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# RESEARCH GRANTS

## HENRY MOORE FOUNDATION, GB

The Henry Moore Foundation invites applications for its long-term research grants. These grants support extended research projects requiring funding for more than one year, e.g. a permanent collection catalogue.

**Closing date 01 June 2024**

**Award amount max £20,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website: [henry-moore.org/what-we-do/grants-fellowships/](https://henry-moore.org/what-we-do/grants-fellowships/)**

## NGI ZERO COMMONS FUND

NLnet Foundation invites applications for its NGI Zero Commons Fund - reclaim the public nature of the internet. This helps to deliver, mature and scale new internet commons across the whole technology spectrum, from libre silicon to middleware, from P2P infrastructure to convenient end user applications.

**Closing date 01 June 2024**

**Award amount €5,000 - €50,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website: <https://nlnet.nl/commonsfund/>**

## RESEARCH GRANTS

These grants support research that addresses knowledge gaps in the field of leukodystrophies. Preference is given to clinical trials and clinical trial readiness projects.

Themes proposed in the 2023 call for proposals will focus on unmet needs in the field of leukodystrophies.

Research Topics of Interest include:

- Clinical trial / clinical trial readiness for leukodystrophies including the development of longitudinal outcome measures, biomarker characterization, imaging modalities and pharmacodynamics /pharmacokinetic studies.
- Preclinical studies specifically testing therapies (gene, cell, enzyme or pharmacologic therapies) for leukodystrophies.
- Developing animal or cell-based models (e.g. patient derived iPSC) relevant to human leukodystrophies.
- Study of mechanisms responsible for leukodystrophies, in order to identify new therapeutic approaches.

**Closing date 01 June 2024 (Forecast)**

**Award amount max €200,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website: <https://call.elainternational.eu/en>**

## ENVIRONMENT FUND - TROPICAL RAINFORESTS

The Waterloo Foundation invites applications for its environment fund - tropical rainforests grants. These support projects protecting tropical rain forest, principally through avoided deforestation. Examples of eligible projects include:

- exposing, addressing and overcoming the local drivers of deforestation;
- management of the specified area;
- methods to measure and monitor the protected area;
- sustainable livelihoods for forest-dependent communities
- working on international or regional forest policy;
- campaigning for improved practices in commerce addressing the drivers of deforestation;
- innovative ways of reducing deforestation, such as financial systems or solutions based on the value of forest ecosystem services.

Preference is given to initiatives working to protect tropical rainforests for their value to the climate, communities and biodiversity, principally through avoided deforestation. The funder will consider both practical local projects, and strategic initiatives.

Applications are preferred from UK-based charities. Organisations based outside the UK may be eligible if they meet certain criteria.

Grants are usually worth between £50,000 and £100,000 each for up to three years.

**Closing date 01 June 2024**

**Award amount max £50,000 - £100,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website: <https://www.waterloofoundation.org.uk/EnvironmentTropicalRainforests.html>**

## WELL-BEING IN MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

The International Progressive MS Alliance invites applications for its Well-Being in Multiple Sclerosis call. This is the first stage of funding for a research pipeline to test innovative outcomes or treatments focused on the well-being of people living with progressive MS. Proposals should be focused on at least one of the four symptom areas of fatigue, mobility including upper extremity impairment, pain, and/or cognitive impairment. The aim is to accelerate the development of behavioral therapeutic interventions for progressive MS through innovation and collaboration.

**Closing date 01 May 2024 (Forecast)**

**Award amount max €3,000,000**

**<https://www.progressivemsalliance.org/2023/03/15/well-being-in-multiple-sclerosis-research-funding-opportunity/>**

## RESISTING ILLIBERALISM GRANT

The world is witnessing an authoritarian populist surge. Our challenge is not only to protect civil and economic rights, but also to counter a global movement that actively reject these values.

Atlas Network invites its partners to participate in the Resisting Illiberalism Grant Program. The Resisting Illiberalism Grant program is available for partners working to counter authoritarianism and the rise of illiberal statist sentiment.

