

What is OSTP?

The Overseas Special Training Programme (OSTP) is designed to enable Sri Lankan Science, Technology and allied personnel to acquire necessary skills and expertise at centres of excellence abroad.

Who should apply;

All applicants must be citizens of, and presently working in, Sri Lanka and should be,

- Scientists and technical personnel who are currently engaged in research or are working in a laboratory whose primary function is scientific research or scientific service
- Senior scientists, engineers, managers or directors at a scientific institution / industrial facility
- Science educators, science communicators, science administrators, Intellectual Property managers, Technology managers, Science and Technology policy makers, etc.
- Postgraduate students who are not permanent employees of Universities and/or Institutions but registered for research degrees and conducting full time research
- Full time Research Scientists on contract



Priority areas for funding*

Biotechnology	Advanced Materials
Nanotechnology	Satellite Communication
ICT	Mechatronics
Advanced Engineering Design	Robotics
Advanced Manufacturing	Electronics

*These are in line with the Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy

The Scheme is available as;

1. **NSF Training Fellowships** - For senior scientists & technologists and allied personnel having postgraduate qualifications to obtain specialized training at internationally recognized institutions for a period up to a maximum of twelve months.
2. **NSF Travelling Fellowships** - For senior scientists, technologists and allied personnel having postgraduate qualifications to visit specialised institutions and research facilities for short term training or to develop collaborative programmes for a period up to a maximum of one month.

3. NSF Training Scholarships -

For Science Technology and allied personnel who are yet to get their postgraduate qualifications or postgraduate students conducting full time research, to obtain training in specific areas for a maximum period of 12 months and for training / studies up to a maximum of 36 months (for exceptional situations, especially for training in advanced technologies that is not available in Sri Lanka).

Expected Outcome

- Building capabilities and skills of Sri Lankan STI workforce
- Building up of state of the art capabilities amongst scientific, research and innovation community so that they could provide a stronger contribution to the national development



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NSF Requirements

- Proof of proficiency in English/ working language of the programme (oral and written)
- Evidence of acceptance by the foreign training institution and reasons for selecting same
- Applicants who are applying for programmes exceeding one month under the OSTP will be called for an interview with NSF Board of Management as and when necessary
- All recipients of OSTP awards will have to sign a legally binding document with NSF obligating to return and work in Sri Lanka for a stipulated period after their training
- Submission of a detailed OSTP report on the programme within a month of return
- Recipients will be eligible to re-apply after two (2) years from the date of submission of their OSTP report

More information could be obtained by visiting the web site :

www.nsf.ac.lk



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