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RESEARCH GRANTS

THE NUCLEAR MEDICINE PILOT RESEARCH GRANT IN NEUROENDOCRINE TUMORS (NETS)

The Nuclear Medicine Pilot Research Grant in Neuroendocrine Tumors (NETs) is designed to help a basic or clinical scientist in the early stages of his/her career conduct novel and innovative research that may be leveraged to lead to further funding from other foundations, corporations or government agencies.

Closing date 01 May 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount USD 50,000 - 100,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://www.mierf.org/to-apply/>

EARLY CAREER FACULTY INNOVATOR PROGRAM

The Early Career Faculty Innovator Program provides funding for faculty in the social, policy, and behavioral sciences to co-develop interdisciplinary and actionable research projects in partnership with scientists and engineers at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, Colorado.

A primary goal of the Innovator Program is to address complex research problems by building partnerships between NCAR scientists and early career faculty. Research themes that align with NSF and NCAR strategic priorities are selected for each two-year cohort.

- 2023-2025 Cohort: Actionable Earth System Science
- 2025-2027 Research Theme: Convergent and Actionable Earth System Science

The Innovators Program strives to have a diverse representation of universities and encourages applications from early career faculty who are members of a group that are historically under-represented in social sciences and STEM, including faculty who are Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Hispanic or Latino, female, and those with disabilities, Veterans and LGBTQA.

Closing date 01 May 2024

Award amount max USD 125,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://edec.ucar.edu/university-partnerships/innovators/eligibility-and-application>

PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM - ASTROPHYSICS

The SAO Predoctoral Program is designed for graduate students wishing to carry out all or part of their thesis research at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory.

The CfA is at the forefront, internationally, of the scientific exploration of the universe. Our research covers theoretical astrophysics, observational ground and space-based astronomy, engineering and technology development, and education. The research objectives of the CfA are carried out primarily with the support of government, Smithsonian Institution, and Harvard funds, with additional philanthropic support.

Closing date 01 May 2024

Award amount min USD 42,588

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://pweb.cfa.harvard.edu/opportunities/graduate-undergraduate-programs/predoctoral-program>

DR. MARTHA PITEL GLOBAL NURSING RESEARCH GRANT

This grant encourages nurses to collaborate across countries on responding to health disparities globally.

Closing date 01 May 2024

Award amount max USD 10,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://www.sigmanursing.org/advance-elevate/research/research-grants/dr-martha-pitel-global-nursing-research-grant>

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/>

H-15 GRANT: EARLY CAREER RESEARCH GRANT

The H-15 Grant is awarded to early career scholars for proposals outlining a historical research study. It is expected that the research and new materials produced by the grant recipient will help ensure the growth of scholarly work focused on the history of nursing.

Closing date 01 May 2024

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://www.aahn.org/research-grants>

RESEARCH GRANTS - LAW LIBRARIES

The fund provides a secure financial base, enabling the LexisNexis Research Grant Jury to carry out the Association's Research Agenda. That agenda encompasses research in the major topic areas of provision of legal information services, law library collections, legal research, the profession of law librarianship, and law library administration.

The grant will fund one or more projects of value to those professions that create, disseminate, or use legal and law-related information. The AALL Research Grant program aims to stimulate a diverse range of scholarship in any format.

Closing date 01 May 2024

Award amount max USD 5,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://www.aallnet.org/education-training/grants/research-grants/>

TOYOTA FOUNDATION RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

Since 2021, the Toyota Foundation Research Grant Program has invited proposals for research projects that ambitiously address the challenges of issues focused on diverse connections (interlinkages), including those of people with people, people with nature, and people with things/technology to design a new future, based on the theme “Interlinkages and Innovation for Future Societies.” This is based on the belief that in order to realize an affluent and harmonious world, we need to fundamentally reexamine our existing social systems and how human beings relate to the natural environment, things, and technology and envisage the future from the perspective of interlinkages.

Closing date 09 June 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount max JPY 8,000,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://www.toyotafound.or.jp/english/research/2023/>

HUMAN AUGMENTATION

This Defence and Security Accelerator (DASA) competition aims to develop safe and ethical, Generation-After-Next (GAN) prototype HA technologies that mitigate human performance as the limiting factor in a UK Defence environment. Suppliers are invited to develop and prototype a HA technology to Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 5-6. (e.g. test and evaluation of a prototype in a relevant environment) by the end of the contract.

For this competition, a relevant environment is one that can be simulated in a laboratory setting, for example, a control room, a treadmill based march, extreme (controlled) environments and a scenario that includes decision making as a team or a scenario that is presented in virtual reality. Please note that these examples are not exhaustive.

