

## Programme Brief Research Equipment Grants

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**Main objectives:** To facilitate and support infrastructure development of research laboratories to establish a sustainable and viable research culture in the country.

**Specific objectives:** Enhance the infrastructure facilities available for R & D for socio economic development of the country.

## Corporate Plan Reference: 1.1.4.5

*Objective:* (1.4): To drive, Promote and Support RD & Initiatives of the National Research and Innovation System (NRIS)

**Rationale:** Laboratories with modern infrastructure facilities are needed for research to be in par with the global S & T research. This scheme/programme intends to assist the acquisition of equipment for research that is generally too costly to be purchased by the Research Institutions and Universities.

Accordingly this scheme encourages the scientists to carry out and strengthen the research base for R & D activities directed towards socio economic development of Sri Lanka.

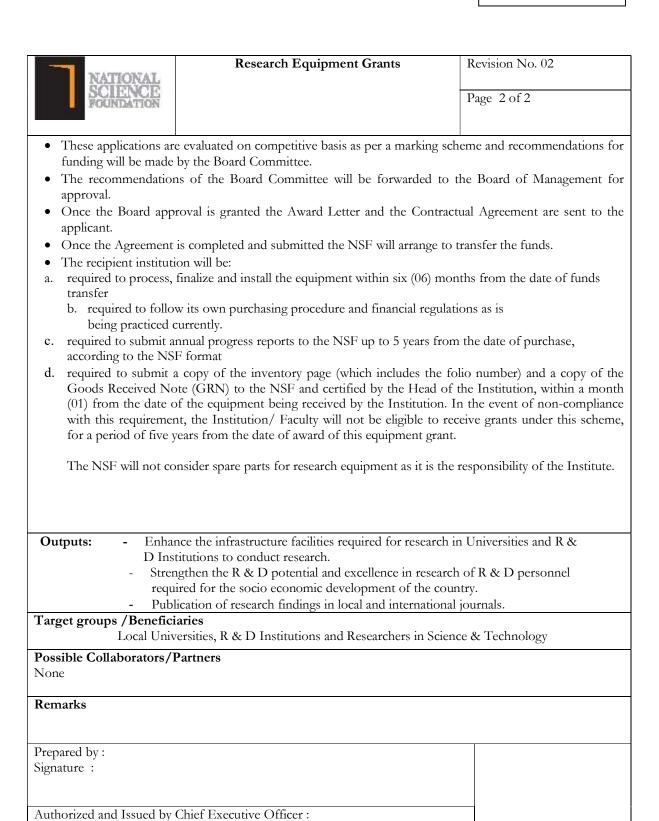
## **Programme Consideration:**

- To strengthen infrastructure facilities of laboratories by supporting purchase of research equipment.
- To provide such research equipment to R & D Institutes and Universities to upgrade research and development.
- Preference will be given to NSF funded ongoing projects.
- Priority will be given for multi-user (research) applications and applications for specific programmes for development of laboratories.
- To consider applications for many pieces of equipment only if they are essential to perform an identified research programme.

## Programme guidelines:

- Applications for grants will be advertised once a year in the local newspapers and in the NSF website www.nsf.gov.lk
- Applicants for the Research Equipment Grant must be citizens and residing in Sri Lanka and registered with the STMIS database of the NSF.
- Equipment costing more than Rs. 2 million will be entertained and request for Equipment should be strongly justified.
- Application should be submitted by the Dean of the Faculty or the Head of the Research Institution. The Dean of the Faculty should send the application through the Vice Chancellor of the University.
- Completed application form(s) and four (04) valid quotations should be sent to the NSF.

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