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**UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA** 

#### **Research Grants**

#### Free Inquiry Grant program

The Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE) seeks research proposals related to freedom of expression and academic freedom.

We currently have the capacity to evaluate grant applications related to freedom of expression and academic freedom in the following fields: economics, education, history, law, philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology.

We are open to proposals in other fields and, should we receive them, will seek evaluators for that field. If we are unable to find evaluators in said field, you will unfortunately not be eligible to receive a grant. Projects with an output consisting of a discrete piece of art — such as a film, painting, or poem — will not be eligible for funding through this grant program.

Closing date 01 October 2023 Award amount max USD 65,000

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted** 

Website: Call for Proposals: 2023 Free Inquiry Grant program | The Foundation for Individual

Rights and Expression (thefire.org)

#### **CARRA-Arthritis Foundation Small Grants**

This opportunity is available to support projects in development. The research project can be a pilot, continuation of ongoing research, or other projects that move forward clinical or translational research that furthers the CARRA mission under the 2023-2025 strategic plan. New or early career investigators are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to research that is collaborative in nature, leverages current CARRA network resources, and/or will further develop the CARRA network.

Closing date 01 October 2023 (Forecast)
Award amount min USD 50,000
Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: <a href="mailto:carragroup.org/research/grant-opportunities/">carragroup.org/research/grant-opportunities/</a>

#### Charles Bullard Fellowship in Forest Research

The Charles Bullard fellowship program supports advanced research and study by individuals who show promise of making an important contribution, either as scholars or administrators, to forestry and forest-related subjects including biology, earth sciences, economics, politics, administration, philosophy, humanities, the arts, or law.

Closing date 01 October 2023 (Forecast) Award amount max USD 60,000 Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: Charles Bullard Fellowship in Forest Research | Harvard Forest

## Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Autism Research

This pilot grant aims to provide seed funds for research with the potential to increase knowledge about autism spectrum disorder in populations that have been excluded from or underrepresented in research.

Closing date 01 October 2023 (Forecast)
Award amount min USD 50,000
Country of applicant institution Unrestricted
Website: Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Autism Research | AAN

## Fellowship Grant for Alternatives to Animal Research in Women's Health and Sex Differences

The American Fund for Alternatives to Animal Research (AFAAR) offer a one-year postdoctoral fellowship grant (with possible renewal) to a woman interested in developing, validating, or using alternatives to animal methods in the investigation of human health or sex differences. Applicants must hold an interest in using or promoting non-animal alternatives in research.

Closing date 01 October 2023
Award amount min USD 40,000
Country of applicant institution Unrestricted
Website: Programs | Pages (alternativestoanimalresearch.org)

#### Saving lives at birth in low-resource settings grants

The Laerdal Foundation invites applications for its saving lives at birth in low-resource settings grants. These support practically oriented projects aimed at achieving the UN millennium development goal three, which is to reduce infant and child mortality rates and maternal deaths by two-thirds from 2010 to 2030. Projects of particular interest concern:

- •innovative approaches to more efficient education and implementation;
- collaborative initiatives;
- •regional efforts or selected focus countries such as Tanzania, Ethiopia, Malawi, Bangladesh, India and Nepal.

For applications concerning projects in developing countries, priority is given to projects that have the potential to document long term practical value, and stimulate developments also in other regions and countries.

Up to 20 projects are available per year, worth up to USD 50,000 each but higher amounts may be awarded to regional initiatives, or particular educational or collaborative initiatives.

Closing date 01 October 2023 Award amount max USD 50,000 Country of applicant institution Unrestricted Website: Saving lives at birth | Laerdal Foundation

#### **Project support**

The Laerdal Foundation invites applications for its project support. This supports practically oriented research within its focus areas. Applications that relate to factors 2 and 3 of the Utstein formula for survival - improved efficiency of education or implementation are particularly welcome.

Grants are worth up to NOK 400,000 each for between 12 to 18 months. Closing date 01 October 2023

Award amount max NOK 400,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: Project Support | Laerdal Foundation

#### Research grants

The Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour invites applications for its research grants. These support pilot research projects that are too early a stage to attract funding from larger funding agencies, and small-scale projects that are unlikely to attract funding from other sources. Grants may be made to allow the applicant to travel to conduct collaborative research, or to bring a collaborator to the applicant's institution. Research projects in all areas of animal behaviour are considered.