Suppliers will be invited to submit proposals to develop HA technologies to reduce human performance as the limiting factor in Defence scenarios. Suppliers should focus on technologies that influence the following human capabilities and aptitudes, including but not limited to:

- sensory enhancement to support mission outcomes
- collaborative working (including human-human and human-machine)
- attention during tasks with a cognitive element
- enhanced decision making (reduced time and improved outcomes)
- physical endurance
- strength
- overcoming limitations to physical and cognitive fatigue

Closing date 13 June 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount max £2,000,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/competition-human-augmentation>

MAX PLANCK RESEARCH GROUPS

To support emerging scholars early in their career path the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Wissenschaften invites outstanding scientists from all fields of research pursued in the organization to apply for the position of Max Planck Research Group Leader. Successful candidates will lead their own independent Max Planck Research Group at a participating Max Planck Institute of their own choice for a period of six years.

Closing date 11 May 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount max €2,000,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://www.mpg.de/career/max-planck-research-groups/applications>

FELLOWSHIPS

JAMES P. DANKY FELLOWSHIP

These fellowships provide cash prizes for individuals' expenses while conducting research using the collections of the Wisconsin Historical Society.

We invite fellowship recipients to present their work to our community in a format that will be determined in consultation with the recipient.

Preference will be given to:

- proposals undertaking research in print culture history
- research likely to lead to publication

If in residence during the semester, the recipient will be expected to give a presentation as part of the colloquium series of the Center for the History of Print and Digital Culture.

Closing date 01 May 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount min USD 1,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://www.wiscprintdigital.org/fellowship/>

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.

At the end of the fellowship period, the fellow will be expected to present his or her project in a public lecture at the Einstein Forum and at the Wittenstein Foundation. The Einstein Fellowship is not intended for applicants who wish to complete an academic study they have already begun.

Closing date 01 June 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount min €10,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://www.einsteinforum.de/about/fellowship/?lang=en>

VISITING JOURNALIST FELLOWSHIP

Because journalists report on issues of relevance to RSF, the Foundation has established a Visiting Journalist Fellowship that has two goals. First, the fellowship can fill a need that journalism's own institutions are not set up to fulfill—that is, to provide journalists the time and resources needed to carry out an original project.

Second, the fellowship is an opportunity for journalists to carry out their projects while interacting with resident visiting scholars who might help inform the development of these projects. We expect to foster relationships between social scientists and journalists interested in topics related to the Foundation's core programs through interactions with RSF staff, scholars and trustees. These interactions will help provide access to the most recent social science research and policy analysis on the journalist's topic and to help put their specific reporting into broader context.

Through its Visiting Scholars Program, RSF has a long history of providing a unique interdisciplinary environment for distinguished social scientists to work on their own research projects while engaging with other scholars in ways that mutually enhance their work. Thus, RSF is ideally equipped to provide an environment where journalists and social scientists can interact with the goal of making journalistic work more informed and social science research more valuable and accessible to the public.

Closing date 07 May 2024

Award amount max USD 32,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://www.russellsage.org/how-to-apply/visiting-journalist-fellowship-program>

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE (AIR) FELLOWSHIP

The artist in residence (AIR) program seeks to create mutually beneficial lines of exchange between scholars and artists who share an interest in themes at the intersection of religion/spirituality and society. The residency will enrich the scholarly atmosphere of the CSRS by promoting engagement with the creative arts and will assist artists in sharing and developing their practice within a university environment.

The artist in residence is expected to give a public lecture on their work, to take advantage of the private office space provided in the centre, acknowledge the support of the CSRS in work arising from the fellowship and notify the centre of any such works, and to attend the activities of the CSRS (e.g., daily informal meetings over coffee and tea to discuss topics related to religion and society, weekly public lectures of other centre fellows). Fellows do not need to participate in all events but are encouraged to be involved in the thriving academic and social life of the centre.

Closing date 15 May 2024

Award amount min CAD 6,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/csrs/fellowships-awards/apply/artist/index.php>

ECONOMY AND SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL AWARD - SCHOLARSHIPS

The Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation invites applications for its economy and society international award - scholarships. These enable young researchers to undertake advanced research courses relating to the study and application of new models of socio-economic development which, in line with the principles of the social doctrine of the Church, are inclusive, supportive and sustainable.

Applicants must be under the age of 35 and must have obtained a master's degree or equivalent with an overall score of 105 out of 110 between 1 August 2015 and 31 December 2020.

Closing date 22 May 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount €10,000 - €20,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://www.centesimusannus.org/attivita/premio-internazionale-economia-e-societa/>

VISITING FELLOWSHIPS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

These SSSHARC visiting fellowships are for outstanding international or Australian-based social science researchers who wish to collaborate with researchers from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Sydney.

