their studies and findings through posters or models/products during the TRC Annual Award Conference. Best projects will be recognized and the winning teams will be rewarded.

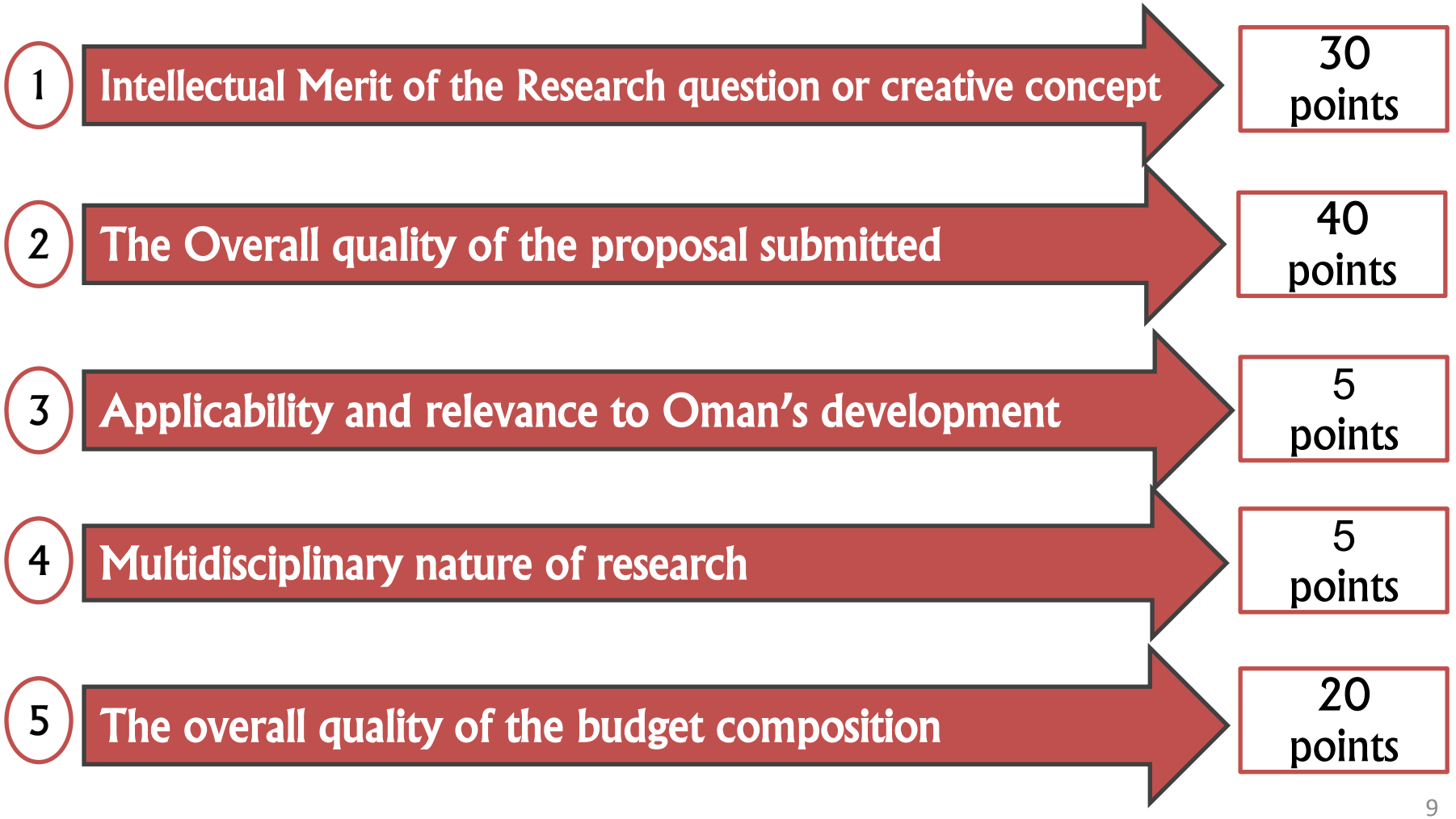
Evaluation Process

A. Each college or university in Oman has an evaluation committee called Institutional Proposal Evaluation (IPE) Committee.

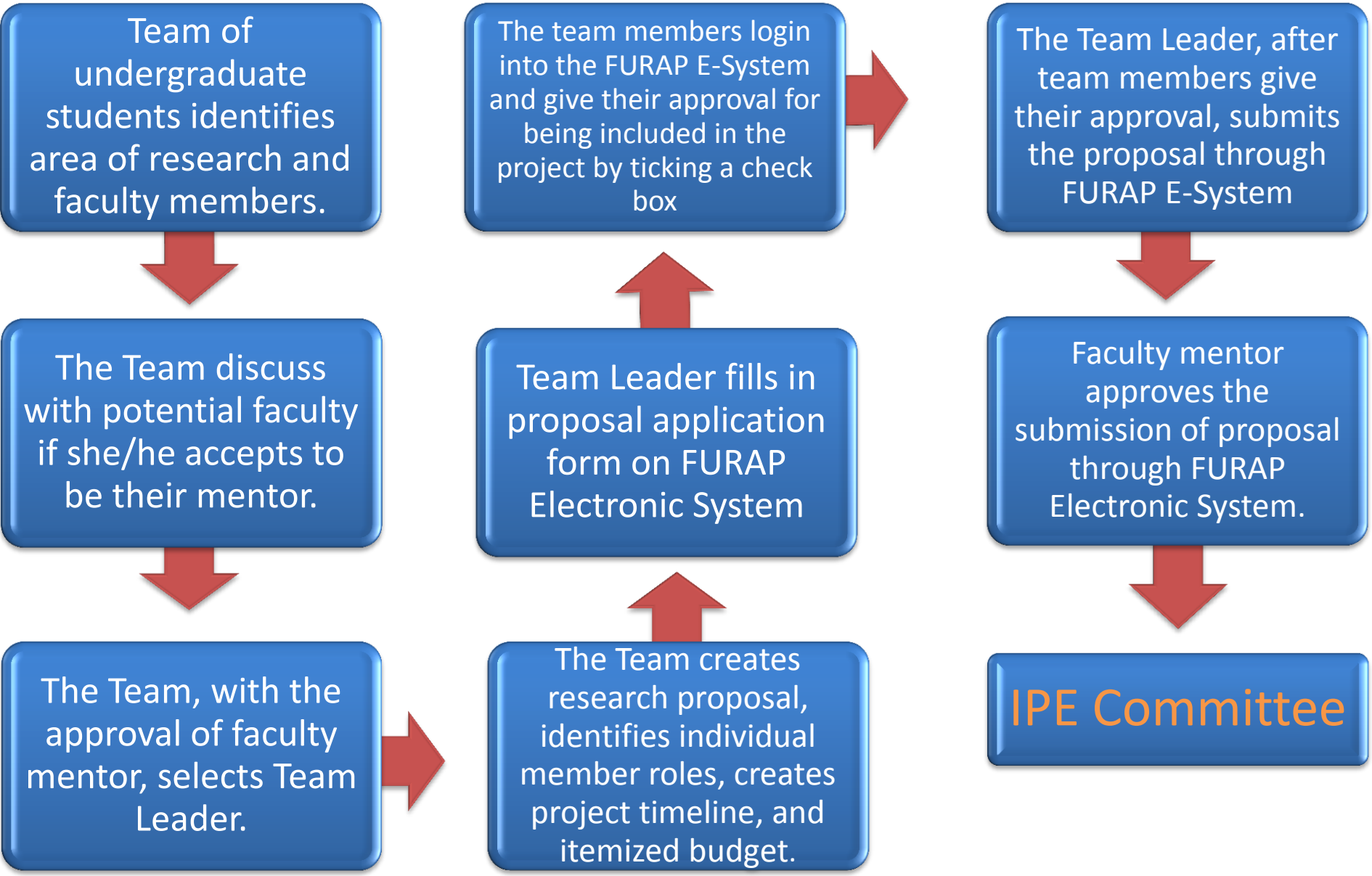
B. The Committee is responsible for reviewing the projects in detail and selects the best projects from their university and college according to the evaluation criteria.