Competitive proposals must demonstrate sophisticated, wide-reaching strategies to counter illiberal statist ideas and policies that usually manifest in the form of:

- Constitutional reforms designed to increase state control of the media, the electoral process, and the court system;
- Policies that reduce the independence of the judiciary;
- Weakening of the institutional framework of independent authorities;
- Use of tax authorities to target perceived political opponents;
- Polemic rhetoric and policies that oppose free-trade, globalization, and promote economic nationalism;
- Propaganda that blames economic and other problems on disfavored minorities, including religious, ethnic, sexual, racial, regional, and other minorities, and targets them for retaliation or exclusion from the nation.

**Closing date 01 June 2024**

**Award amount max USD 30,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website: <https://www.atlasnetwork.org/grants/illiberalism-grant>**

## TOYOTA FOUNDATION RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

The grant program focuses on deepening mutual understanding and knowledge-sharing among people on the ground in East Asia, Southeast Asia, and South Asia who are finding solutions to shared issues. Through promoting direct interaction among key players, the grant program aims to survey and analyze situations in target countries, obtain new perspectives, and expand the potential of future generations.

With multinational teams comprised of participants from diverse backgrounds, projects can avoid conventional linear relationships, such as “supporter and supported” or “instructor and trainee,” and instead form cooperative and creative alliances that consider, act on, and construct solutions to shared issues. The grant program anticipates that these partnerships, which extend beyond such factors as nationality, age, and organizational affiliation, will produce significant social change through fostering a process of mutual learning.

**Closing date 01 June 2024**

**Award amount max JPY 10,000,000**

**Award amount min ---**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website: <https://www.toyotafound.or.jp/english/grant/international/>**



## **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPLEMENTS TO ENHANCE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY WITH UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS WITHIN THE TYPE 1 DIABETES COMMUNITY**

NIDDK aims to achieve equitable engagement in research across all persons impacted by type 1 diabetes (T1D). Understanding that participation in research is inequitable across many groups impacted by T1D, this supplement opportunity supports activities which enhance outreach to and engagement with underserved populations which experience diabetes-related health disparities. (ref. NIH designated health disparities populations). Improved engagement, participation, and incorporation of leadership from underserved T1D populations is deemed essential for addressing disparities and advancing health equity in T1D outcomes.

Supported specific activities will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Direct community engagement activities with health disparities populations. Examples include execution of listening sessions, interviews for community feedback, engagement studio consultations, community-based events for research education, recruitment, retention, dissemination of research findings
- Obtaining external expert consultation for guidance with underserved population community relations, engagement, and/or recruitment.

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National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)

All applications to this funding opportunity announcement should fall within the mission of the Institutes/Centers. The following NIH Offices may co-fund applications assigned to those Institutes/Centers.

Sexual and Gender Minority Research Office (SGMRO)

**Closing date 01 June 2024**

**Award amount max USD 75,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-DK-24-010.html>**

## **NGI TALER - PRIVACY-PRESERVING DIGITAL PAYMENTS**

NLnet Foundation invites applications for its NGI TALER Privacy-preserving digital payments. This supports additional free and open source efforts that are aligned with the topics and approach of NGI TALER.

**Closing date 01 June 2024**

**Award amount max €5,000 - €50,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website: <https://nlnet.nl/taler/>**

## **GLOBAL 3R AWARDS**

This program recognizes significant innovative contributions toward the 3Rs of animal research to advance ethical science, by any researcher (nominated author, principal investigator, or research team leader) in academia or industry in any area of biology (e.g., basic science, discovery, development, teaching, testing, manufacture for new medicines, vaccines, medical devices or healthcare products for humans and animals).

Award nominations must be based on a primary research paper that advances any of the 3Rs (i.e., the Refinement, Replacement or Reduction of animal use) and is published in a peer-reviewed journal in the last three (3) years. These may include modifications to existing research techniques or any innovative research approach including, but not limited to: improvements to whole-animal models, tissue-based models (e.g., cell lines, tissue cultures), molecular techniques (e.g., proteomics), analytic and computational models, study design or technique refinements (e.g., sampling technologies, improved test methods), and translational medicine applications. Meta-analyses that develop fundamental new insights into the 3Rs are also eligible, but the methodology must be described within the paper as this is one of the scoring criteria.

