

# Researchers' Motivation and Its Correlates: An Empirical Study Amid COVID-19 Pandemic in Arab Region



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## 1 Introduction

Research is a fundamental catalyst and central for socio-economic growth, national competitiveness, and the global stock of knowledge advancement [53, 41], hence, public and private investment in research and development (R&D), as part of the sustainable development goals (SDGs), has become a national priority and an integral part of the knowledge economy worldwide. This includes efforts to increase the global share of researchers and stimulate the growth of human capital in areas of research, education, and innovation. Any society's development is measured by

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