C. The selected projects will then go through a second review by the Research Council. After this evaluation the scholarship will be awarded to the best research projects.

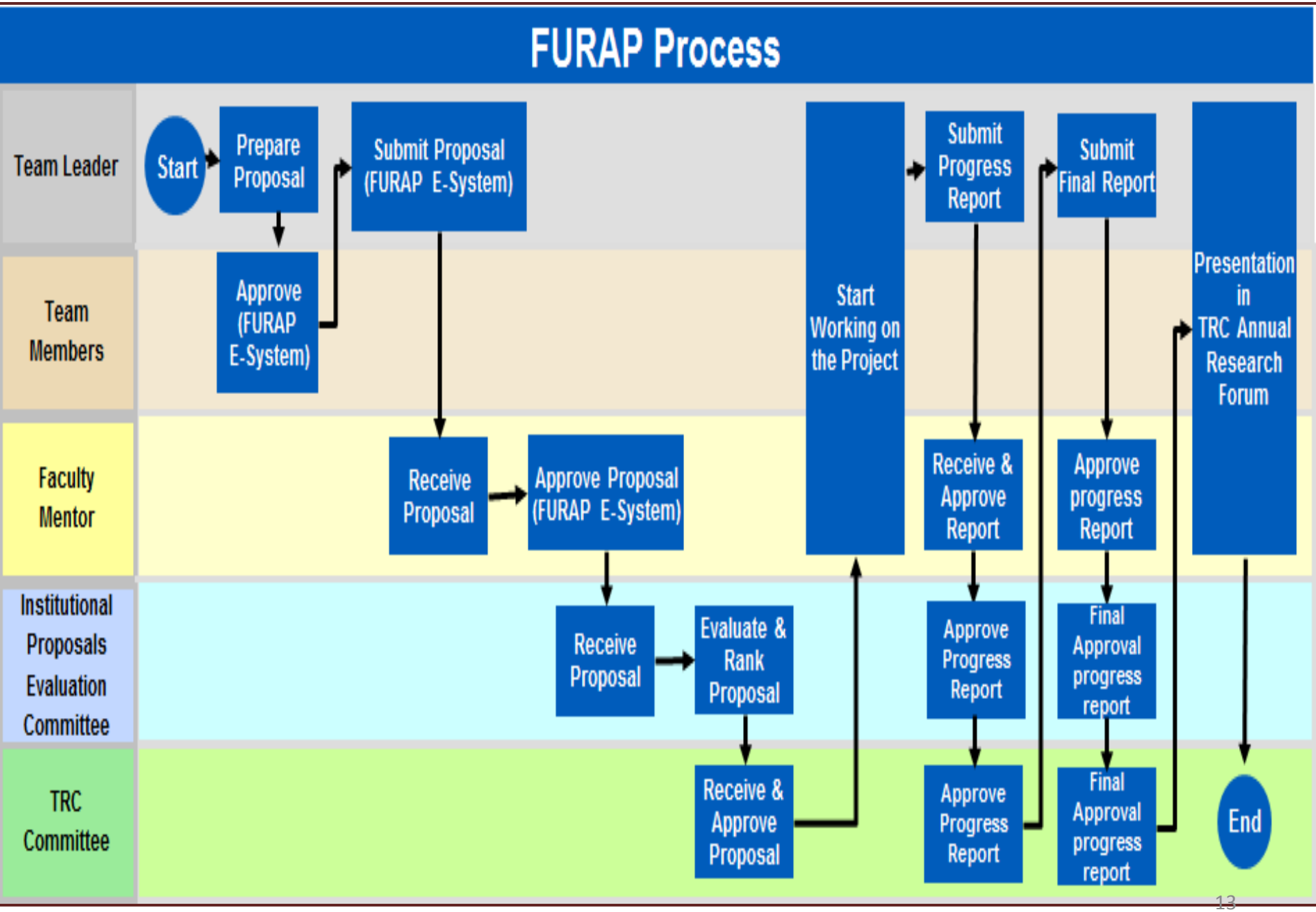
Evaluation Criteria



FURAP Proposal Submission Steps


Team of undergraduate students identifies area of research and faculty members.
The Team discuss with potential faculty if she/he accepts to be their mentor.
The Team, with the approval of faculty mentor, selects Team Leader.
The Team creates research proposal, identifies individual member roles, creates project timeline, and itemized budget.
Team Leader fills in proposal application form on FURAP Electronic System
The team members login into the FURAP E-System and give their approval for being included in the project by ticking a check box
The Team Leader, after team members give their approval, submits the proposal through FURAP E-System
Faculty mentor approves the submission of proposal through FURAP Electronic System.
IPE Committee

Proposal Process


FURAP Process
Team Leader
Team Members
Faculty Mentor
Institutional Proposals Evaluation Committee
TRC Committee
Start
Prepare Proposal
Approve (FURAP E-System)
Submit Proposal (FURAP E-System)
Receive Proposal
Approve Proposal (FURAP E-System)
Receive Proposal
Evaluate & Rank Proposal
Receive & Approve Proposal
Start Working on the Project
Submit Progress Report
Receive & Approve Report
Approve Progress Report
Approve Progress Report
Submit Final Report
Approve progress Report
Final Approval progress report
Final Approval progress report
Presentation in TRC Annual Research Forum
End

FURAP Electronic Steps – Step 1

FURAP Electronic Steps – Step 2

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The Research Electronic Submission System (TRESS)

Access The Research Electronic submission system

The Research Electronic Submission System (TRESS) facilitates for researchers the opportunity to submit research proposals in areas allocated by TRC, with the ease of applying through online access and tracking the evaluation of the proposal. Researchers from institutions affiliated with TRC are privileged to use the TRESS platform. Those who are not associated with the affiliated institutions may urge their institutions to submit an official request to join. A list of current institutions is available when accessing the system. Any non-affiliated institution with a number of researchers employed may submit a request to join TRESS. TRESS is also used by those who are evaluating the submitted research proposals, such as the grant committee, peer reviewers and institutional focal points. The members of the grant committee are nominated by The Research Council.

