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|    | <b>Programme Brief</b>   | Issue No: SSPF- 1.2              |
|   | <b>Support Scheme for Publication Fees (SSPF) of Sri Lankan Scientists</b> | Date of BoM Approval: 20/02/2024 |
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| <p><b>Main objective:</b> Support the Publication fees of research papers of Sri Lankan Scientists whose papers have been accepted by high-impact indexed journals</p> <p><b>Corporate Plan Reference:</b> 1.4.8</p> <p><b>Specific Objective:</b> To support the publication of research in reputed, indexed, high - impact international journals for dissemination of research results for greater visibility.</p>   |  |                                  |
| <p><b>Rationale:</b></p> <p>Research publications enable sharing of findings so that others can benefit from the new knowledge which has been discovered. It also gives project findings the opportunity to be critically evaluated, reproduced and thus gains validity. Therefore, the way to reach the widest audience is to publish the findings in a reputed journal.</p> <p>However, some reputed journals charge publication fees. As such, funding the publication fees of Sri Lankan Scientists whose papers have been accepted by indexed journals will be an immense encouragement for them, and will ensure greater visibility for their R &amp; D activities.</p>   |  |                                  |
| <p><b>Programme consideration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publications should arise in an Open Access journal, indexed in the Clarivate Analytics Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) or Social Science Citation Index (SSCI).</li> <li>• To be eligible for the grant, the minimum Impact Factor/ss of the journal/s on the year of publication of the article must be as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) - 2.0</li> <li>✓ Social Science Citation Index (SSCI)- 1.0</li> </ul> </li> <li>• This scheme operates on Reimbursement basis.</li> <li>• The applications are invited twice a year in March (for articles published from March to September in the preceding year) and October (articles published from October of the preceding year to April of the present year).</li> <li>• Preference is given to first-time applicants and early career applicants, applicants who do not have institutional support, applicants who receive supplementary funding and applicants who have a good track record with relation to NSF grants.</li> <li>• Partial support will be provided for applicants with institutional support.</li> </ul> |  |                                  |
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**Programme guidelines:**

- Applications are entertained from Sri Lankan citizens working in a state sector Institutions/Organizations.
- Applicants should be Sri Lankan citizens registered with the STMIS database of the NSF.
- The scheme supports Research and Review Articles.
- Research/Review article must be published by an Open Access journal indexed in the Clarivate Analytics Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) or Social Science Citation Index (SSCI), and have a minimum Journal Impact Factor of 2.0 and 1.0, respectively, on the year of publication of the article.
- Applicant should be either the 1<sup>st</sup> author or the corresponding author of the publication.
- The below documents are required as annexes to the application:
  1. Published article
  2. Letter of Acceptance from Publisher
  3. Documentary proof for indexing database and Journal Impact factor
  4. Publisher's invoice for payment of Publication Fee
  5. Proof of payment of publication fees
  6. Proof of payment received by the Publisher
  7. Documentary proof that both the first and corresponding authors sought support from his/her/their Institution and the replies received
  8. Citation record of the article for the last 6 months since publication (Number of citations and journals cited)
  9. CVs of all authors
- The application should be submitted through the Vice Chancellor (University) or Head of the Institution (Research Institutions) of the Applicant.
- **Softcopy of the completed application form together with the supporting documents should be sent to dg@nsf.gov.lk**
- Incomplete and inaccurate applications **WILL NOT** be processed.
- Applications will be evaluated against the disciplines covered, socio-economic impact of the findings, citations received and collaborations created. Areas considered are as follows.


| No. | Area                              | Description  |
|-----|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1   | Agriculture                       | Agriculture*, Eco-friendly agriculture, Climate change-resilient agriculture, Livestock*, Fisheries*, Plantation*, Forestry, Post-harvest etc. |
| 2   | Power & Energy*                   | Energy security, Renewable Energy, Green energy etc.   |
| 3   | Environment & Disaster Management | Climate change, Natural disasters, Flood control*, Waste management, Biodiversity, Green economy* etc.   |

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| 4   | Health*  | Medicine, Indigenous medicine*, Pharmaceuticals & Nutraceuticals, Biotechnology, Biomedical, Allied sciences, Sports*   |                                  |
| 5   | Food   | Quality, Safety, Security, Food technology etc.   |                                  |
| 6   | Water  | Supply, Security, Sanitation, Irrigation*, Sewerage*, Drinking water in Jaffna*   |                                  |
| 7   | Natural resources  | Gems*, Minerals, Quarrying, Value addition, Land* etc.  |                                  |
| 8   | Transport & Logistics*   | Aviation*, Port*, Roads* etc.   |                                  |
| 9   | Industry related   | IR 4.0, AI, Digital economy*, Robotics, Technology & Research*, Trade*, Investment*, Tourism*, Housing*, Sub-urban & Regional development*, Handloom*, SMEs* etc.   |                                  |
| 10  | Social Sciences  | Social infrastructure*, Education*, Higher education*, Skills education*, Labour*, Culture & Heritage*, Social protection*, Governance*, Women empowerment*, Community development and social innovations |                                  |
| 11  | Policy formulation   |   |                                  |
| <p>* denotes fields specified under the 2024 Budget Speech and Public Investment Programme (2021-24) by the Department of National Planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The DOI links of the research articles supported will be hosted on the NSF website at <a href="http://www.nsf.gov.lk">www.nsf.gov.lk</a></li> </ul> |  |   |                                  |
| <b>Outputs:</b> High quality publications in indexed, high impact, international journals   |  |   |                                  |
| <b>Target groups /Beneficiaries</b>   |  |   |                                  |
| Scientists in Sri Lanka   |  |   |                                  |
| <b>Possible Collaborators/Partners</b>  |  |   |                                  |
| <b>Remarks</b>  |  |   |                                  |
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