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<p>Main objectives: To facilitate and support infrastructure development of research laboratories to establish a sustainable and viable research culture in the country.</p> <p>Specific objectives: Enhance the infrastructure facilities available for R & D for socio economic development of the country.</p> <p>Corporate Plan Reference: 1.1.4.5</p> <p>Objective: (1.4) : To drive, Promote and Support RD & Initiatives of the National Research and Innovation System (NRIS)</p>		
<p>Rationale: Laboratories with modern infrastructure facilities are needed for research to be in par with the global S & T research. This scheme/programme intends to assist the acquisition of equipment for research that is generally too costly to be purchased by the Research Institutions and Universities.</p> <p>Accordingly this scheme encourages the scientists to carry out and strengthen the research base for R & D activities directed towards socio economic development of Sri Lanka.</p>		
<p>Programme Consideration :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To strengthen infrastructure facilities of laboratories by supporting purchase of research equipment. • To provide such research equipment to R & D Institutes and Universities to upgrade research and development. • Preference will be given to NSF funded ongoing projects. • Priority will be given for multi-user (research) applications and applications for specific programmes for development of laboratories. • To consider applications for many pieces of equipment only if they are essential to perform an identified research programme. 		
<p>Programme guidelines :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for grants will be advertised once a year in the local newspapers and in the NSF website www.nsf.gov.lk • Applicants for the Research Equipment Grant must be citizens and residing in Sri Lanka and registered with the STMIS database of the NSF. • Equipment costing more than Rs. 2 million will be entertained and request for Equipment should be strongly justified. • Application should be submitted by the Dean of the Faculty <u>or</u> the Head of the Research Institution. The Dean of the Faculty should send the application through the Vice Chancellor of the University. • Completed application form(s) and four (04) valid quotations should be sent to the NSF. 		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These applications are evaluated on competitive basis as per a marking scheme and recommendations for funding will be made by the Board Committee. • The recommendations of the Board Committee will be forwarded to the Board of Management for approval. • Once the Board approval is granted the Award Letter and the Contractual Agreement are sent to the applicant. • Once the Agreement is completed and submitted the NSF will arrange to transfer the funds. • The recipient institution will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. required to process, finalize and install the equipment within six (06) months from the date of funds transfer b. required to follow its own purchasing procedure and financial regulations as is being practiced currently. c. required to submit annual progress reports to the NSF up to 5 years from the date of purchase, according to the NSF format d. required to submit a copy of the inventory page (which includes the folio number) and a copy of the Goods Received Note (GRN) to the NSF and certified by the Head of the Institution, within a month (01) from the date of the equipment being received by the Institution. In the event of non-compliance with this requirement, the Institution/ Faculty will not be eligible to receive grants under this scheme, for a period of five years from the date of award of this equipment grant. <p>The NSF will not consider spare parts for research equipment as it is the responsibility of the Institute.</p>		
Outputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhance the infrastructure facilities required for research in Universities and R & D Institutions to conduct research. - Strengthen the R & D potential and excellence in research of R & D personnel required for the socio economic development of the country. - Publication of research findings in local and international journals. 		
Target groups /Beneficiaries Local Universities, R & D Institutions and Researchers in Science & Technology		
Possible Collaborators/Partners None		
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