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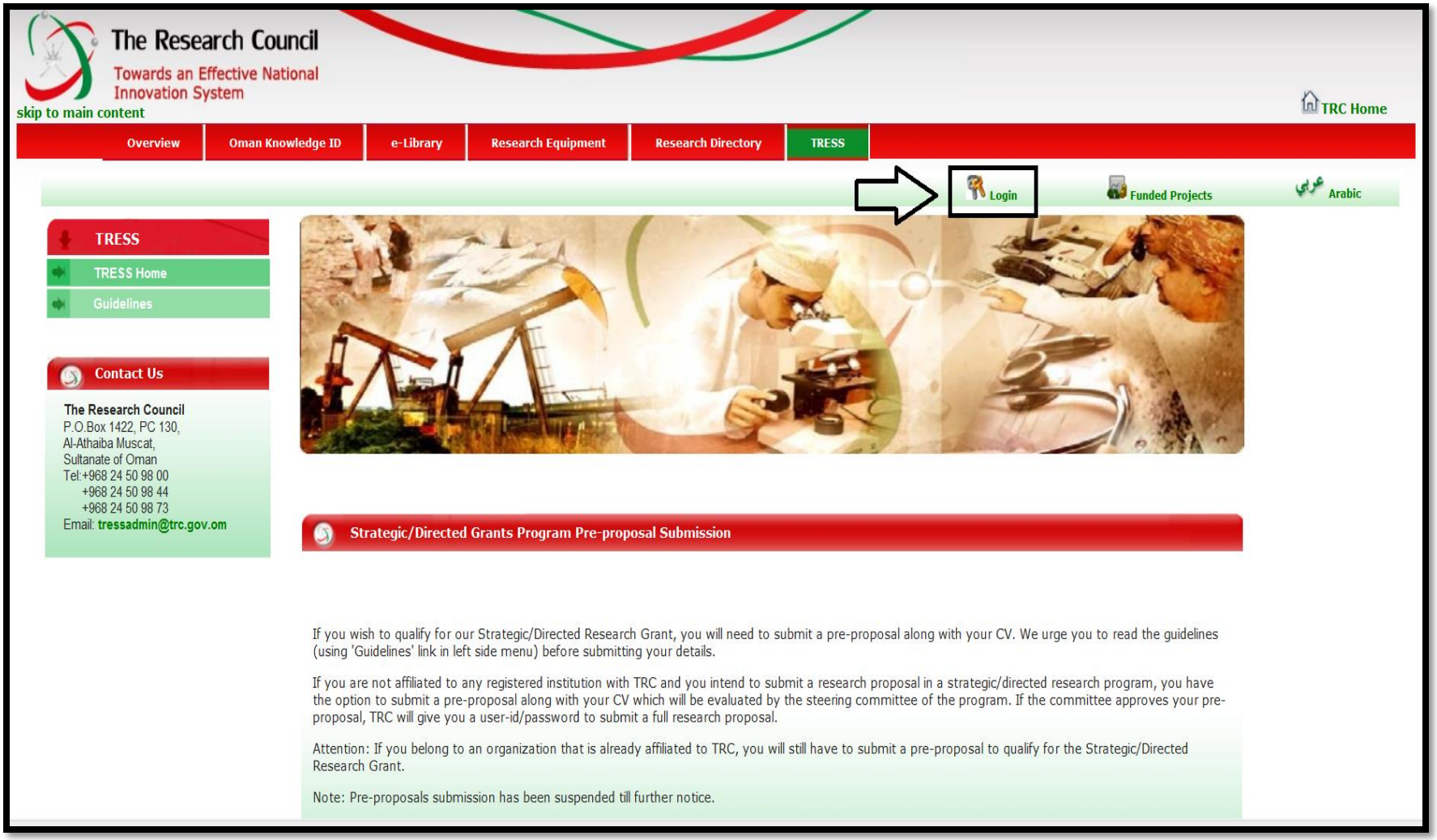

