SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE SHORT-TERM (ST) GRANTS

GRANT APPLICATION – YEAR 2021

1. Instructions for Applying for SRC Grants (all types)
   1. Features and Deliverables of SRC Research Grants are as follows.

Table 1: Features and Deliverables

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| **Type** | **Duration** | **Maximum grant value (Rs.)** | **Maximum for capital equipment purchase (Rs.)** | **Application review process** | **Key deliverables on the completion of the research project** |
| **Short term (ST)** | 6 months | 300,000 | - | Reviewed by SRC Committee | Report or publication |
| **Long term (LT)** | 1 year | 1,500,000 | 400,000 | Reviewed by SRC Committee or a nominee with subject expertise | Refereed journal or conference paper indexed in Scopus or equivalent indexes1 or databases2 |
| 2 years | 2,000,000 | 600,000 | Reviewed by SRC Committee or a nominee with subject expertise | Refereed journal or conference paper indexed in Scopus or equivalent indexes1 or databases2 |
| 3 years | 3,000,000 | 800,000 | Reviewed by 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[[1]](#footnote-1) or databases[[2]](#footnote-2) |
| **Capital Intensive (CAP)** | 2-3 years | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | Two external reviewers | Refereed journal paper with JIF>0.5 (preferably 1.0) in Scopus indexed journals or equivalent indexes1 or databases2 |
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* + 1. All grants can be applied for only when called.
    2. The review for LT and CAP grants is double-blind. Only Section E will be sent to the reviewer/s. Refrain from including information that reveals the identities of the investigators in section E.
  1. Eligibility to Apply
     1. Only two (2) grants in total can be held by an academic staff member (transitionary or above) as a Principal Investigator (PI) at a time; Out of these only 1 can be a longer-term grant (CAP or LT) and 1 ST grant.
     2. All permanent academic staff at or above Lecturer (Transitionary) by the date of the closing date of the application are eligible to apply. However, priority will be given for first-time applicants.
  2. Limits on Local Travel Expenditure are as follows.

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| CAP Grants: | Rs. 40,000 |
| LT Grants: | Rs. 40,000 |
| ST Grants: | Rs. 20,000 |

* 1. Monthly Stipend
     1. Research Scholars, Research Assistants and Technical Assistants can be hired under ST, LT or CAP grants.
     2. The stipend amounts are fixed and rates apply from 01-01-2019 are as follows.

Table 2: Fixed Monthly Stipends

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| **Category** | **Qualification** | **Monthly stipend** |
| 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 degree | 50,000 |
| Technical Assistant (full time) | *Qualification not specified* | 25,000 |

* 1. Financial Assistance for International Conference Registration Fees and for Publishing Papers in International Indexed Journals (e.g., Open Access)
     1. This assistance applied to LT or CAP grants only.
     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.
     3. Principal investigator and/or co-investigators can request this funding.
     4. Please download the application form available at https://www.mrt.ac.lk/web/research/financial-assistance for further details.
  2. Notes on Capital Intensive Grants
     1. Those applying for Capital Intensive grants MUST be confident of answering Sections B.8.6, E.5, and E.10, positively.
     2. In particular, the referees should be convinced that the research will result in internationally indexed journal publications that are likely to be cited.

1. Proposal Summary
   1. Title of the project:
   2. Abbreviated (running) title in not more than six words:
   3. Key words (from broad to specific):
   4. Duration (6 months):
   5. Planned starting date (specify a date within 2021).
   6. Grant type (research project only / research project with research students):
   7. Number of PhD, MPhil or MSc projects, if any, to be funded by the proposed grant:
   8. Principal Investigator (PI)[[3]](#footnote-3):
      1. Name:
      2. Employee Code:
      3. Contact details

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| Home tel. no. | Office tel. no. | Mobile phone no. | Email |

* + 1. Department and present position or designation:
    2. Highest academic qualification and year obtained:
    3. Field of specialization:
  1. Names of co-investigator(s) (if any): Please fill Supplementary Form A for each co-investigator.

Supplementary Form A

**To be filled separately by each co-investigator**.

1. Name: Underline surname; give title, if any.
2. Contact details

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| Home tel. no. | Office tel. no. | Mobile phone no. | Email |

1. Institution, department, and present position or designation:
2. Highest academic qualification and year obtained:
3. Field of specialization

Signature of the Co-Investigator

Date:

1. Financial Information

**Requests for amounts exceeding those in Table1will generally not be entertained due to a limited total budget**

* 1. Summary of financial support requested: In Sri Lankan Rupees, inclusive of all taxes.

Table 3: Budget

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2021** | **2022** | **Total** |
| Consumables |  |  |  |
| Local travel |  |  |  |
| Stipend |  |  |  |
| Publications |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** |  |  |  |

* 1. Consumables

List and price all breakables and consumables

* 1. Local Travel

List and justify travelling plan and expenses(seeA.3).

* 1. Stipend

Calculate total stipend requirement for research personnel, based on envisaged durations (see A.4for current rates).Research scholar, research assistant, or technical assistant inputs should generally not exceed 36 calendar months per person.

* 1. Publications

See A.5for details and amounts.

1. Administrative Information
   1. Has this or a similar proposal for financial support authored by the principal investigator or co-investigators been accepted by or submitted any other funding agency, national or foreign? If so, give the following details:
      1. Name(s) of investigator(s):
      2. Full title of project:
      3. Whether only submitted or already accepted:
      4. Duration (include start and finish dates):
      5. Financial support:
      6. Funding agency:
   2. Declaration by the applicant (i.e., the Principal Investigator):

I hereby declare that all information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Principal Investigator and date:

* 1. Declaration of the Head of Department

I hereby assure that the Principal Investigator of the present proposal will be assured of infrastructural support in human and material resources enjoyed at the inception of the project and guaranteed to be sustained for the whole duration of the latter.

The level of support that will be committed to this project will be very high /significant /adequate ***(choose one).***

Name and Department of Head:

Signature and Date:

* 1. Recommendation of Dean

This project is recommended/not recommended for consideration for funding *(choose one)*

Reasons (if any):

Name and Faculty of Dean

Signature and Date:

1. Scientific Information

Title of the Project (same as B.1.):

Define the problem(s) that your research seeks to address:

E.1. Define the specific objective(s) of the proposed research.

E.2. Detailed description - Clearly indicate (a) Research design and data analysis and (b) Methodologies:

E.3. State the outcomes of the project. i.e. the impact of the research results will have on the wider scientific community and/or society.

E.4. Indicate the possible ways you could give publicity to the results of your research (apart from technical publications), taking into account the nature of the project and the people it would interest.

E.5. State the purpose of the short-term grant, i.e.,

1) initiating a research project

2) finalizing the outcomes of an ongoing project,

3) as a part of a larger ongoing research project

3) any other

E.6. Indicate the expected outputs (deliverables) through this short-term grant. Outputs should be verifiable and/or measurable: *Make sure easily measurable ones such as number of publications.*

1. Defined as Web of Science core indexes, i.e., SCIE, SSCI, AHCI and ESCI. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Defined as journal or conference papers in top 20 sources in predefined sub-categories of Google Scholar Metrics. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Refers to a permanent academic staff at or above Lecturer (Transitionary); This does NOT refer to research student(s): [↑](#footnote-ref-3)