**Closing date 01 June 2024**

**Award amount min USD 10,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website: <https://www.aaalac.org/awards/global-3rs-awards/>**

## EINSTEIN FELLOWSHIP

The Einstein Forum and the Wittenstein Foundation offer a fellowship for outstanding young thinkers who wish to pursue a project in a different field from that of their previous research. The purpose of the fellowship is to support those who, in addition to producing superb work in their area of specialization, are also open to other, interdisciplinary approaches – following the example set by Albert Einstein.

The fellowship includes living accommodations for five to six months in the garden cottage of Einstein's own summerhouse in Caputh, Brandenburg, only a short distance away from the universities and academic institutions of Potsdam and Berlin.

**Closing date 01 June 2024**

**Award amount USD 5,000 - USD 200,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website: <https://www.projectapism.org/request-funding.html>**

## PROJECT APIS

Project Apis m. seeks projects that will ultimately improve honey bee health. Main areas of focus include:

- 1.pests and disease prevention and control,
- 2.honey bee nutrition,
- 3.impacts of pesticides on bees, and
- 4.long-term honey bee stock improvement.

PAm is looking for projects that fill the gaps in honey bee research, and benefit honey bees and agriculture in the USA and Canada. The reviewers will ask questions that ensure the commercial beekeeping community will benefit from the research and its application. For example, PAm seeks research projects that will:

- Enhance the economic viability of pollination businesses.
- Provide practical solutions for managed colonies.
- Yield results that can be efficiently transferred into field practice.
- Provide an excellent rate of return for beekeepers and farmers.

**Closing date 01 June 2024**

**Award amount max €5,000 - €50,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website: <https://nlnet.nl/taler/>**

## REQUEST FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

Proposals for scientific research are accepted for studies into the causes, mechanisms, and improved means of treatment for histiocytic disorders. Proposals are evaluated on the basis of science, feasibility, and relevance. All proposals are expected to address one or more of the histiocytic disorders; below are areas of particular interest; however, all relevant areas of interest are considered.

- Mechanisms of disease pathogenesis
- Biology (maturation, migration and immune function) of dendritic cells, macrophages and/or lymphocytes in disease pathogenesis
- Derangements of cytokine production or function
- Neurologic and neuropsychiatric manifestations of histiocytosis
- Studies of rare histiocytoses -- Juvenile xanthogranuloma, Erdheim-Chester disease, Rosai-Dorfman disease
- Studies of histiocytic disorders in adults
- Discovery of new disease markers
- Quality of life, symptomatology, and survivorship

**Closing date 02 June 2024 (Forecast)**

**Award amount max USD 50,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website: <https://histio.org/research/funding-opportunities/>**

## **WAYNE F. PLACEK GRANTS**

The Wayne F. Placek Grant encourages research to increase the general public's understanding of homosexuality and sexual orientation, and to alleviate the stress that lesbian women, gay men, bisexual women, bisexual men, and transgender individuals experience in this and future civilizations. Since 1995, the Placek Fund has granted more than \$1 million.

The Wayne F. Placek Grant encourages research that addresses the following topics:

- heterosexuals' attitudes and behaviors toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people, including prejudice, discrimination, and violence
- family and workplace issues relevant to LGBT people
- special concerns of sectors of the LGBT population that have historically been underrepresented in scientific research
- issues concerning Black LGBTQIA+ individuals and communities

**Closing date 12 June 2024**

**Award amount max USD 15,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website: <https://apf.apa.org/funding/placek-grants/>**

## **RESEARCH IN INNOVATIVE AND SCIENTIFIC ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

PERSÉIS was launched on May 3, 2023 with the ambition to stimulate research on innovative and scientific entrepreneurship in its diversity, starting from the concerns and needs of support organizations, decision-makers and entrepreneurs on the ground. Stakeholders are expected to be mobilized from the statement of research needs and questions to the dissemination, adoption and evaluation of the impact of research results.