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Login

Login from an institute

Login as a reviewer

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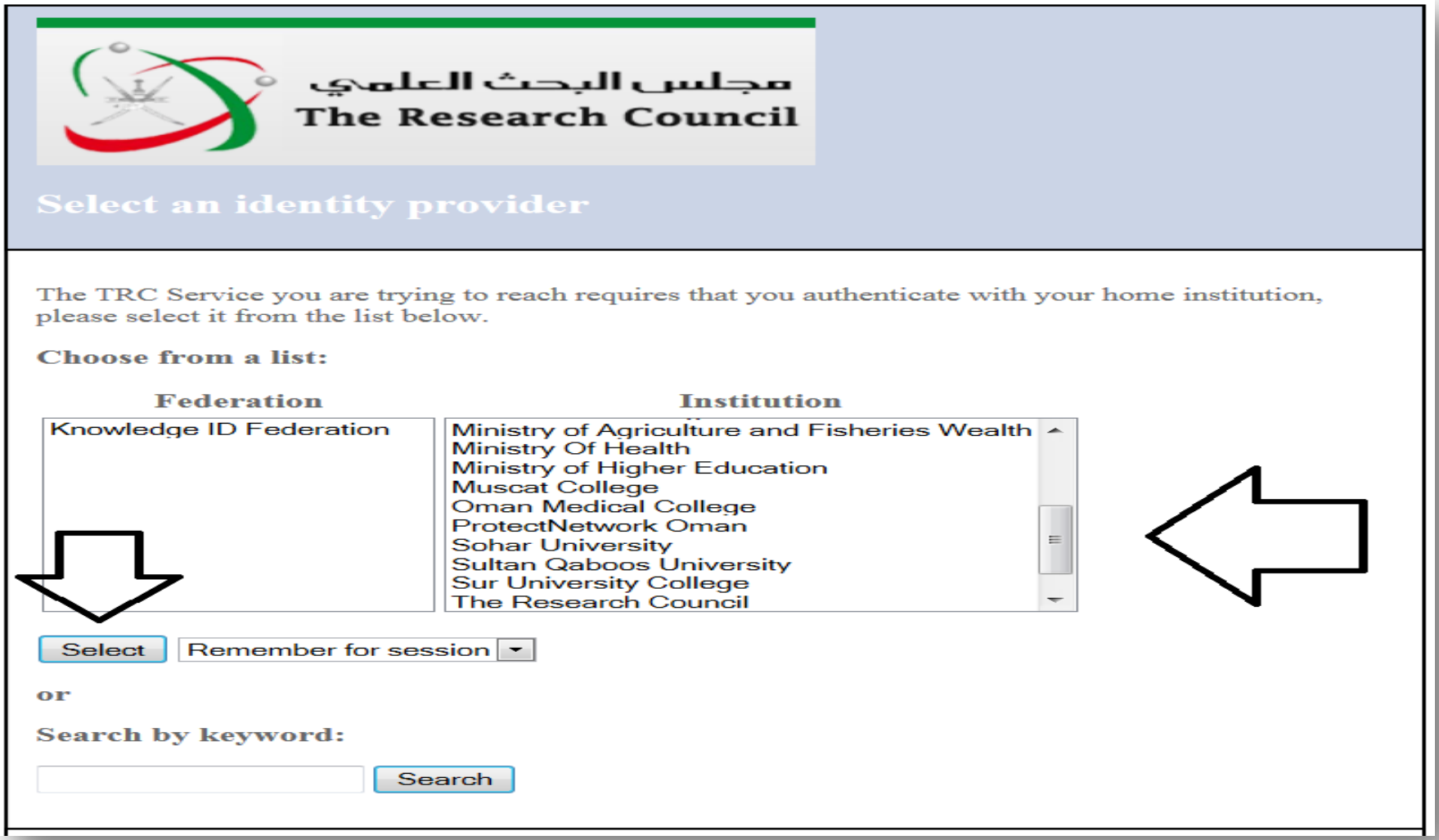

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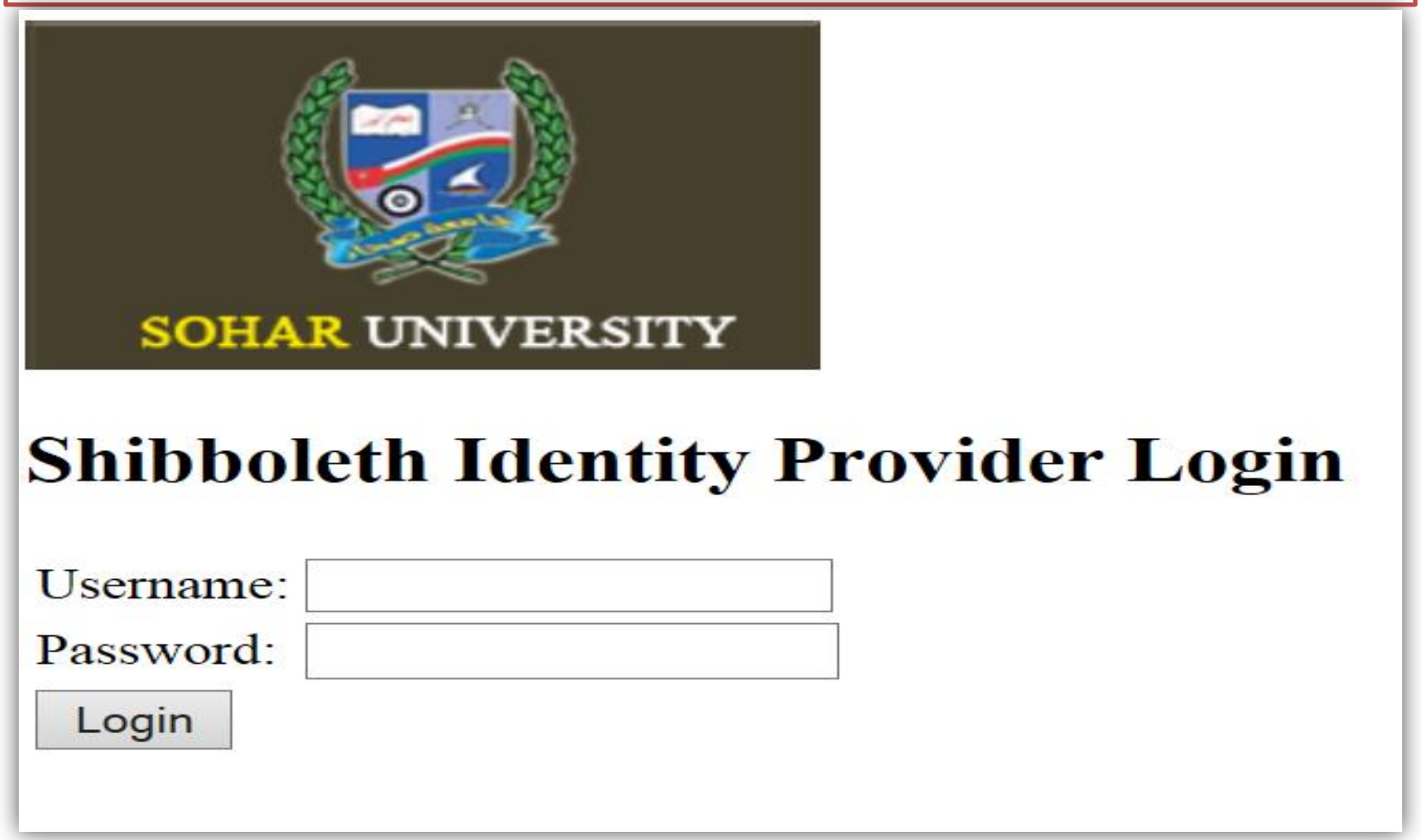