Applicants must have a PhD and be members of the association of at least one year at the time of application. Preference may be given to applicants early in their career and first-time applicants.

Grants are worth up to £10,000 each. Funds may cover equipment, research expenses and salaries. Recipients are encouraged to submit a paper on their work to a conference of the association.

Closing date 01 October 2023 Award amount max £10,000 Country of applicant institution Unrestricted Website: Research Grants — ASAB

#### **Semper Ardens Accomplish**

The Carlsberg Foundation invites applications for its Semper Ardens Accomplish grants. These support recently tenured internationally recognised professors to pursue innovative and ambitious research projects.

Closing date 01 October 2023

Award amount max DKK 10,000,000

Award amount min DKK 7,000,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: Semper Ardens Accomplish | Carlsbergfondet

#### Film grants

Recognizing the potential of film to reach large numbers of people and to educate and spark powerful discussions, the Claims Conference provides film grants as part of its ongoing support for Holocaust research, education and documentation.

- 1. Films must be about the Holocaust.
- 1. Films must have both wide distribution potential and/or educational value. Applications should include a strong distribution plan for non-educational platforms as well as a plan for educational distribution.
- 1. All films, regardless of genre, will be evaluated based on historical accuracy as well as creativity, vision and planning. It is highly recommended that applicants work with historical consultants throughout the development and production of their films and allocate funds in their budget for such consultations.

Closing date 01 October 2023

Award amount max USD 85,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: Application Information — Claims Conference Film Grants

#### Research programme grants

Programme grants are designed to answer a single question or a small group of related questions. The programme should aim to create a virtual network of excellence in research into coeliac disease, with the foundation for longevity and for further research into the condition, beyond the original research programme grant.

Applications for projects that will improve the lives of people living with coeliac disease and other gluten related autoimmune conditions (hereafter referred to collectively as coeliac disease) are welcome.

This type of award is a priority to establish a strong research base in coeliac disease with the appropriate research networks. Collaborations internationally, across disciplines and conditions, where appropriate, are encouraged. As is securing additional funding outside of Coeliac UK.

Closing date 02 October 2023 Award amount max £750,000 Country of applicant institution Unrestricted Website: Coeliac UK research call 2023 - Coeliac UK

## **Fellowships**

## Excellence fellowship programme for international postdoctoral researchers

The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, in collaboration with the Israel Council for Higher Education, invites applications for its excellence fellowship programme for international postdoctoral researchers. This enables scholars in the fields of STEM, humanities and social sciences to conduct research in one of Israel's universities for two years. The programme's purpose is to attract young scholars to Israel from around the world and integrate into and strengthen research and make personal and professional contacts with Israeli researchers, ultimately leading to future research collaboration.

Candidates must be non-Israeli citizens who have received a PhD from a recognised higher education institution outside of Israel less than 4 years from the time of application, or who will receive a PhD prior from a recognised higher education institution outside of Israel prior to the commencement of the fellowship, and have been accepted for a postdoctoral position at one of the following Israel universities: Ariel University; Bar-Ilan University; Ben-Gurion University; Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Open University of Israel; Technion-Israel Institute of Technology; Tel Aviv University; University of Haifa; Weizmann Institute of Science.

A total of 20 fellowships are available, each worth USD 47,000 per year for two years.

Closing date 01 October 2023 (Forecast) Award amount max USD 94,000 Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: האקדמיה הלאומית הישראלית למדעים The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities -

**Excellence Fellowship Program for International Postdoctoral Researchers** 

#### The Alicia Patterson Fellowships

The aim of the trustees who established the foundation was to improve the quality of U.S. print journalism.

Cissy Patterson Fellowship for Science and Environmental Writers:

An additional fellow specializing in either science or environmental journalism will be added. This fellow will be designated as a Cissy Patterson fellow, in honor of Alicia's aunt, the publisher Cissy Patterson.

No special application is needed. All fellows apply for the Alicia Patterson fellowship and applications that deal with science or the environment will be considered for this additional fellowship. Science and environmental topics will continue to be awarded Alicia Patterson fellowships.