Fellows will enhance research in FASS at the University of Sydney by:

- advancing their own research program.
- actively collaborating with one or more University of Sydney researchers, on new or existing projects, co-publications and/or external grant applications, as appropriate.
- giving presentations such as workshops, seminars in senior undergraduate or postgraduate courses or Higher Degree Research (HDR) master classes, with the scale of the presentation program negotiated in relation to the duration of the Fellowship.
- delivering at least one outward-facing public talk, panel discussion, podcast or insight piece facilitated by SSSHARC.

Closing date 31 May 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount max AUD 90,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/arts/our-research/centres-institutes-and-groups/sydney-social-sciences-and-humanities-advanced-research-centre/project-opportunities.html>

BRANDON FRADD FELLOWSHIP IN MUSIC COMPOSITION

In addition to supporting Cuban artists, many early in their careers, the CINTAS Foundation also maintains a growing collection of works by past awardees and other esteemed Cuban artists. For historical value and documentation, award recipients are encouraged to submit signed music scores (i.e., representative samples of their work) to be added to the CINTAS Fellows Collection after the grant period.

Candidates must submit a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 recordings, two should be recent works completed within the last 5 years. Recordings must accompany scores (MIDI recordings are allowed but not preferred). Scores must be received in pdf format. A list of all submitted works (including the date of each) must be provided, showing which works have been performed.

Closing date 01 May 2024

Award amount min USD 25,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://www.cintasfoundation.org/fellowships/music-composition-fellowship>

WILLIAM R. EYLER EDITORIAL FELLOWSHIP

The William R. Eyler Editorial Fellowship provides an opportunity for mid-career radiologists to further their experience in radiologic journalism by working with RSNA journal editors and publications staff.

As an Eyler fellow, you'll learn about manuscript preparation and editing, peer review, journal production, printing and digital publishing. At the end of the fellowship, you'll complete a program evaluation and prepare a follow-up report on your experiences during and after the fellowship.

Closing date 01 May 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount min USD 10,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://www.rsna.org/journals/editorial-fellowships>

FELLOWSHIP IN ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

Candidates in the fields of architectural design, interior design, urban design and urban planning may submit applications for the fellowship.

In addition to supporting Cuban artists, many early in their careers, the CINTAS Foundation also maintains a growing collection of works by past awardees and other esteemed Cuban artists. For the purpose of historical value and documentation, architectural award recipients are encouraged to submit architectural drawings (i.e., representative samples of their work) to be added to the CINTAS Fellows Collection after the grant period.

Closing date 01 May 2024

Award amount min USD 25,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://cintasfoundation.org/fellowships/architecture-and-design-fellowship>

Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowships

Recent PhDs in anthropology and related fields frequently lack the time and resources to publish their work. But their research is often the source of the discipline's most exciting new ideas. This program supports emerging scholars whose work has the potential to transform our understanding of what it means to be human.

Recipients can use the fellowship award while preparing a book, monograph, journal article(s), book chapter(s), or a combination of such publications. The Foundation particularly welcomes proposals that emphasize comparative perspectives, are likely to generate innovative approaches or ideas, and/or integrate two or more subfields. We also welcome proposals for writing projects that can stand as a model for new genres of scholarly communication.

Closing date 01 May 2024

Award amount max USD 40,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

<https://wennergren.org/program/hunt-postdoctoral-fellowship/>

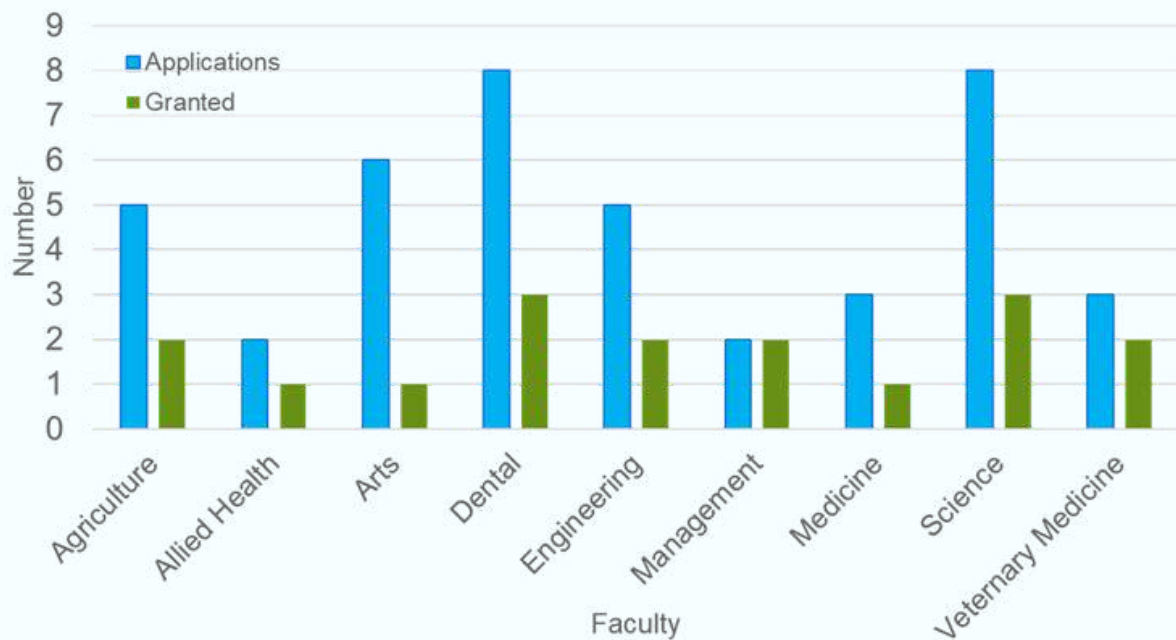
Multidisciplinary Research Grants Final Report