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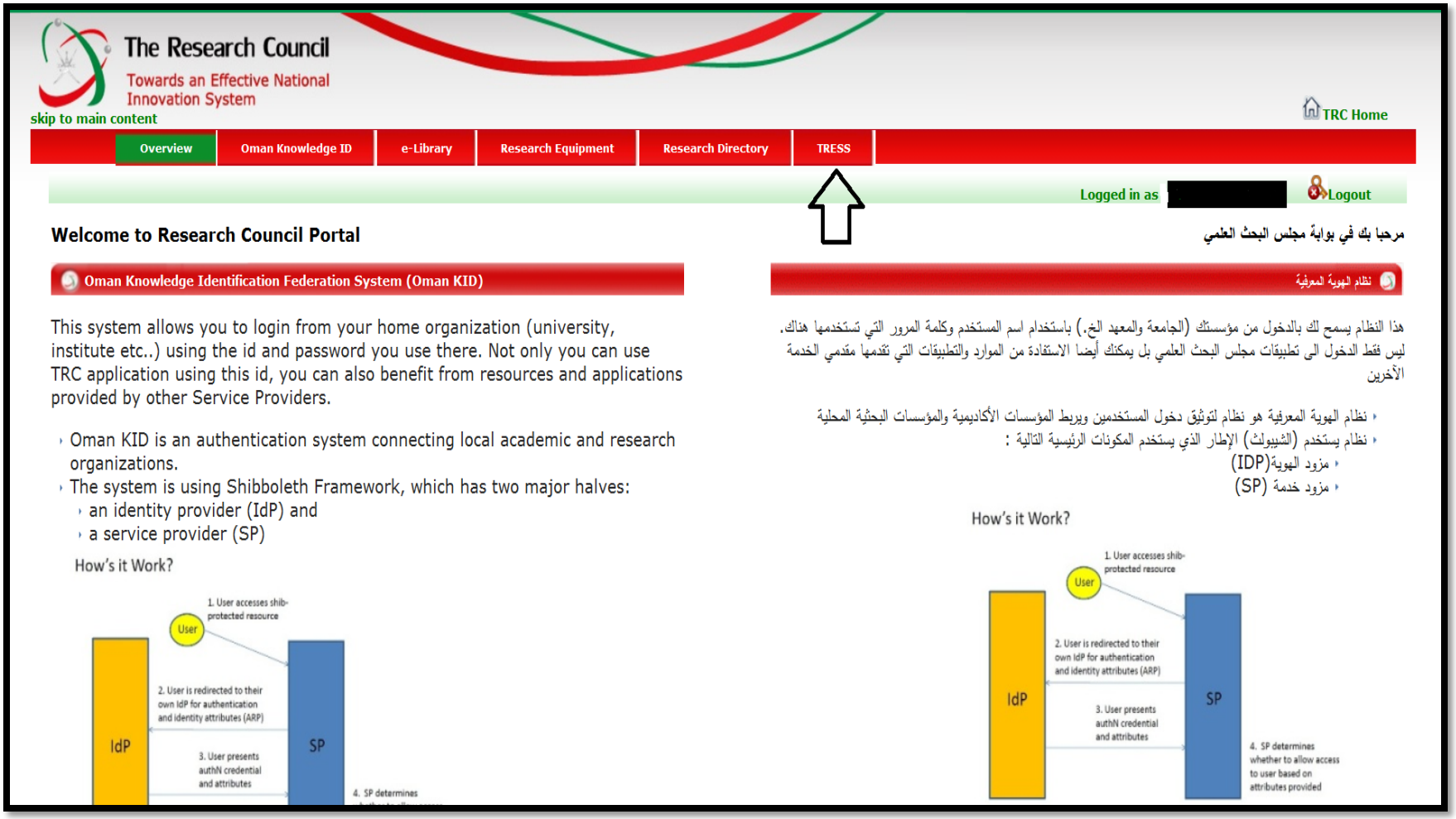

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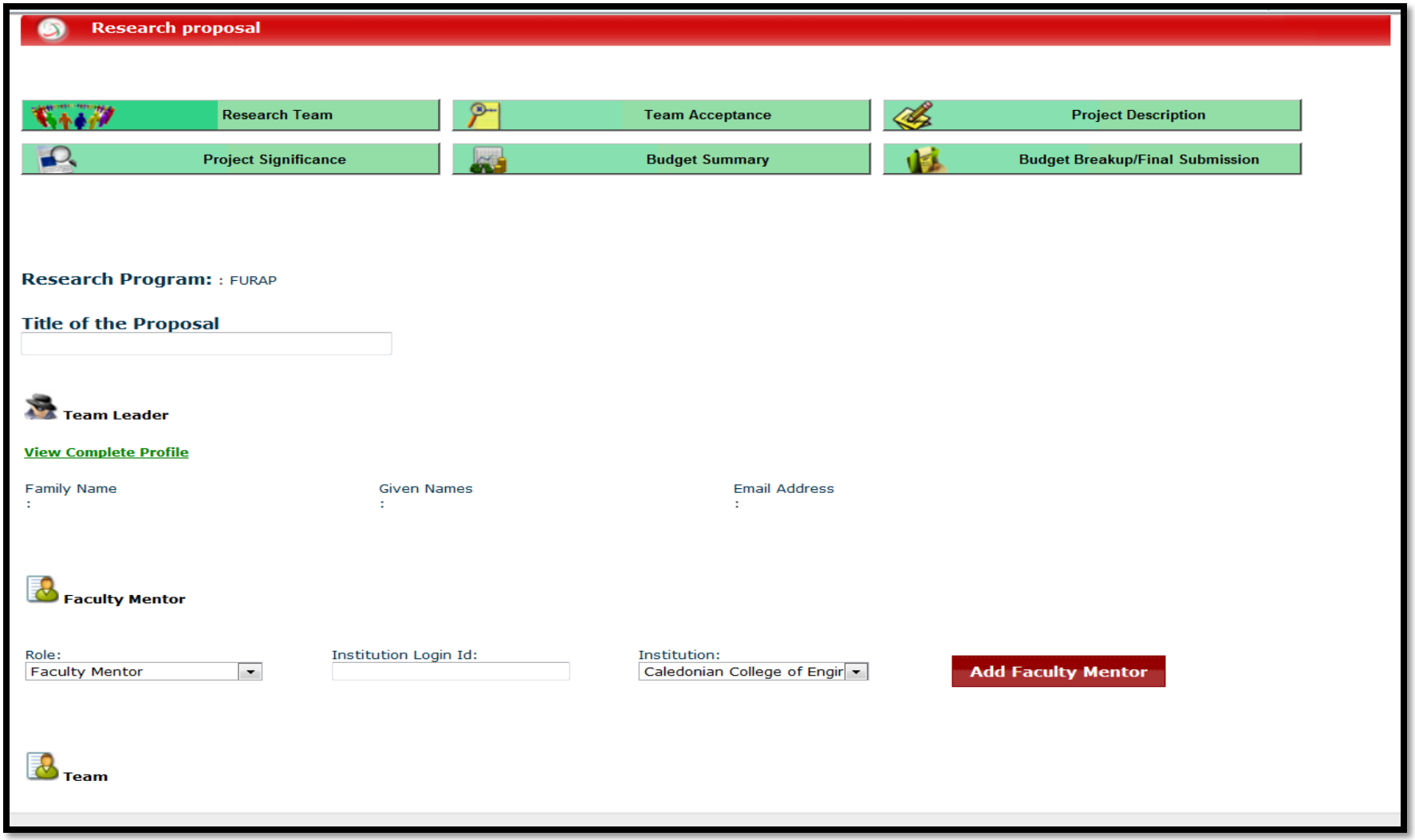