Closing date 01 October 2023
Award amount max USD 40,000
Award amount min USD 20,000
Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: <u>Apply for Fellowship - Alicia Patterson Foundation</u>

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Closing date 01 October 2023 (Forecast)
Award amount max USD 60,000
Country of applicant institution Unrestricted
Website: Charles Bullard Fellowship in Forest Research | Harvard Forest

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Award amount min USD 40,000
Country of applicant institution Unrestricted
Website: Programs | Pages (alternativestoanimalresearch.org)

#### **Doctoral fellowships**

The Herzog August Bibliothek invites applications for its doctoral fellowships. These support doctoral candidates in all disciplines in pursuing research at the library in Wolfenbüttel, Germany.

Fellowships include accommodation, a stipend of €1,100 per month and an allowance of €100 per month to cover the costs of copying and reproductions, for a stay between two and 10 months. Travel costs to and from Wolfenbüttel may be refunded if no funds are available to fellows from other sources.

Closing date 01 October 2023

Award amount max €12,000

Award amount min €2,400

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: Research grants – HAB

#### William P. Van Wagenen Fellowship

The Van Wagenen Fellowship was designed to give freedom in scientific development without the restrictive limitations usually imposed by many research grants and fellowships.

The AANS offers the Van Wagenen Fellowship program to neurosurgical residents interested in studying scientific development abroad. The fellowship is open to all senior neurological residents (PGY5, PGY6 & PGY7) in approved neurosurgery residency programs and whose intent is to pursue an academic career in neurological surgery.

Closing date 01 October 2023 (Forecast)
Award amount max USD 120,000
Country of applicant institution Unrestricted
Website: Apply for the AANS Van Wagenen Fellowship

#### **Postdoctoral Research Fellowships**

We believe that fundamental advances in life sciences depend upon the training and support of high quality young scientists at a critical point in their career – their postdoctoral training. Our goal is to identify these exceptional young scientists and secure funding for their projects. We do not have an endowment. We seek out and partner with biotech and pharma companies, foundations, and philanthropic individuals who recognize the value and importance of basic scientific research. These contributors fund one or more researchers for the duration of their three-year award.

Postdocs are embarking on exciting, creative and innovative research, laying a foundation for their scientific career. LSRF recognizes and encourages this creativity and passion for discovery. Our awardees contribute significantly to the advancement of life science and biomedical research. We measure our success through the achievements of our alumni who have careers in academia, industry, science communication and policy development, scientific foundations, patent law, biotech venture capital groups, consulting and science publishing.

Closing date 01 October 2023 (Forecast)
Award amount max USD 231,000
Country of applicant institution Unrestricted
Website: Award Details - Life Sciences Research Foundation (Isrf.org)

#### **External Faculty Fellowships**

External fellowships are intended primarily for individuals currently teaching in or affiliated with an academic institution, but independent scholars may apply. Faculty fellowships are awarded across the spectrum of academic ranks (assistant, associate, and full professor) and a goal of the selection process is to create a diverse community of scholars.

We sponsor research in the traditional and emergent disciplines of the humanities and the interpretive social sciences. (Creative arts projects are not eligible.) The projects of our fellows have drawn on every imaginable approach, from conventional methods to those critical of the disciplines themselves. In partnership with the Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis, we welcome applications in the digital humanities.

Especially appropriate are projects that are likely to contribute to intellectual exchange among a diverse group of scholars.

Closing date 01 October 2023 (Forecast) Award amount max USD 110,000 **Country of applicant institution Unrestricted** Website: Fellowships for External Faculty | Stanford Humanities Center

#### **Pre- and Postdoctoral Fellowships**

Getty Pre- and Postdoctoral Fellowships are intended for emerging researchers to complete work on projects related to the Scholars Program's annual theme or African American Art History Initiative (AAAHI). While in residence, fellows may pursue research projects, complete dissertations, or expand dissertations for publication. Recipients also make use of Getty Research Institute (GRI) collections, join in weekly lectures, and participate in intellectual life at Getty. Predoctoral fellows may be in residence at the Getty Center, while Postdoctoral fellows may be in residence at the Getty Center or Getty Villa.

Each application cycle has its own theme that addresses a consequential topic in the arts and humanities. The scholar cohort for that year carries out research projects that respond to this theme, which serves to bridge the various subfields and methodologies of those in residence and provides shared terrain for collaboration, connection, and exchange while also opening up new interdisciplinary conversations.

