



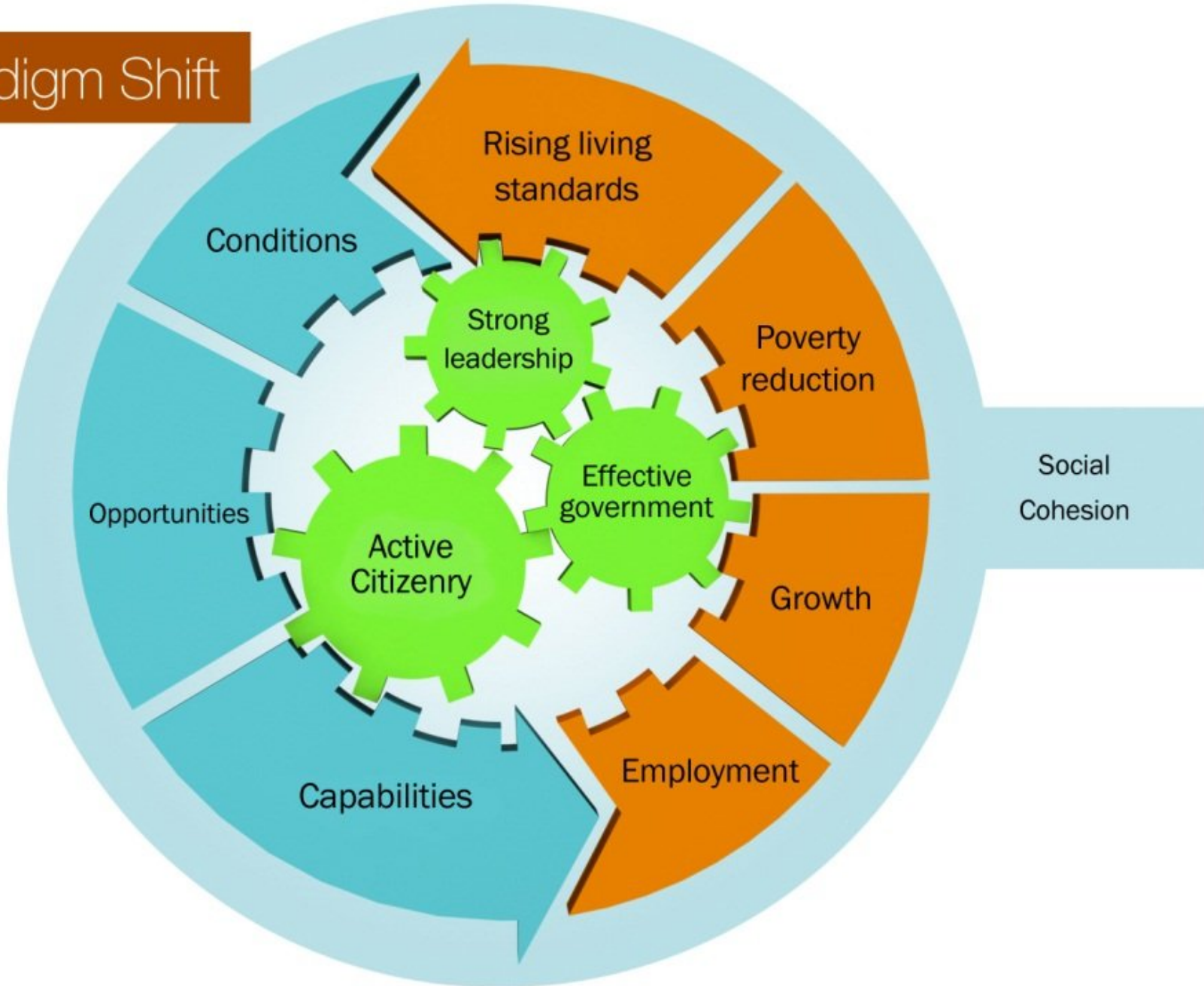
Regulations and Rules MOE Post-Doctoral Fellowships



