



Programme Brief

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PROGRAMME: NSF Grant Scheme to support Science Education and Popularization Programmes (SEPP) for School and University students and general public, organized by schools / University Science Societies and Research and Development institutes.

OBJECTIVES

1. Uplifting the standard of science education and popularization in the country.
2. To support science education and popularization programmes in schools and Universities.
3. Enhancement of knowledge and skills of the general public on latest science and technology developments.

RATIONALE

The NSF is mandated to fund Science Education and Popularization Activities (Science & Technology Development Act No. 11 of 1994), and there are some requests made by schools, universities and Research and Development institutes for funding their scientific programmes targeting school children and general public. Therefore, the proposed grant scheme will help to improve the science education in the country and widen the science popularization activities leading to enhancement of knowledge and skills of the general public on latest science and technology developments. It is timely to implement a grant scheme to support the organization of such programmes related to science education and popularization. The programme should be with scientific merit and to be oriented towards upgrading the standard of science education and popularization in schools and universities.

PROGRAMME CONCEPT

The scheme is designed to financially assist science education and popularization programmes in schools and universities. The School Science Societies and University Science Societies registered with the NSF and Research and Development institutes who organize programmes targeting school students or general communities are considered for the scheme (registration with the NSF can be obtained free of charge). Programmes will be considered in two major categories, Science Education Programmes and Science Popularization Programmes.

PROGRAMME GUIDELINES

	Science Popularization Programmes	Science Education Programmes
Types of programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science days • Science seminars • Science competitions • Science camps / observation camps • Publish science magazines and radio programmes • Any other activity recognized by the NSF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of school science laboratories • Establish school science centers • Any other school activity recognized by the NSF
Type of request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Support to organize the above-mentioned programmes • Financial Support to provide honoraria and transport allowance to the Resource Personnel of the programme organized by schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial support to improve or set up new scientific infrastructure facilities

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Target Group: School and University Science Societies

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	Science Popularization Programmes	Science Education Programmes
Time frame	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less than six months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum 02 yrs duration An extension can be requested by providing an adequate justification
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to Rs.200, 000/- per programme per year per school / university/ institute. Financial support for Resource Personnel maximum up to Rs. 25,000/- 90% of the total funds requested will be released initially. Remaining 10% of the requested funds will be made on reimbursement basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to Rs.1, 000,000/- per programme Total funds will be provided in installments as 40% and 50% and 10%. The final installment of 10% will be made on reimbursement basis.
Required documents	<p>Duly completed application with the following,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request letter from the Principal / Senior Treasurer/ Head of the institute Detailed estimated budget for the Programme Details of the Programme Any other relevant details The school applications should be forwarded through Zonal Director of Education 	<p>Duly completed application with the following,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request letter from the Principal / Senior Treasurer/ Head of the institute The school applications should be forwarded through Zonal Director of Education Detailed Estimated Budget for the Programme Details of the Programme A proposal indicating following, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name and address of the School / University Science Society/ Institute Project title Rationale Objectives Implementation plan Intended output / outcome Time frame Estimated total budget with the breakdown Total funds expected from NSF Any other relevant details
Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)	Not necessary	An MoU should be signed with the NSF



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- The application forms can be directly downloaded from the NSF website.
- Applications are eligible only from Science Societies registered more than three (03) months prior to the date of application.
- The duly completed applications should be sent to the Director General, National Science Foundation, 47/5, Maitland Place, Colombo 07.
- Applications should be submitted at least 2 1/2 months prior to commencement of the programme.
- Funding will be based on the recommendation of the relevant Committee on Science Popularization and approval of the Board of Management.
- Funding **will not be** provided for accommodation, subsistence payments and local transportation (except for resource persons).
- To request remaining installments (2nd and 3rd), a report on progress made and for the financial and physical progress of the previous installment should be submitted to the NSF along with the request letter.
- To reimburse the final 10%, the original receipts for expenses, a Report with the impact / outcome of the programme should be submitted to the NSF at the end of the programme along with the financial statement for the whole programme authorized by the Principal (schools) / Bursar (universities)/ Head (institutes)etc. For school applicants, these documents should be sent through Zonal Director of Education confirming the progress made in the project.
- If the above report and the financial statement have not been submitted, the remaining funds of the approved budget (10 %) will not be provided, and the school / university/ institute will not be considered for any further financial assistance from the NSF under this scheme.
- Any balance funds should be returned to the NSF within one month, after completion of the programme.
- Sponsorship of the NSF should be clearly mentioned, and the NSF Logo should be clearly displayed in all the documents, presentations, laboratory infrastructure developed etc. related to the Grant. The logo should be obtained from the NSF for the purpose.



TARGET GROUPS/ BENEFISHERIES

School and University science societies registered with the NSF

OUTPUTS

To improve skills and knowledge of school children and university students

REMARKS

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