The call for proposals is the first initiative emerging from Space and aims to:

- identify research needs in innovative and scientific entrepreneurship
- initiate unifying research projects for all of Quebec with a view to long-term exchanges and interaction
- produce measurable far-reaching benefits aimed in particular, but not exclusively, at the creation of new practices and new tools and their adoption to stimulate innovative and scientific entrepreneurship in a Quebec context

**Closing date 19 June 2024 (Forecast)**

**Award amount max CAD 300,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website: <https://frq.gouv.qc.ca/programme/perseis-appel-a-propositions-1-recherche-en-entrepreneuriat-innovant-et-scientifique-2023-2024/>**

# FELLOWSHIPS

## HOSEI INTERNATIONAL FUND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS FELLOWSHIP

HIF Fellowship Program is for young international scholars enrolled in a doctoral program at a graduate school or have a doctoral degree. It provides opportunities for them to carry out non-degree research programs under the guidance and cooperation of faculty members and researchers at Hosei University.

Research areas include those studies in the humanities, social or natural sciences, or engineering as deemed acceptable by Hosei. Positions are not available in medical or veterinary sciences, pharmacology, nursing, agriculture, marine sciences, home economics, fine arts.

**Closing date 03 June 2024**

**Award amount max JPY 2,100,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website:** <https://www.global.hosei.ac.jp/en/researchers/hif/>

## MOFA Taiwan Fellowship

MOFA Taiwan Fellowship is established by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) to award foreign experts and scholars interested in researches related to Taiwan, cross-strait relations, Asia-Pacific region and Sinology to conduct advanced research at universities or academic institutions in Taiwan.

**Closing date 30 June 2024 (Forecast)**

**Award amount TWD 150,000 - TWD 720,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website:** <https://taiwanfellowship.ncl.edu.tw/eng/about.aspx>

## ROSS C. PURSE DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

The Ross C. Purse Doctoral Fellowship encourages and supports theoretical and practical research and studies at the doctoral level in the field of vision loss in Canada.

The fellowship is awarded for research in the social sciences or other fields of study that are relevant to those experiencing of vision loss.

**Closing date 30 June 2024**

**Award amount max CAD 12,500**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website:** <https://www.cnib.ca/en/about-us/awards/ross-c-purse-doctoral-fellowship?region=gta>

## TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS

The European Society for Clinical Virology invites applications for its training fellowships. These enable researchers to visit centres for clinical or diagnostic virology in Europe in order to learn special or new techniques that may benefit their future clinical or laboratory work.

**Closing date 01 June 2024**

**Award amount max €5,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website** <https://escv.eu/training-grants/>



## RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The Dole Archive and Special Collections is now accepting applications for the Research Fellowship which will support substantial contributions to the study of Congress, politics, or policy issues on a national or international scale.

**Closing date 03 June 2024**

**Award amount min USD 3,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website <https://dolearchives.ku.edu/research/grants>**

## ACCF/MERCK RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Proposals addressing CVD and Cardiometabolic disorders are encouraged. Included are proposals that address pathophysiology, molecular genetics, metabolic abnormalities leading to cardiovascular disease, hypertension, heart failure, hyperlipidemia, inflammatory mechanisms and new pathways for drug discovery. Proposals focusing on clinically relevant outcomes as a result of the metabolic syndrome, diabetes or obesity are also encouraged. Outcomes studies should focus on clinical/and or systems of care (e.g., quality improvement) interventions, and use outcomes measures of importance to both patients and society, including mortality, significant morbidity or quality of life changes, or economic effects.

Preference for one award will be given to applicants focusing on disparities of care. Despite increased attention to health disparities at the national, state and community levels, relatively little progress has been made in achieving the vision of eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities. Since the rates of cardiovascular mortality in the United States are significantly higher for these patients and this is in fact the leading cause of death in this demographic, innovative approaches to eliminating these disparities are critical. In an effort to encourage and support research in this area, proposals will be encouraged that focus on gender, race, geographic, and economic inequalities in cardiovascular care.

**Closing date 12 June 2024 (Forecast)**

**Award amount max USD 100,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website <https://www.acc.org/Membership/Join-Us/Benefits/Award-Programs/ACC-ABC-Merck-Research-Fellowship-Award>**

## INTERNATIONAL VISITING FELLOWSHIP

This fellowship supports a well-established scholar or expert in the field of democracy or human rights devoted to the promotion and building of democracy and human rights that intends to undertake research related to Taiwan's democracy or human rights or engage in a democracy or human rights promotion project.