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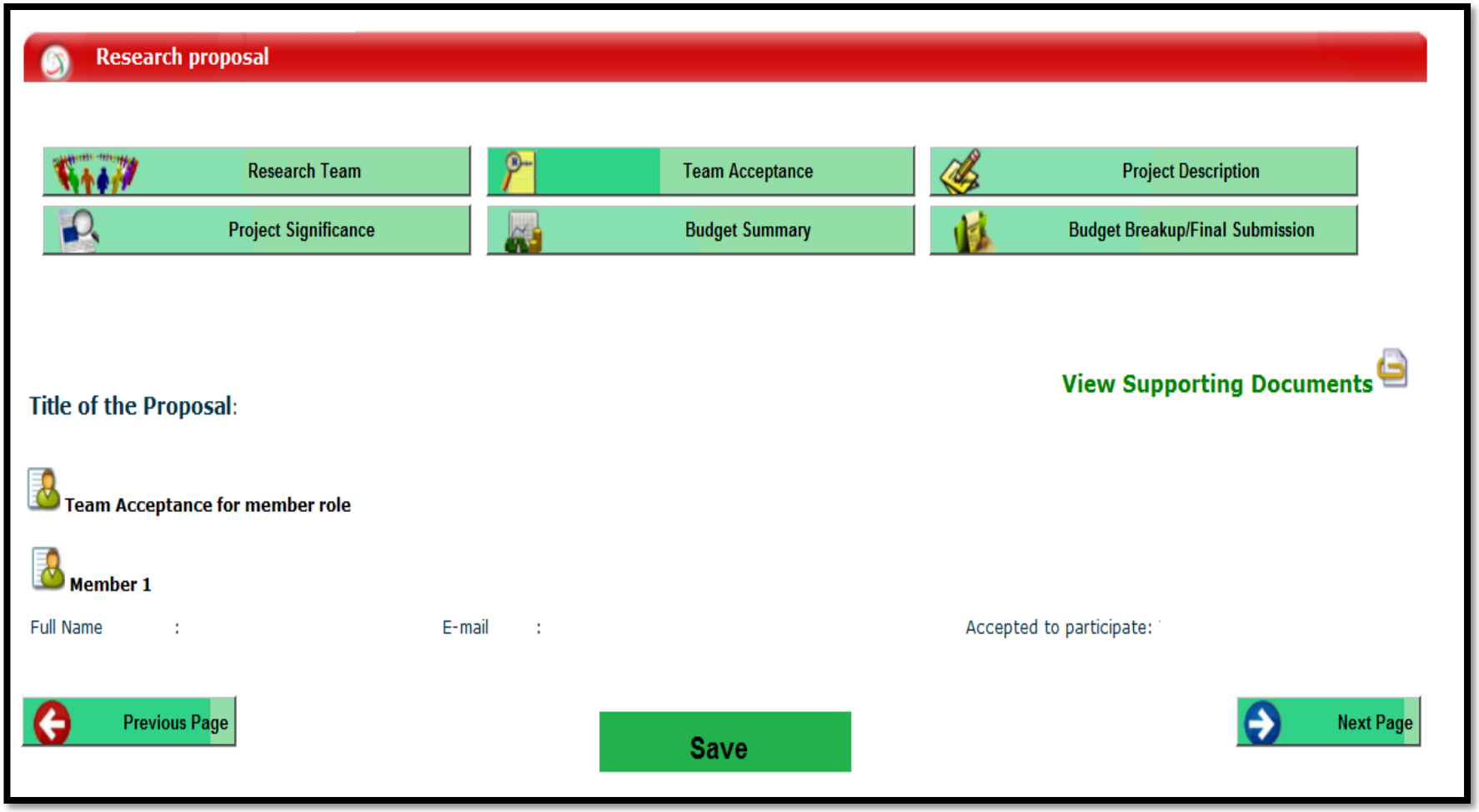

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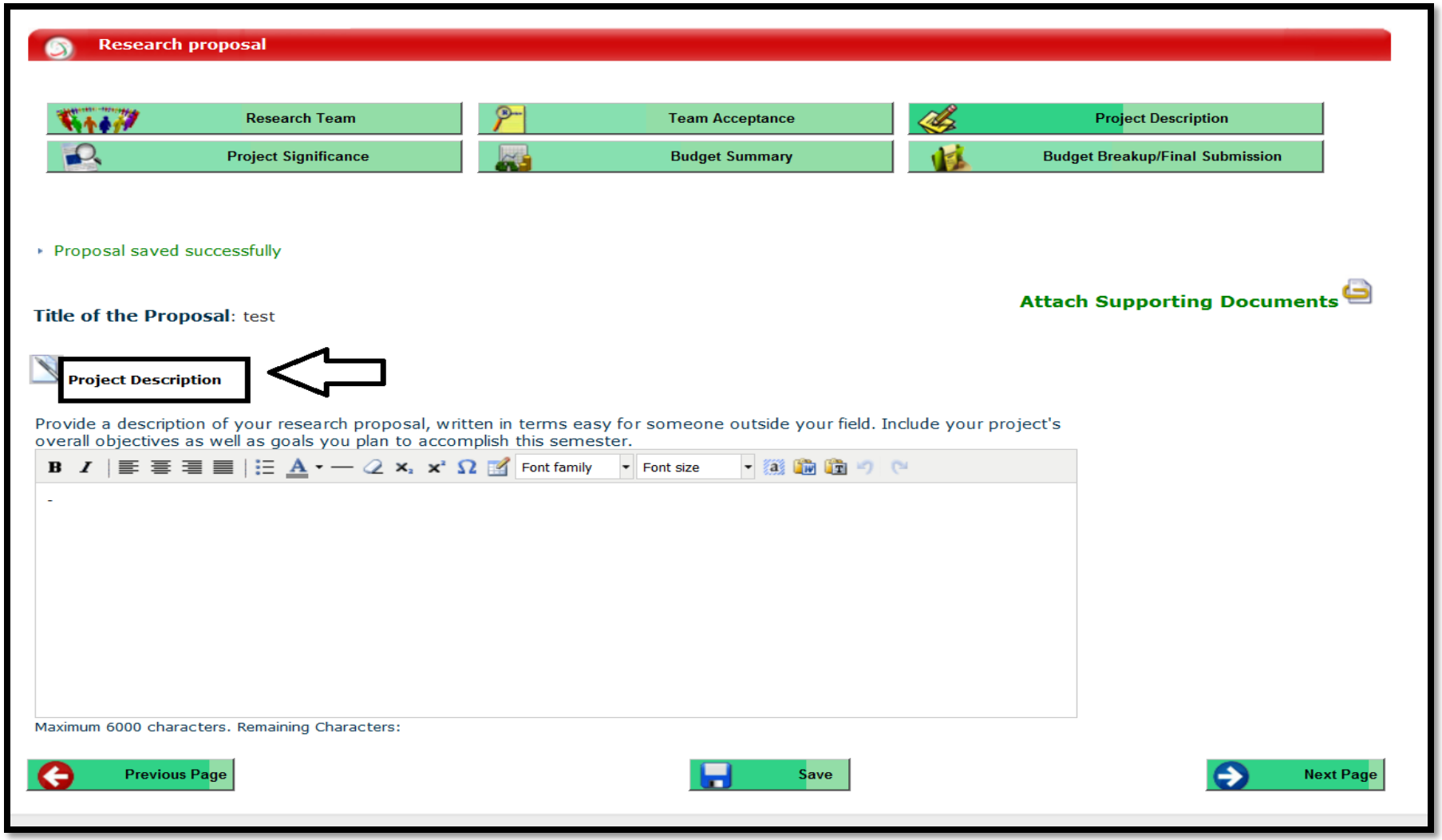