- Annual Theme: Extinction (Getty Center)
  - o This year's theme welcomes research topics that explore that which is lost, but also the urgent impulse toward preservation and permanence. Beyond loss, destruction, or mortality, the topic also seeks to explore the creative and productive possibilities that extinction may enable.
- African American Art History Initiative (AAAHI) Felowship (Getty Center)
  - In addition to the annual theme, grants are available under the AAAHI Fellowship. This residential program provides financial support and housing to scholars who are expanding critical inquiry of African American art and its frameworks. As part of the larger scholar year cohort, AAAHI Fellows have opportunities to present their research and receive feedback from an interdisciplinary group of peers. While proposals do not have to address the concurrent annual theme, they may highlight any salient intersections with it.
- Annual Theme: Anatolia: The Classical World in Context (Getty Villa)
  - The Getty Scholars Program at the Villa will examine relations between the Greek cities of western Asia Minor and Anatolian civilizations from the 2nd millennium to the Roman Imperial period.

Closing date 02 October 2023 Award amount max USD 35,000 **Country of applicant institution Unrestricted** Website: Pre- and Postdoctoral Fellowships | Getty Projects

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#### Thomas H. Smouse Memorial Fellowship

The Thomas H. Smouse Memorial Fellowship is awarded to graduate students doing research in fats, oils, proteins, surfactants and related materials. The purpose of this graduate fellowship is to encourage, recognize and support outstanding research in a field of study consistent with the areas of interest to AOCS.

This award was established in memory of Dr. Smouse's dedication and enthusiasm for lipid chemistry and his commitment to family, education, and AOCS. Dr. Smouse was a long-time member and very active volunteer in AOCS, including serving as President of AOCS in 1983. As well as a noted industrial researcher into the flavor chemistry of fats and oils. Archer Daniels Midland Foundation, AOCS Foundation, AOCS, and the family and friends of Dr. Smouse established and assisted in this fellowship's funding.

Closing date 02 October 2023
Award amount max USD 15,000
Award amount min USD 10,000
Country of applicant institution Unrestricted
Website: Awards (aocs.org)

#### **Faculty Fellowships**

The Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study awards residential Faculty Fellowships annually to researchers whose work addresses the Institute's yearly Research Theme.

During the 2024-2025 academic year, the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study is sponsoring residential research projects that investigate The Good Life. The Good Life fellowship program will bring together ethicists, humanities faculty, scientists, social scientists, policy scholars, and artists with projects that advance our understanding of human flourishing. We are particularly interested in projects that contribute to ethical research and debates surrounding flourishing, including foundational topics in philosophy and psychology but also applied questions across many different disciplines. We seek scholars who will deepen our understanding, teach us novel methods, and translate the institute's discussions into interdisciplinary and public debates about the good life.

Potential research proposal topics on The Good Life may address, but are not limited to:

- Ethics
- Philosophy
- Theology and Religious Studies
- History
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Economics
- Technology
- Environmental Studies
- Political Science
- Literature and Media Studies
- Fine Arts, Architecture, Urban Studies
- Global Affairs/Area Studies

Closing date 03 October 2023 Award amount max USD 76,000

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted** 

Website: Faculty Fellowships // Institute for Advanced Study // University of Notre Dame (nd.edu)



## **iPURSE**

University of Peradeniya

2023

Extended Abstracts are invited for the Peradeniya University International Research Sessions, 2023

## NAVIGATING THE NEW FRONTIERS: EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES

#### **About iPURSE**

The University of Peradeniya, a premier Sri Lankan academic institution, world renowned for excellence in teaching and research, continues to open up its annual research sessions as a wider and international forum – iPURSE 2023.

iPURSE 2023 will bring together eminent researchers of all disciplines, providing them with a platform to disseminate research findings, exchange contemporary knowledge and build partnerships and collaborations to advance frontiers of knowledge for sustainability of all life on the earth.

We invite submissions describing innovative research on all aspects of knowledge under 6 broad sub-themes. The University of Peradeniya will be pleased to host and welcome you all to Peradeniya University International Research Sessions (iPURSE) in September 2023.