**Closing date 15 June 2024**

**Award amount TWD 135,000 - TWD 330,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website <https://www.tfd.org.tw/en/grants/fellowships>**

## RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

The Helen Hay Whitney Foundation supports early postdoctoral research training in all basic biomedical sciences. To attain its ultimate goal of increasing the number of imaginative, well-trained and dedicated medical scientists, the Foundation grants financial support of sufficient duration to help further the careers of young men and women engaged in biological or medical research.

**Closing date 15 June 2024 (Forecast)**

**Award amount min USD 189,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website <https://hhwf.org/research-fellowship/>**

## PhDs

### SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE AWARD (SINGA)

The Singapore International Graduate Award (SINGA) is a collaboration between the Agency for Science, Technology & Research (A\*STAR), the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), the National University of Singapore (NUS), the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) and the Singapore Management University (SMU).

SINGA supports PhD studies in Biomedical Sciences, Computing and Information Sciences, Engineering and Technology, and Physical Sciences.

PhD training is carried out in English at a student's chosen lab at A\*STAR research institutes and NTU/NUS/SUTD/SMU. Upon successful completion, students are conferred a PhD degree by either NTU, NUS, SUTD or SMU.

**Closing date 01 June 2024**

**Award amount min SGD 129,600**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website <https://www.a-star.edu.sg/Scholarships/For-Graduate-Studies/Singapore-International-Graduate-Award-SINGA>**

### ICFO PhD Program

ICFO offers a focused PhD in Photonics program in partnership within the Doctoral School of the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona Tech (UPC).

The PhD program is designed to prepare PhD students for leadership in the academic and the industrial worlds, with an emphasis on intensive research-based training. ICFO aims at promoting a multidisciplinary, international research environment with opportunities to undertake research in the most advanced topics in optical sciences and technologies.

Benefits of a PhD at ICFO include:

- access to cutting-edge experimental infrastructures and research facilities
  - participation in scientific lectures, specialized courses and seminars
  - wide-ranging opportunities for personal and professional development
  - tailor-made ICFO+ Training and Development Program
  - active mentoring by experienced and world-class researchers
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- outstanding support from Academic Programs and Human Resources and Education
  - lively student community and ICONS Student Chapter
  - active social program and language training
  - participation in extensive outreach program

Research lines include, but are not limited to theoretical and experimental aspects of:

- Atto-Science, Ultrafast Optics & Nonlinear Optics
- Photovoltaics, Thermal Photonics & Solar Fuels
- Optical Sensing & Optoelectronics
- NanoPhotonics & NanoMechanics
- Ultracold Quantum Gases
- Quantum and Low-Dimensional Materials
- Quantum Communications, Sensing & Simulation
- Quantum Optics & Quantum Information
- Nanophotonics, Condensed Matter Physics & Light-Matter Interactions
- Medical Optics
- Biophysics, Biophotonics & Super-Resolution Imaging

**Closing date 12 June 2024**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website <https://jobs.icfo.eu/index.php?detail=887>**

## PhD fellowships

The Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds awards PhD fellowships to outstanding junior scientists worldwide who wish to pursue an ambitious PhD project in basic biomedical research in an internationally leading laboratory. The Foundation supports only experimental projects in basic biomedical research, including in silico projects. For example:

- Analysis of RNA polymerase I structure and transcription regulation
- The role of spontaneous activity in the development of neural circuits
- Intestinal symbionts induce distinct populations of regulatory T cells
- Heterochromatin protein 1 secures survival and transmission of malaria parasites
- Epigenetic reprogramming in the maternal germ line.

**Closing date 01 June 2024**

**Award amount max €84,000**

**Country of applicant institution Unrestricted**

**Website <https://www.bifonds.de/fellowships-grants/phd-fellowships.html>**

# Award Schemes

URC is pleased to announce the opening of the following award schemes to recognize and celebrate the research contributions of researchers at UoP

- Research Excellence Awards – 2024
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- URC Research Awards – 2023
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- Recognition Awards for Research Grant Recipients – 2023

The deadline for applications has been extended until April 19, 2024.