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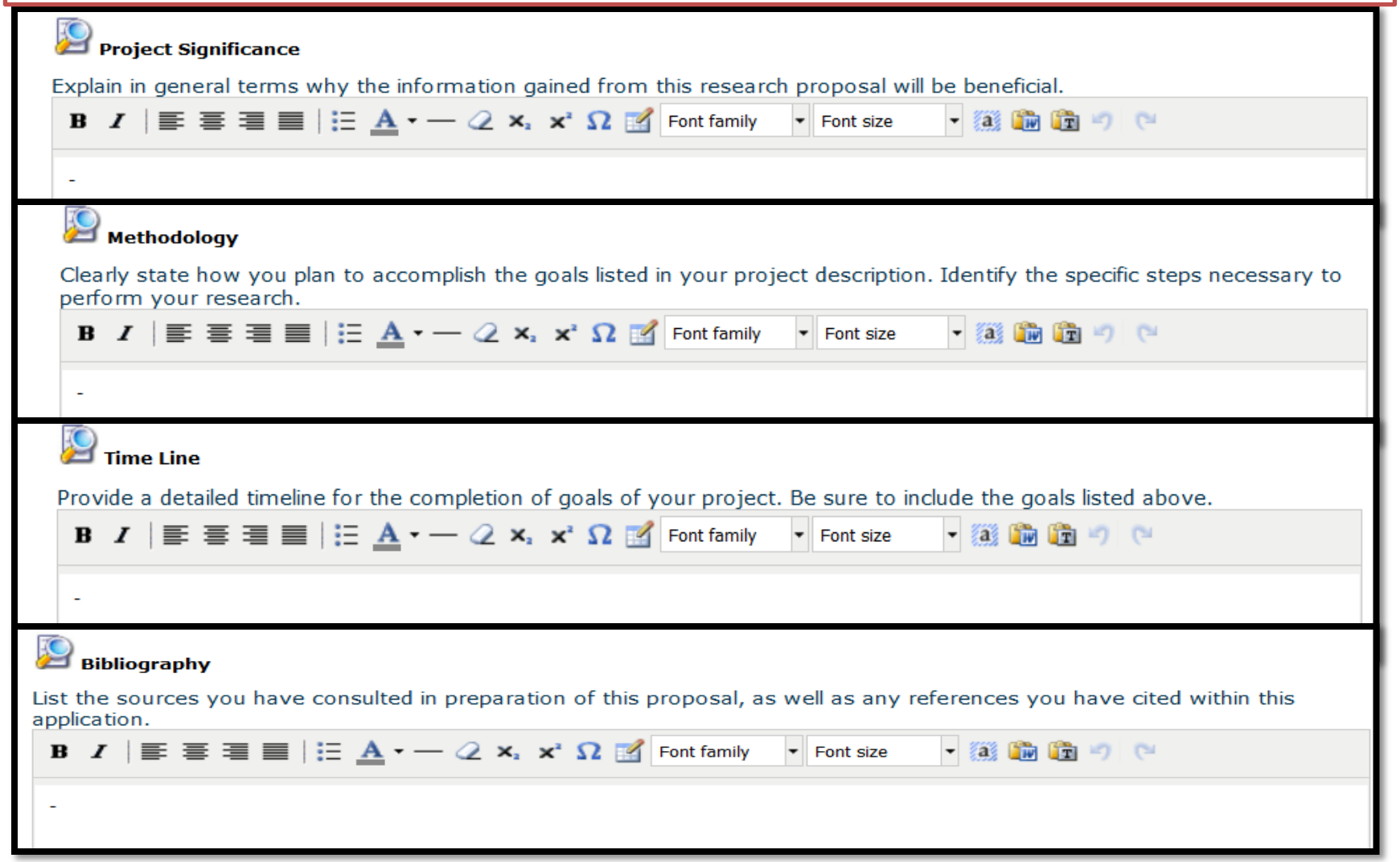

