

GUIDELINES FOR STRENGTHENING RESEARCH OUTPUT GRANTS

Strengthening Research Output research grants provide funding for research projects that are in progress but without any research grants. Substantial preliminary data must have been generated by the researchers and funds are provided to conduct further research leading to full research articles.

Terms and Conditions

1. The project should be aimed at producing publications in the form of full research articles in the scholarly journals listed in Citation Indices (Science Citation Index Expanded or Social Sciences Citation Index or Arts and Humanities Citation Index) or Association of Business Schools (ABS) (4* and 4) or Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) (A* and A) or SCOPUS.
2. Grants are strictly for research purposes. Workshops, seminars, payment of tokens of appreciation, honoraria will not be considered in the budget.
3. Key performance indicators should be clearly mentioned in the proposal with a plan to achieve them.
4. University permanent academics are eligible to apply.
5. Awarded up to a maximum of LKR 1 million 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.
6. Progress of the grants will be evaluated based on 6-month progress reports and Key performance indicators.
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 STRENGTHENING RESEARCH OUTPUT Research Grants 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 the recommendations of the sub-committee. Sub-committee comprises;
 - i. Chairman and one professor from the Research Council.
 - ii. Two expert senior researchers of the relevant field with at least one from outside the university.
11. The grant would be released in installments considering the progress based on any one of the key performance indicators (submission of Research papers/Symposium abstracts etc.) or progress presentation*. The first installment will be up to Rs. 500,000.00. The full amount of the grant will not be released at the beginning of the research under any circumstances.
12. The applicants 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 final outcomes

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