## Conference Date SEPTEMBER 20 & 21, 2023

https://www.pdn.ac.lk/ipurse/

**JULY 30** 

**AUG 20** 

**SEP 07** 

Extended
Abstract
Submission
Deadline

Notification of Acceptance

Registration Deadline

#### **Conference Secretary**

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## SUB-THEMES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

**Business Resilience in Crisis** 

Global Health Challenges and Opportunities for Collaboration

Innovations for Sustainable Cities and Societies

Innovative Scientific Research for Sustainable Transitions

Managerial Turn in Higher Education:
The Issues and Challenges for Human
Existence

Towards Sustainable Agricultural
Systems: Transforming Challenges into
Opportunities

#### **Paper submission Portal**

https://site.pdn.ac.lk/ipurse/index.html

#### **PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY**

The Abstract of the accepted papers will be published in iPURSE 2023 proceedings.

## Peradeniya University International Research Sessions (iPURSE) September 2023

Paper submission deadline is 30th July 2023

Website: <a href="https://www.pdn.ac.lk/ipurse">https://www.pdn.ac.lk/ipurse</a>

Submission link can be found in the header of the iPURSE webpage:



Authors should upload their blind extended abstract (leaving out the names of authors and their affiliations for the purpose of reviewing) as the initial submission to the CMT system, and details of ALL AUTHORS must be added to the Authors section of the CMT submission page.

Please note that CMT new submission also required you to submit an abstract and that will be published in the iPURSE abstract book.



- Authors should submit extended abstracts under one of the six sub-Themes and using the attached template.
- Extended abstracts submitted with author details will not be considered for review, and authors will be requested to resubmit according to the instructions given above.
- Authors should ensure to leave sufficient space in the extended abstract to add the names of authors and their affiliations, within the two-page limit.
- Authors should add the names of authors and their affiliations to the extended abstract only after the abstract has been revised and is ready for the final submission.
- Research work presented or published elsewhere will not be considered.
- If plagiarism is detected, the extended abstracts will be rejected without further consideration.
- Authors should send the Author Declaration Form signed by all the authors, after the notification of acceptance of the paper.

#### **Template for Abstracts**

Title of Research Abstract in Title-case, Bold Lettering, and Centre-aligned

Only enter the abstract as in the following format to the CMT window.

Do not include the authors names.

The suggested content of the abstract includes research background, the research area/problem, methodology, discussion/significant findings, and conclusions. The maximum word-limit of the abstract (not including the title, names of authors, affiliations, keywords, and acknowledgement) is 300 words. The abstract should not include figures, tables, and references. Please check the spelling and grammar of the abstract very carefully. The title of the abstract should be short, specific, and it should reflect the study carried out. The authors' names will be in the form of initials followed by surnames, and should be centeraligned. The initials of the authors must be in uppercase letters and indicated before the surname. Each initial should be followed by a full-stop without a space. A single space should be placed between the last initial and the surname. The corresponding author(s)'s name(s) should be indicated by an asterisk at the end of the name. Author affiliation should be in italics and center aligned. Please use superscripted numbering of authors if authors have different affiliations. Affiliations should be on a separate line and numbered with the same superscript number used for the respective authors. The superscript numbers should be positioned at the end of each author's name and at the beginning of each affiliation. The email address of the corresponding author should be provided after the affiliations. There should not be a line-space between the affiliations and the email address. Abstracts that do not comply with this format, specifically the word-limit or formatting of the authors' names and affiliations, will not be reviewed; they will be returned to the corresponding author for rewriting. The authors may simply paste the text of the abstract from their word processor to this template. Please ensure that the abstract does NOT exceed one page.

Keywords: keyword 1, keyword 2, keyword 3, keyword 4, keyword 5

Acknowledgement, if available, should be in italics and left-justified. If necessary, please include the grant or other support information for your research in a single sentence (grant number should be in parentheses) at the end of the abstract.

# Template for Extended Abstracts

## TITLE OF YOUR EXTENDED ABSTRACT [Times New Roman (TNR) Bold, 14pt, centered]

Leave space for authors and affiliations.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION (headlines: TNR Bold, 12pt)

For iPURSE 2023, we are calling for extended abstracts under 5 sub-themes. The extended abstract must include the title, author(s) introduction, material and methods, results and discussion, conclusion and references. The manuscript should be prepared on an A4-sized paper with 25 mm margins on all sides and typed with single spacing using size 12 TNR font. The extended abstract should be restricted to two pages and should be in single column format.