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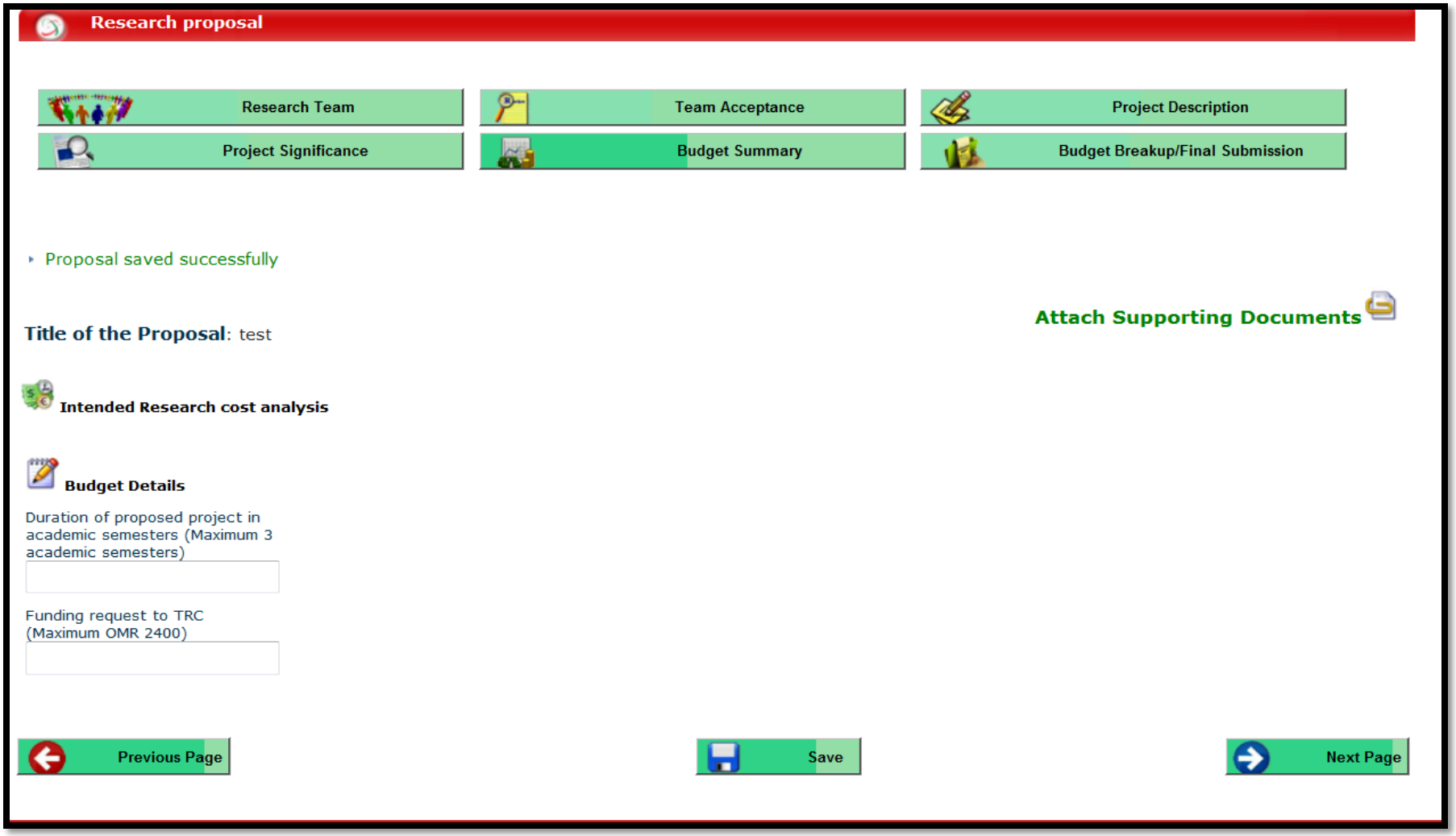

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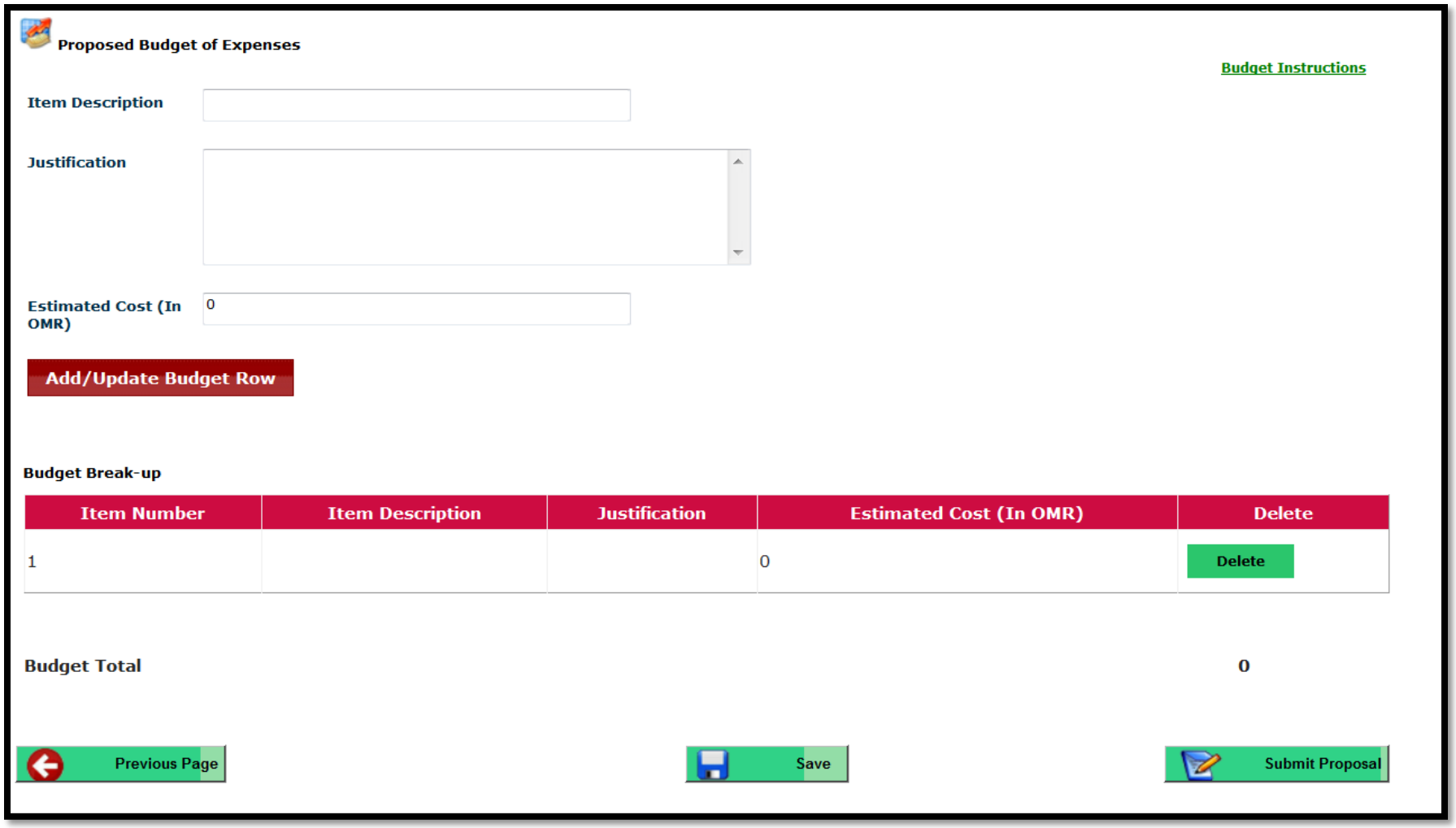

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