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Paradigm Shift



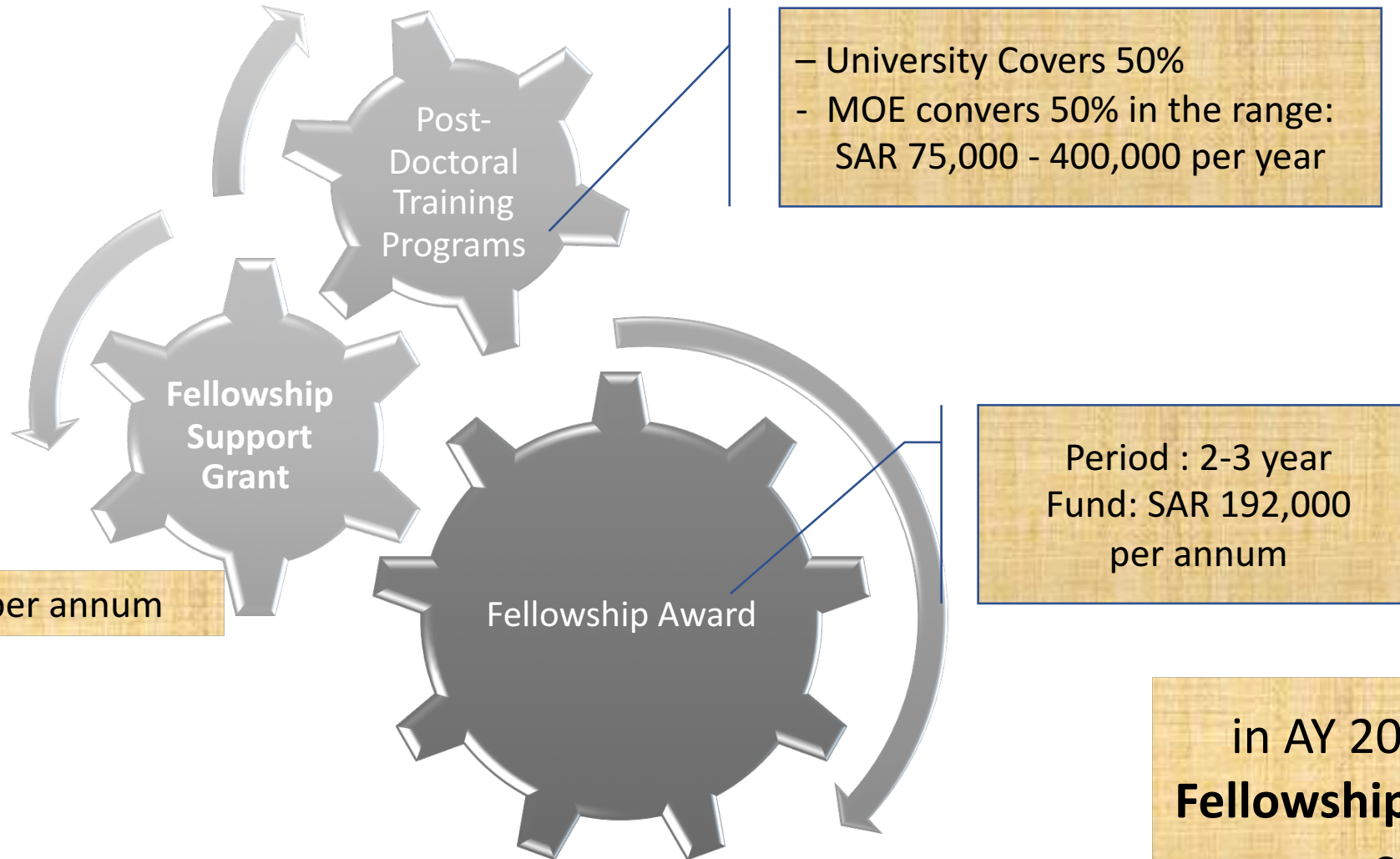
AIMs:
**STRENGTHEN
RESEARCH
CAPABILITIES**