#### 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS (headlines: TNR, Bold, 12pt)

The methodology must be clearly stated and described in sufficient detail.

#### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION (headlines: TNR Bold, 12pt)

The findings should be provided with figures and/or tables including some results. All the tables, images and figures should be centered. Figures and images should be numbered, and figure headers should be placed under the figure or image. For the tables the table header should be placed at the top.

#### 4. CONCLUSION (headlines: TNR Bold, 12pt)

Conclusions should include theoretical and/or practical implications of the work, and conclusions drawn and recommendations.

#### 5. ACKNOWLEDGMENT (headlines: TNR Bold, 12pt)

Only funding bodies should be acknowledged here.

#### 6. REFERENCES (headlines: TNR Bold, 12pt)

References should be listed arranged in alphabetical order beginning with the author's names and initials, followed by the year of publication, title of periodical, volume and page.

# PURES

Peradeniya University Research
Excellence Showcase



On 29th August 2023

At Joint Research & Demonstration Centre for Water Technology(JRDC)

# CALLING FOR THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO DISPLAY POSTERS/PRODUCTS/INNOVATIONS RELATED TO PROJECTS OR FUNDED PROJECTS IN DIFFERENT FACULTIES

In order to plan the number of exhibition spaces required and to include details of the project in the programme book, please fill the Google form for any projects falling under the above criteria to reach us by 25/07/2023.

You can provide the details of your project via the following Google form:

https://forms.gle/aYV7NU1Bn4iPUg6m8

**University of Peradeniya** 



## Research Publication Facilitation Fund University Of Peradeniya

The new application for Research Publication Facilitation application is now available in <a href="https://site.pdn.ac.lk/centers/urc">https://site.pdn.ac.lk/centers/urc</a>

According to the new process introduced for the reimbursement of Article processing charges, applicants can get prior approval for the payments before submission of the application. Upon receiving the approval for the APC from URC, usually through an email, submit the invoice for the payment of the APC, and the credit card statement to process the payment.

#### Note:

- Application is a fillable form, which you can fill using Adobe Acrobat Reader latest versions.
- Furnish all the details, sign the application, get the Head and the Dean to sign.
- Attach a copy of the complete manuscript and the acceptance letter.
- Only the full-length articles published in SCI/SSCI/SCI-expanded/SSCI-expanded with an impact factor of 2 or higher will be considered for Article Processing Charge (APC).

#### **Special Note:**

- The payment must be done by a permanent staff member of the University of Peradeniya.
- If two authors claim for the same article fill in two separate applications and send both applications together (Attaching one copy of the manuscript and the invoice is adequate). If one author paid for the APC, a consent letter from the second author should be submitted.
- Funding is subjected to availability of funds.



## Research Publication Facilitation Fund [RPFF] University of Peradeniya

The University Research Council [URC] is pleased to announce that it has initiated a scheme to provide financial assistance up to a maximum of USD 1000.00 per year for the researchers of University of Peradeniya to facilitate publishing their research findings in high-ranking peer reviewed journals.

#### Financial Assistance:

USD 500 per author up to a maximum of USD 1000 per paper per year.

#### Eligibility Criteria:

The applicant should be a permanent staff member of the University of Peradeniya and one of the authors of the journal article.

The University of Peradeniya should have been identified as the sole affiliation or one of the affiliations. Journal articles which do not carry the University of Peradeniya as an affiliation are not eligible for funding.

The journal should be indexed in one of the following Web of Science indexes:

- Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE)
- o Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI)
- o Arts & Humanities Citation Index (AHCI)

The impact factor of the journal should be 2 or higher

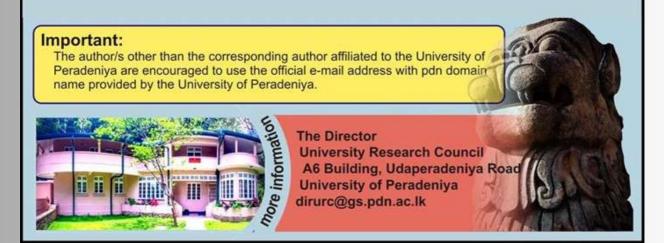
The corresponding author of the journal article should have used the institutional e-mail address (pdn.ac.lk or any variant)

None of the applicants should have used this facility within the current calendar year

The URC reserves the right to amend the eligibility criteria. The article processing charge will be reimbursed subject to the availability of funds.

