



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

NSF Research Scholarships – 2026 – First Call

The NSF Research Scholarship scheme is implemented in order to increase the number of postgraduate research studies conducted by Sri Lankan graduates at local Universities. It is also intended to attract and encourage graduates from recognized Universities to conduct fulltime research leading to postgraduate research degrees and to encourage them to take up careers related to research.



Applicants should be mandatorily:

- Citizens of Sri Lanka/ residing in Sri Lanka
- Registered with the STMIS database of the NSF
- Committed for fulltime research only and completely within Sri Lanka
- Graduates with a class in a Bachelors degree from a recognized University OR without a class in the Bachelors but with a Masters or MPhil Degree
- Registered and be accepted by a Faculty of Graduate Studies/ Postgraduate Institute/ Faculty of a recognized University, in SL, with the acceptance letter in hand
- In need of financial support to conduct full time research (only within Sri Lanka) leading up to a maximum of 2 years for a MPhil and up to a maximum of 3 years for a PhD/ MD

**Deadline for Submission
of applications:**

18th May 2026



How to apply

- Further information and the application form can be downloaded from the NSF website (<https://www.nsf.gov.lk>)
- The duly completed application according to the NSF specified format together with required supporting documents should be submitted in electronic form only to the email (schol@nsf.gov.lk)

Grants will be awarded to successful applicants subject to availability of funds. Incomplete applications and applications received after the given deadline will not be processed. Decision of the National Science Foundation will be final.