**ENHANCE
RESEARCH
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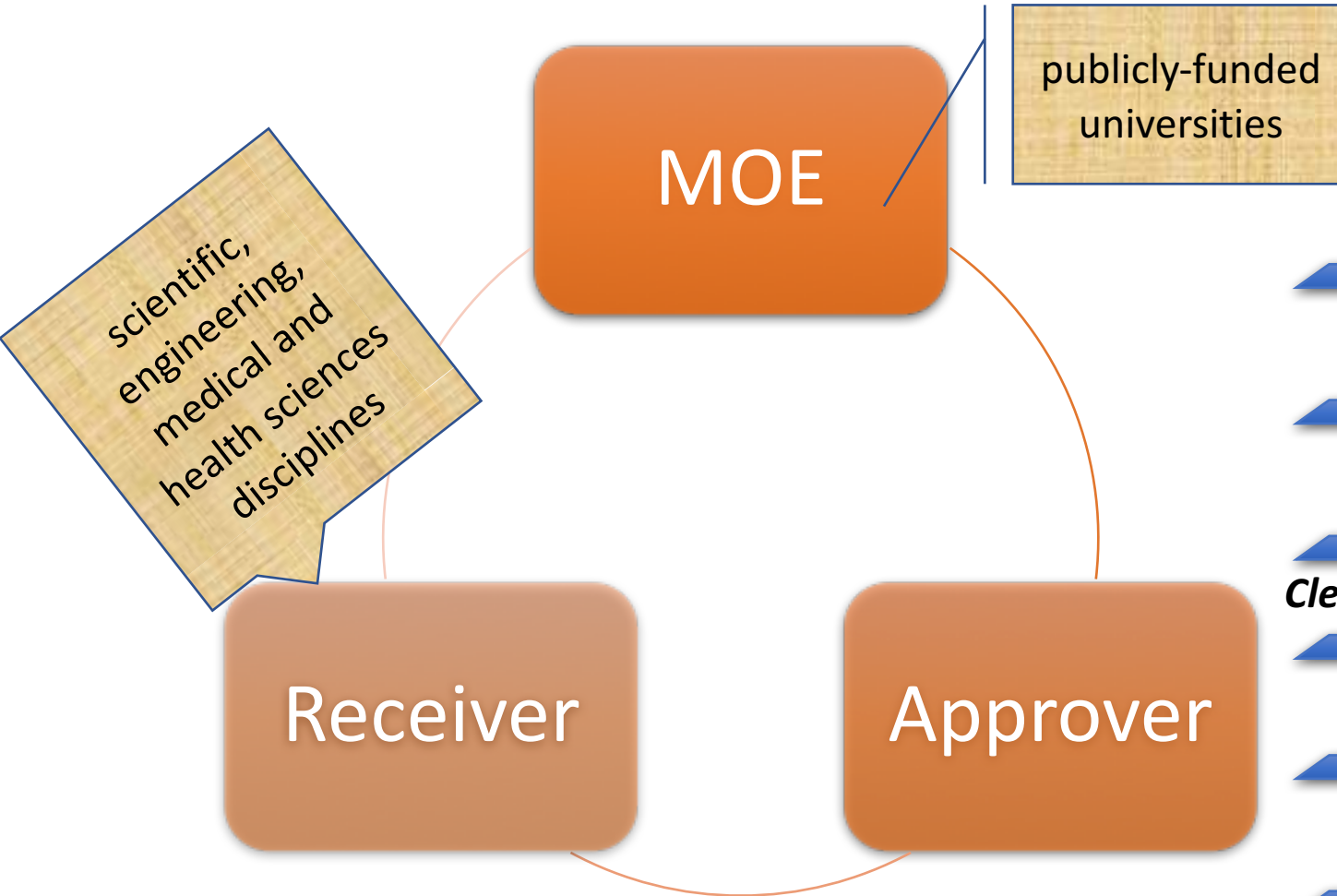
Follows over AY 2018-19, AY 2019-20 and AY 2020-21



in AY 2018-19 → **100 Fellowship Awards in the country**



Fellowship Eligibility



Saudi citizens – YET TO BE employed

PhD within the past three years

some initial Post-Doctoral experience

Clear objectives with research undertaken with host Uni

Joins mentor research activities

Relevant academic recommendation



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University Responsibility



Hosting
University

- Ensure Fellow's research is compatible with its research focus areas and/or priorities.
- Offer a contract to Award-holder for two to three years in compliance with relevant laws and regulations
- Appoint a mentor.
- Provide access to libraries and collections.
- Develop, manage and deliver Post-Doctoral Training Program for fellows
- Ethical approval for research as needed
- Responsible for intellectual property rights
- Ensure providing sufficient resources

The Award holder

- Comply with research ethics
- Cooperate with the mentor to have practical support and advice



Teaching Opportunities

- The Post-Doctoral Fellowship is principally a research Award to undertake research activity.
- ***Fellows may be encouraged, BUT NOT REQUIRED, to gain experience in teaching.*** Fellows should not be assigned more than one course to teach during the course of their fellowship.