## **RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARDS – 2024**

*CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARDS BASED ON THE  
TRANSPARENT RESEARCH PERFORMANCE SCHEME – 2024  
UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA*

The University Research Council [URC] is pleased to call for applications for research excellence awards - 2023 based on the transparent research performance scheme stipulated in the UGC circular 05/2018 from eligible permanent academic/administrative staff. The transparent research performance scheme operates on Hirsch Index (h-index) based scheme stipulated in the aforesaid circular. The URC decided to recognize researchers belonging to academic and administrative staff categories of University of Peradeniya who have fulfilled the minimum requirements for the Tier 4\* category based on their h-index as indicated in the aforesaid circular.

**Application Deadline: 19th April 2024**

Notice

<https://site.pdn.ac.lk/centers/urc/doc/2023-reexawrd-notice.pdf>

Application

<https://site.pdn.ac.lk/centers/urc/doc/2023-reexawrd-app.pdf>

UGC circular 05/2018

<https://site.pdn.ac.lk/centers/urc/doc/2023-reexawrd-circuler.pdf>

# URC RESEARCH AWARDS – 2023

## 1. Introduction

To acknowledge and incentivize outstanding research and creative achievements within the past year, the University Research Council (URC) of the University of Peradeniya (UoP) establishes the URC Research Awards. These awards will celebrate the contributions of researchers who have significantly advanced their fields and motivate further research endeavours across the university.

## 2. Types of Awards:

There are two types of awards, namely:

- i. URC Research Award for the outstanding researcher (Tier 1)
- ii. URC Research Award for the outstanding researcher (Tier2)

A certificate and a plaque will be awarded.

## 3. Eligibility for Awards:

### General Criteria:

To be eligible for an award, the candidate **MUST** comply with the following eligibility criteria, in general:

- A permanent member of the UoP.
- Publications, patents, and other achievements considered for the award must be from January to December of the award year.
- Should have at least one Indexed Journal [see: Section 4(a) below].
- Manuscripts that are accepted but not published will not be considered but articles that are published with a DOI number but have not been allocated to an issue will be considered.
- In all publications and works submitted for evaluation, the applicant's primary affiliation must be clearly stated as 'University of Peradeniya'.
- The publications presented in the symposia for undergraduate programs at UoP are not eligible for consideration.

### Specific Criteria:

Faculties/Disciplines	Minimum Marks Required	
	Tier 1- Associate Professors/ Professors and Senior Professors	Tier 2- Lecturers and Senior Lecturers
Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, and Science except Mathematics	25	20
Dental, Allied Health Sciences, Veterinary Sciences, Arts and Management, Mathematics	20	15

### Method of Selection:

1. URC will appoint a 3-member committee to evaluate the applications and to select the winners which will be presented to the MC of the URC for approval
2. The applications submitted without the required information will be rejected.

### Application:

<https://site.pdn.ac.lk/centers/urc/doc/application1.pdf>

**Application Deadline: 19th April 2024**



## RECOGNITION AWARDS OF RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENTS – 2023

These grants are established to recognize research grant recipients in the year 2023. The following matrices are used to decide these recognition grants

### 1. Grant Award Amount:

- Total Amount: This metric provides a direct indication of the scale and perceived value of the research by funding agencies.
- Distribution: Evaluate the balance between national and international grants, indicating the researcher's reach and competitiveness.

### 2. Grant Source Prestige:

- Tiering of National Grants: Classify national grants based on their prestige or difficulty in securing, weighting them accordingly.
- Reputational Ranking of International Agencies: Use established rankings like SCImago Institutions Rankings or Leiden Ranking to assign points based on the grant agency's international standing.

### 3. Grant Type:

- Principal Investigator (PI) vs. Co-Investigator: Assign a higher weight to grants where the researcher is the PI, demonstrating leadership and responsibility.
- Individual vs. Collaborative Grants: Consider the balance between individual and collaborative grants, providing insight into the researcher's independence and ability to work with others.

### Eligibility criteria:

- To be eligible, the granted research project must list the University of Peradeniya as the institutional affiliation for the researcher(s).
- Research grants must be currently active and have been running for at least three months as of January 1st of the application year.
- The funded research project's completion date must fall after June 30th of the year the grant will be awarded.