The distribution of the applications received is given below:

| Faculty | PI | Co-I |
|---|----|------|
| Faculty of Agriculture | 5 | 6 |
| Faculty of Allied Health Sciences | 2 | 5 |
| Faculty of Arts | 6 | 18 |
| Faculty of Dental Sciences | 8 | 15 |
| Faculty of Engineering | 5 | 16 |
| Faculty of Management | 2 | 2 |
| Faculty of Medicine | 3 | 9 |
| Faculty of Science | 8 | 24 |
| Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science | 3 | 13 |
| TOTAL | 42 | |

All the project proposals were sent to two evaluators, one of whom is an evaluator named by the applicant and the other was mainly found from the NSF databases. At the Special Management Committee meeting held on March 6th, 2024 at 11.00 a.m., it was decided to fund projects in merit order while making sure each faculty receives at least one project.

The following figure shows the grant applications received and grants offered under each faculty.



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 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>.



Writing Research Proposals: How AI Engines Could Help? - An Interactive Workshop @26th February 2024 in SENATE ROOM

The University Research Committee (URC) organized a thought-provoking workshop on "Writing Research Proposals: How AI Engines Could Help?" on 26th February 2024, held from 9:00 AM to 12:00 pm in the Senate room. The event featured Prof. Janaka Ekanayake, the esteemed director of URC, as the distinguished speaker.

The workshop aimed to delve into the evolving landscape of research proposal writing and explore the potential contributions of AI engines in enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of this critical aspect of academic research. With the rapid advancements in artificial intelligence, the workshop provided an interactive platform for participants to gain insights into how AI technologies could revolutionize the research proposal writing process.

Prof. Janaka Ekanayake, with his extensive expertise in research management and innovation, shared valuable perspectives on the integration of AI engines in compelling research proposals. Participants had the opportunity to explore various AI-driven tools and techniques designed to streamline literature reviews, data analysis, and overall proposal development.

The workshop encouraged active participation, fostering a collaborative environment where attendees could ask questions, share experiences, and engage in discussions about the practical applications of AI in their respective research domains.

Prof. Janaka Ekanayake's engaging presentation not only highlighted the potential of AI in research but also provided practical guidance on incorporating these technologies into everyday academic workflows. The workshop concluded with a stimulating Q&A session, allowing participants to further clarify doubts and seek additional insights from the knowledgeable speaker.



Workshop on Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis @PGIHS & IT Center UoP on 14th and 15th March 2024

The Workshop on Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis organized by the University Research Council was successfully concluded on the 14th and 15th of March 2024. It was Hosted over two days, and the workshop aimed to equip participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to conduct systematic reviews and meta-analyses effectively.

The first day of the workshop, focusing on systematic review methodologies, took place at the PGIHS Auditorium. Participants delved into the intricacies of systematic review processes, learning how to formulate research questions, conduct literature searches, appraise study quality, and synthesize evidence systematically.

On the second day, held at the IT Center of the University of Peradeniya, the focus shifted to meta-analysis techniques. Attendees gained insights into the statistical methods used to combine and analyze data from multiple studies, enabling them to draw robust conclusions and make informed decisions based on the synthesized evidence.

Throughout the workshop, esteemed resource persons shared their expertise and insights, enriching the learning experience for all participants. We were honored to have the following distinguished individuals as resource persons:

1. Prof. Dr. Karthikeyan Ramalingam, BDS., MDS., MBA(H.A.), Ph.D
Associate Dean,
Professor and Head (Admin)
Department of Oral Pathology and Microbiology,
Saveetha Dental College,
Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.
2. Prof Dr Monal Yuwanati, BDS., MDS.,Ph.D
Professor in Oral Pathology and Microbiology
Department of Oral Pathology and Microbiology
Saveetha Dental College,
Chennai. Tamilnadu, India.

Their expertise and guidance were invaluable in enhancing participants' understanding of systematic review and meta-analysis methodologies. Overall, with approximately 60 participants in attendance, the workshop was a resounding success, fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange, and skill development in the field of evidence synthesis.





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 RPF
- 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

- 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.

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