

GUIDELINES FOR INNOVATIVE PILOT RESEARCH FUNDING SCHEME

Innovations that are leading to patents and commercializable products or processes is an important component in ranking criteria. The proposed grant scheme provides support for such innovations

Terms and Conditions

1. The project should be innovative in nature and should address an issue of national concern in creative ways or discover new trends within a discipline/among disciplines.
2. The project should lead to a product or process that is patentable or commercializable.
3. University permanent academics are eligible to apply.
4. Awarded up to a maximum of LKR 1 million and a maximum of three grants annually on competitive basis. Three copies of bond agreement to be signed by grantee and the Vice Chancellor indicating the grant amount, the title and the start date. Maximum grant period is 3 years.
5. Awarded for research proposals which can be carried out in Sri Lanka
6. Research Proposal should clearly describe the expected patentable or commercializable outcome (patent application/licensing agreement etc.)
7. Applicants should have Google Scholar & ResearchGate accounts which have been made public with “@kln.ac.lk” email address and the address of University of Kelaniya.
8. The duly filled application form of Innovative Pilot Project funding scheme should be submitted accordingly. Application form is available in the Research Council website.
9. Application should be forwarded to the Chairman, University Research Council through proper channels (HOD/Dean). The director of the Faculty Research Center will be informed by the Research Council when grant is awarded.
10. A Sub-committee will be appointed to evaluate proposals submitted by applicants and the grant is awarded based on sub-committee recommendation. Sub-committee comprises;
 - i. Chairman, and two Professors from the Research Council.
 - ii. One expert senior researcher of the relevant field from relevant faculty with no conflict of interest
11. The grant would be released in installments considering the progress based on any one of the key performance indicators (Patent submission, submissions for Commercializable product/publication) or a progress presentation*. The first installment will be up to Rs. 500,000.00. The full amount of the grant won't be released at the beginning of the research under any circumstances.
12. The applicant should provide the progress reports as applicable and inability to provide progress reports will lead to the termination of the agreement. In addition, the progress reports will be reviewed by the Research & Publications committee and inability to show reasonable advancement according to the time frame will also lead to the termination of the agreement.
13. The applicants are kindly requested to stick to the budget format in the application form which is available in the Research Council website.

*Progress presentation should include;

- Title of the project
- Proposed outcomes
- Progress of achieving outcomes by suitable pictures/ photographs and data generated.
- Plan of achieving outcomes

(Introduction, discussion etc. should not be included in the presentation)