### The following grants are not eligible:

- Capacity building grants
- Grants outside the time windows specified above

### Normalization:

Eligible total mark is based on the researcher's career stage and the field of study to ensure fair comparison. The following table specifies the total marks required:

Faculties/Disciplines	No of years after PhD	
	0 - 15	Over 15
Medicine, Science except Mathematics, Engineering, and Agriculture	5	10
Dental, Allied Health Sciences, Veterinary Sciences, Arts and Management	4	8

### Application

<https://site.pdn.ac.lk/centers/urc/doc/application2.pdf>

**Application Deadline: 19th April 2024**

# Workshops & Training Programmes

**Unlock a world of knowledge through the University Research Council, University of Peradeniya's workshops.**

**Please email the duly completed form together with the proof of payment to reach Secretary University Research Council [secretaryurc@gs.pdn.ac.lk](mailto:secretaryurc@gs.pdn.ac.lk) by the due date specified in the flyer.**

- **Rs. 500 for permanent staff**
- **Rs. 300 for temporary staff and PG students**
- **Free for undergraduate students**

**Stay informed about upcoming workshops on the URC website:  
<https://site.pdn.ac.lk/centers/urc/index.php>.**





## **Research Publication Facilitation Fund University Of Peradeniya**

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

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 1 or higher will be considered for RPPF
- If the impact factor is greater than or equal to 1 and less than 2, USD 500 per author up to a maximum of USD 1000 per paper per year.
- If the impact factor is greater than or equal to 2, USD 500 per author up to a maximum of USD 1500 per paper per year.

### **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 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 1500.00** per year for the researchers of the University of Peradeniya to facilitate publishing their research findings in high ranking peer-reviewed journals.

Publishing research findings in reputed journals inevitably increases the visibility of research work and thereby it brings reputation and publicity for the researchers as well as for the university. Therefore, encouraging researchers to publish their scholarly work in reputed high-impact journals is of paramount importance. Publishing in many high-impact international peer reviewed journals involves page charges amounting to USD 2500 or even more, especially if the researcher intends to publish as an open access article. Publishing as an open access article invariably enhances the visibility of the research work leading to high number of citations.

Assisting researchers with their publications has been a long-felt need at Peradeniya. Providing assistance for researchers in getting their research work in high impact journals has been identified as one of the priorities in establishing the University Research Council. Accordingly, the URC takes pleasure in enhancing the Publication support to our researchers from January 2023

### Applying for Research Publication Facilitation Fund [RPFF]

#### Application

A link for the fillable form is given below. This can fill using Adobe Acrobat Reader latest versions.

[https://site.pdn.ac.lk/centers/urc/doc/Application%20For%20RPFF\\_URC\\_2021.pdf](https://site.pdn.ac.lk/centers/urc/doc/Application%20For%20RPFF_URC_2021.pdf)

- 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.
- And send the application to URC before paying the Article Processing Charge (APC) for approval and necessary processing.

#### Financial assistance

- Only the full-length articles published in SCI/SSCI/SCI-expanded/SSCI-expanded with an impact factor of 1 or higher will be considered for RPFF
- If the impact factor is greater than or equal to 1 and less than 2, USD 500 per author up to a maximum of USD 1000 per paper per year.
- If the impact factor is greater than or equal to 2, USD 500 per author up to a maximum of USD 1500 per paper per year.

#### Eligibility criteria

- **Applicant:** The applicant should be a permanent staff member of University of Peradeniya and one of the authors of the journal article
- **Affiliation:** University of Peradeniya should have been identified as the sole affiliation or one of the affiliations. Journal articles which do not carry University of Peradeniya as an affiliation are not eligible for funding.
- **Research work:** Research should have been carried out fully or in part at University of Peradeniya. Research work carried out by a permanent staff member of University of Peradeniya completely outside of University of Peradeniya may also be eligible.
- **The use of Institutional e-mail address:** The author/s affiliated to University of Peradeniya are encouraged to use the official e-mail address with pdn domain name provided by University of Peradeniya in correspondence with the journal. If the applicant is the corresponding author of the journal article the author should have used the institutional e-mail address.
- **Journal:** The journal should be indexed in SCI/SSCI or SCI-expanded/SSCI-expanded journal with a journal impact of 1 or higher.
- **Frequency:** Once a calendar year.

#### Payment

- The payment must be done by a permanent staff member of the University of Peradeniya
- 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.
- 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.

#### Others

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



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