

GUIDELINES FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH GRANTS

Multidisciplinary research grants provide funding for multidisciplinary research projects involving investigators from different faculties. The aim of the grants is to encourage researchers to join hands with experience researchers of other faculties to contribute to university ranking and better utilize existing human and other resources in an efficient way to produce publications and creations.

Terms and Conditions

1. The project should be aimed at producing publications in the form of full papers or review articles**in at least SCOPUS indexed journals/creative work/research-based textbooks** etc, which have a direct impact on university ranking
2. Key performance indicators should be clearly mentioned in the proposal with a plan to achieve them
3. University permanent academics are eligible to apply.
4. 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.
5. There should be investigators from at least two faculties
6. Awarded for research proposals relevant to Sri Lanka which can be carried out in Sri Lanka
7. Progress of the grants will be evaluated based on 6-month progress reports and Key performance indicators.
8. 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.
9. The duly filled application form of Interdisciplinary Research Grants should be submitted accordingly. Application form is available in the Research Council website.
10. 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.
11. 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 in the relevant field with at least one from outside the university
12. The grant would be released in installments considering the progress based on any one of the key performance indicators (submission of Research papers or Symposium abstracts/ creative work) or 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.

13. 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.
14. 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)

** The proposal aimed at producing review articles/textbooks may be awarded only up to Rs. 500,000.00 and the first installment will Rs. 200,000.00. Funding will be given for data gathering, data analysis, printing etc. In case of textbooks, the publication should be a university publication and it should be included in the ResearchGate accounts of the authors.