Reporting and Monitoring

Financial Closeout

- Host university ensures proper financial management of the award and is accountable for the use of the governmental funds.
- Final financial settlement of fund is **within three months** of the award end
- MOE reserves right to inquire a statement of expenditure for a financial year AT ANY TIME

Final Report

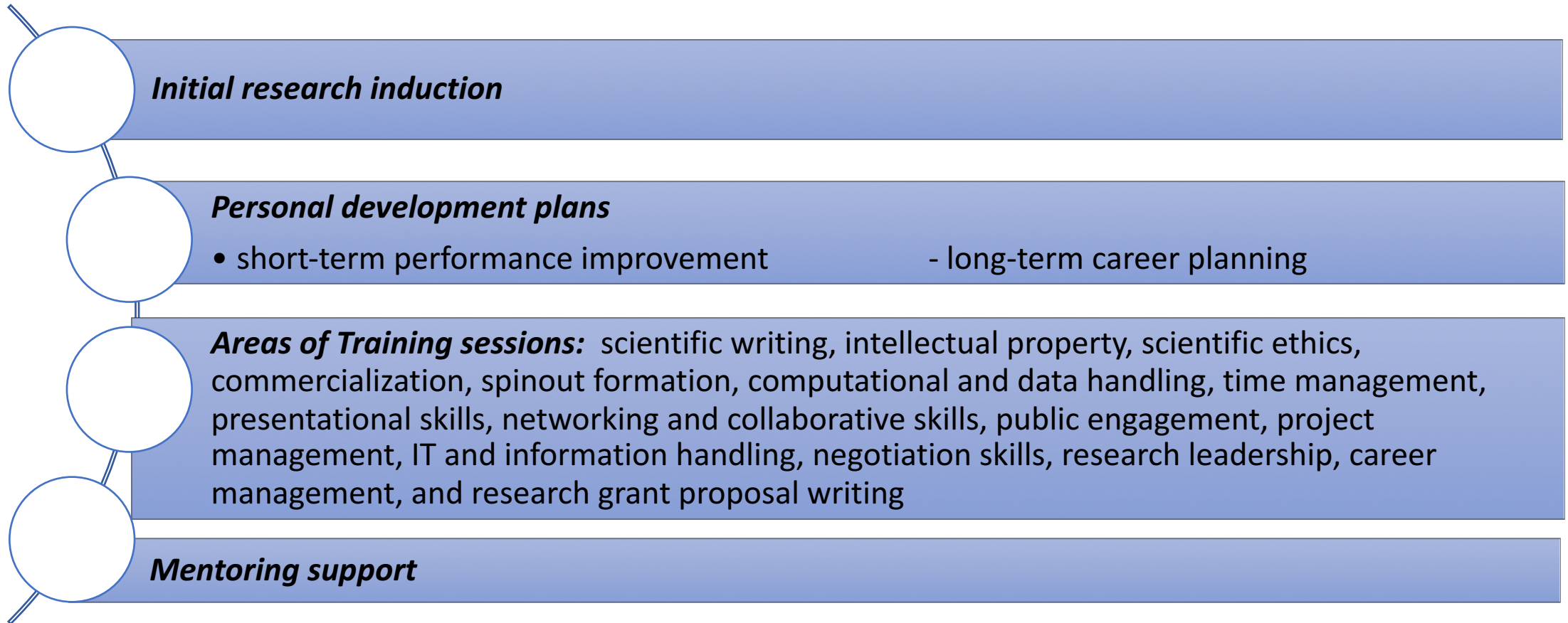
- **Within two months** of the end of the Award: Activities within work plan/activity plan

Regulatory Closeout

- NO Future funding UNLESS satisfactory technical & financial report for previous grants
- MOE may recover ALL PAYMENTS if reports are not **within six months** of the award end.



Post-Doctoral Training Program





Mentors to Submit Proposals

- Post Docs are to be attached to Mentors who submit proposals NOW
- What is needed in the **Proposal**
 - **Program description:** reflects research priorities and research strategy
 - **Eligibility:** how proposed fellowship contributes to national strategic objectives
 - **Broad research topics, methods, and facilities**
 - **Outline of the mentoring and support arrangements**
 - **Outline of needed Post-Doctoral Training Program**

University decide on fair recruitment and selection process

One collective submission by university covering all mentor applications



Evaluation

- Each university submits one proposal covering its possible mentors
- Leader: Vice rector for higher studies and research is responsible
- Focus on research fields.
- RDO of MOE screens for adhering to regulations
- Each university: minimum 5 – max. 30.
- Technical review : independent Program Advisory Panel
- **Key factors: Mentor's grants, publications, labs, research group, ... etc**



Timeline

- | Date | Milestone |
|---------------------------------|--|
| • April 2, 2018 | Deadline for proposal submissions by mentors |
| • April 8, 2018 | Deadline for proposal submissions by university |
| • April 22, 2018 | Program Advisory Group completes evaluation of proposals |
| • Beginning of May, 2018 | Universities informed of funding decisions |
| • Upon Announcement | Successful host universities commence recruitment process |
| • August 9, 2018 | Universities submit report on progress made against recruitment plan |
| • May 30, 2019 | First annual interim report provided to MOE by host universities |