



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

International Collaborative Research Programme

NSF-PSF Joint Call for Proposals 2026

National Science Foundation (NSF) Sri Lanka and Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) are the apex bodies for the promotion and funding of scientific research and commercialization as well as science popularization. Focusing on strengthening bilateral scientific cooperation, NSF and PSF are calling for applications on joint research and development from collaborative research groups involving members from both countries.



Who can apply:

- Sri Lankan team led by a scientist from a university/ research institute
- Pakistan team led by a scientist in HEC recognized Higher Education Institutions-HEIs, R&D organizations and Centres of Excellence



Joint Research Projects must contribute towards the development of Industry, Technology, Process, Techniques, Prototypes, Commercialization and Innovation, leading to socio-economic development of both countries. Joint research proposals of applied nature and have industrial applications will be preferred for funding. Proponents are expected to justify substantial synergy from the proposed collaboration.



Research teams

Sri Lankan and Pakistani scientists should come to an agreement using own means of communication and jointly prepare project proposals before submission to the funding agencies

Guidelines

- Maximum duration: 02 years
- Budget limit: USD 26,000

Key Priority Areas:



- Environment and Climate Change
- Herbal Medicine, Biotechnology and Yield Improvement
- Engineering and Material Sciences
- Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security
- Smart Agriculture and Value Addition

Five best projects (one from each category) will be mutually selected by NSF and PSF for funding.

Submission Deadline:
23rd June 2026



Sri Lankan application should be submitted in electronic form to the e-mail address: nspf@nsf.gov.lk

*Incomplete and late applications will not be processed.
Decision of the National Science Foundation will be final.*