#### Procedure:

The applicant should fill in an application form and submit the same to the Director, URC through the Head of the Department and the Dean of the Faculty along with the original copy of the receipt for the payment of page charges and a copy of the journal article. The article should have been published either online or printed with a valid DOI in the journal within the year of concern. The application can be downloaded from https://www.pdn.ac.lk/centers/urc/doc/Application%20For%20RPFF\_URC\_2021.pdf



### Workshop on the 'Ethical, Methodological, Logistical, and political domains of research' June 15, 2023

The University Research Council (URC) concluded a workshop on the, on 'Ethical, Methodological, Logistical, political domains research' on June 15, 2023. The workshop was held at the Staff development center and attended about was permanent staff members and some Post Graduate students of the university.





This was conducted as an interactive session bv Prof.Janaka Jayawickrama, **Professor** of **Social** Anthropology, Department of **Director-Research** History. Centre for Health and Wellbeing, College of Liberal Shanghai University, Arts. China.

Overall, the workshop provided valuable insights into the importance of considering the domains in research and how to ensure that research is conducted with integrity and accountability.

Watch Workshop video; <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qfu64jUkZBs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qfu64jUkZBs</a>







30th of October 2023

At 9.00 AM to 12.00 PM



Postgraduate Institute of Science

More info: secretaryurc@gs.pdn.ac.lk.

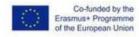


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Prof. Martin Persson

Faculty of Health Sciences, Kristianstad University, Kristianstad, Sweden







## Signing of MOUs, Research Grant Agreements and holding international conferences

As per the Presidential circular no PS/EAD/Circular/16/2022 which came to effect last month, researchers should aware about the reimplementation of the requirement to obtain cabinet approval for signing foreign grant agreements. Please find some extracts from the circular below.

#### 6. INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT/MOUS

- (a) Negotiations by line ministries relating to bilateral, regional and multilateral Agreements/ MoUs and entering into same with foreign entities.
- (i) As per the Cabinet decision dated 21st August 2002, any formal proposal involving treaty negotiations with the authorities of foreign states made by line Ministries and Departments of the Government of Sri Lanka should first be brought to the attention of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

When entering onto Agreements/MoUs with foreign entities, it is mandatory that such legal instruments are cleared with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which would examine, inter-alia, whether there are foreign relations sensitivities and implications from policy and legal perspectives. If there are legal implications for which the Hon. Attorney General needs to be consulted, upon the recommendation of the Ministry of foreign Affairs, the line Ministry may refer such Agreement/MoUs to the Hon. Attorney General, other than the Agreements/MoUs on which the line Ministries / agencies /directly liaise with the Attorney General's Department.

#### (b) Cabinet Approval

Once the text and Agreements is established, the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers needs to be obtained by the relevant line Ministry/ Department before action is taken to commit the Government. Once Cabinet approval is obtained, action will be taken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with the line Ministry/ institution, to prepare the next granting Full power, which designates a person to sign on behalf of the Government. This requirement applies to all instruments whether it is titled an 'Agreement,' Memorandum of Understanding' protocol etc.

#### (c) Full Powers

Only the Head of State or Government and the Minister of Foreign Affairs may commit the Government to any international obligation without written authority from any persons. All other persons need written authorization (Full Power) from the Minister of Foreign Affairs before signing and international agreement. Therefore, the relevant line Ministry/Department/institution should submit a copy of the Cabinet Approval well in advance of the date of signing (at last 2 weeks) in order to enable the instrument of Full Power to be prepared for the signature of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

#### 11. Hosting of International/Regional conference, seminars ETC.

It is necessary to streamline the procedure with regard to the hosting of international/regional conferences, seminars, etc. Before a commitment is made to a foreign State or Organization to host such an event in Sri Lanka, the concurrence of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs should first be obtained. A request for concurrence should set out briefly, the objectives of the conference or seminar, envisaged outcome and advantages to Sri Lanka, financial Outlay for hosting, List of participating States/ Organizations, any assistance required to be given by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by way of facilitating visas, protocol assistance, etc. Such requests should be made to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at least one month prior to extending the offer to enable the Ministry to liaise with the relevant Sri Lanka Diplomatic Mission abroad to make a considered decision.

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