# SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE GRANTS

**GRANT APPLICATION** 

YEAR 2022

#### UNIVERSITY OF MORATUWA



# **INSTRUCTION SHEET**

Senate Research Committee (SRC) offers three types of grants for 2022: Short-Term Grant (ST), Long-Term Grant (LT) and Capital Grant (CAP). Each grant application consists of two sections: Section 01 and section 02.

Section 01 consists of a proposal summary, financial information and administrative information.

Section 02 consists of scientific information.

Both sections should be uploaded separately as Pdf files in the SRC grant application system. Please log into the LearnOrg, University of Moratuwa (<u>https://lms.uom.lk/login\_index.php</u>) using your account details and go to the "*SRC Grant Application*" under SRC to apply for the grant.

# A. Instructions for Applying for SRC Grants (all types)

A.1. Features and Deliverables of SRC Research Grants are as follows.

## A.1.1. All grants will be provided based on the availability of the Funding.

- A.1.2. All grants can be applied for only when called.
- A.1.3. The review for LT and CAP grants is double-blind. Only section 02 will be sent to the reviewer/s. Refrain from including information that reveals the identities of the investigators in section 02.

Туре	Duration	Maximum grant value (Rs.)	Maximum for capital equipment purchase (Rs.)	Review of Application	Key deliverables on the completion of the research project
Short term (ST)	6 months	300,000	-	SRC Committee	Report or publication
Long term (LT)	1 year	1,500,000	400,000	SRC Committee or a nominee with subject expertise	Refereed journal or conference paper indexed in Scopus or equivalent indexes <sup>1</sup> or databases <sup>2</sup>
	2 years	2,000,000	600,000	SRC Committee or a nominee with subject expertise	Refereed journal or conference paper indexed in Scopus or equivalent indexes <sup>1</sup> or databases <sup>2</sup>
	3 years	3,000,000	800,000	SRC Committee or a nominee with subject expertise	Refereed journal paper with JIF>0.5 (preferably 1.0) in Scopus indexed journals or equivalent indexes <sup>1</sup> or databases <sup>2</sup>
Capital Intensive (CAP)	2-3 years	5,000,000	5,000,000	Two external reviewers	Refereed Q1 or Q2 journal paper with JIF>0.5 (preferably 1.0) in Scopus indexed journals or equivalent indexes <sup>3</sup> or databases <sup>4</sup>

**TABLE 1: FEATURES AND DELIVERABLES** 

### A.2. Eligibility to Apply

A.2.1. All permanent academic staff at or above Lecturer (Transitionary) or Lecturer (Un-confirmed) by the date of the closing date of the application are eligible to apply. However, priority will be given for the early career staff members and first-time applicants.

(Early career staff members- Obtained postgraduate qualification for the recruitment/promotion during last five years by the date of the closing date of the application)

A.2.2. Only two (2) grants in total can be held by an eligible academic staff member as a Principal Investigator (PI) at a time; Out of these only one (1) can be a CAP or a LT grant and the other is ST grant.

#### A.3. Limits on Local Travel Expenditure are as follows.

CAP Gran Rs. 40,0 LT Grants Rs. 40,0 ST Grants Rs. 20,0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Defined as Web of Science core indexes, i.e., SCIE, SSCI, AHCI and ESCI.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Defined as <u>journal or conference</u> papers in top 20 sources in predefined sub-categories of Google Scholar Metrics.

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### A.4. Monthly Stipend

- A.4.1. Research Scholars, Research Assistants and Technical Assistants can be hired under ST, LT or CAP grants.
- A.4.2. The stipend amounts apply from 01-01-2022 are as follows.

Category	Qualification	Monthly stipend (Rs. )
Research Scholar (full time)	Hired with PhD qualification	125,000
	Hired with MPhil qualification	100,000
	Hired with MSc qualification	80,000
Research Assistant (full time)	Hired with a class for the first degree	60,000
	Hired without a class for the first	50,000
	degree	
Technical Assistant (full time)	Qualification not specified	25,000

#### TABLE 2: FIXED MONTHLY STIPENDS

#### A.5. Financial Assistance for International Conference Registration Fees and for Publishing Papers in International Indexed Journals (e.g., Open Access)

- A.5.1. This assistance applied to LT or CAP grants only.
- A.5.2. A maximum of Rs. 200,000 can be budgeted in the grant application. Subsequent budget revisions to allocate finds under this vote is not permitted.
- A.5.3. Principal investigator and/or co-investigators can request this funding.
- A.5.4. Please download the application form available at <u>https://www.mrt.ac.lk/web/research/financial-assistance</u> for further details.

#### A.6. Notes on Capital Intensive Grants

- A.6.1. Those applying for Capital Intensive grants MUST be confident of answering A.6 and A.11 of Sections 02, positively.
- A.6.2. In particular, the referees should be convinced that the research will result in internationally indexed journal publications that are likely to be cited.