



National Science Foundation

Application for

NSF Research Scholarships 2017

Criteria for NSF Research Scholarships

1. Be citizens of Sri Lanka and should be registered with the STMIS database of the NSF and committed for fulltime research.
2. Be graduates with a class in a Bachelors degree from a recognized university OR without a class but with a MSc or MPhil.
3. Registered and be accepted by a Faculty of Graduate Studies/ Postgraduate Institute/ Faculty of a recognized University.
4. Merit of the research proposal addressing an issue identified as a national research priority.
5. Have a strong recommendation from the Supervisor.
6. Availability of full-time study leave if the applicant is already employed.
7. Commitment by the host institution to provide the necessary facilities.
8. Research experience or research publications in refereed journals, will be an added qualification.

CHECK LIST

Completed application form in triplicate

Curriculum vitae of all Supervisors

Curriculum vitae of Scholar

Gantt Chart

Reprints of two most recent publications , if any

Certification of the Institution which facilitates the research

Proof of registration for postgraduate degree

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

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1. Scholar's Information

Title Mr/Miss/Mrs **Gender** (M/F)

Surname

Given Names

Date of Birth (*Format DD/MM/YYYY*)

STMIS Reg. No

1.1 Contact Details

Official

Address

Telephone

Fax

e-mail :

Personal

Home Address

Telephone/ Mobile

e-mail :

(Please attach updated CV to the Application.)

2. Research Field *(Please tick the relevant category)*

Agriculture and Food Sciences

Library & Information Science

Basic Sciences

Oceanography & Marine Resources

Biotechnology & Bioethics

Science Education

Engineering Sciences, Architecture & Information Communication Technology

Social Sciences

Environment & Biodiversity

Science & Technology Policy Studies

Health Sciences

Any other significant area
(please specify):.....

Indigenous Knowledge

3. Supervisor/s**3.1 Principal Supervisor**Name Institution Address e-mail Tel. / Mobile Fax STMIS Reg. No

(Please attach updated CV to the Application).

3.2 Co- SupervisorName Institution Address e-mail Tel. / Mobile Fax STMIS Reg. No

(Please attach updated CV to the Application).

3.3 Co- SupervisorName Institution Address e-mail Tel. / Mobile Fax STMIS Reg. No

(Please attach updated CV to the Application).

4. Higher Degree Proposed		PhD <input type="checkbox"/>	MPhil <input type="checkbox"/>
i) Requested scholarship tenure (indicate 1,2 or 3 years)	<input type="text"/>		
ii) Are you currently enrolled for a higher degree? <i>Enter Yes or No</i>	<input type="text"/>		
iii) If <i>Yes</i> , Initial Date of Enrollment	<input type="text"/>	<i>(format DD/MM/YYYY)</i>	
iv) Status of Enrollment	<i>Full-time</i> <input type="text"/>	<i>Part time</i>	<input type="text"/>
v) Institution of Enrollment	<input type="text"/>		

5. Summarise academic performance (*for each sub-section please start with the most recent first. Include honours/class or equivalent*).

5.1 Undergraduate academic record

Year	Degree	Institution	Class Obtained	Full/ Part time

5.2 Postgraduate degree completed or currently engaged in, if any

Year	Degree	Institution	Class Obtained	Full/ Part time

6. Awards obtained for undergraduate study and research career, if any	
Description of Prize	Year of Award

7. Career after 1st degree, including current employment (starting with most recent)			
Place of Work	Post Held	From (DD/MM/YY)	To (DD/MM/YY)

8. Research experience to date (Where the applicant has completed a research-oriented/ based degree, they should indicate the duration, percentage of research compared with coursework and whether it was full-time, part-time and/or concurrent with another degree.)

9. Publications : The Applicant's publications should be listed as

- i) Refereed journal articles (give details of 5 most recent publications. Include title, authors, journal and pagination. Details of papers in press may be included. Attach reprints of two most recent publications)
- ii) Other articles, reviews, book chapters, etc.
- iii) Published abstracts
- iv) Patents.

10. Career Intentions : Short and long term research career intentions

11. Proposed Project**Title****Location**

11.1 Summary of the Project (Explain briefly the research problem, methodology and expected outputs).
Not exceeding one A4 page, font type Times New Roman, size 11, single space.

11.2 Give 3-5 keywords for the proposed project:

11.3 Research Project accepted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies/Postgraduate Institute/Faculty of recognized University and the evaluation reports received by the higher degrees committee (HDC) **should be certified by the Supervisor/s and attached to this application.**
 (research project should include aims and objectives, significance, background, research plan, methodology and references).

11.4 Attach the following information to the Application.

- i) If this application is submitted in conjunction with an application for a NSF research grant/ongoing grant, please give details of the same).
- ii)
 - (a) Please provide a Gantt Chart/time - based work plan for the duration of the study (format is given below)
 - (b) List the milestones and indicators to be used to monitor the progress of the study
 - (c) Please state briefly the anticipated impact of the proposed study on the society

Example only

Specify Activity	Year 1												Year 2												Year 3											
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11.5 Please specify whether this proposal has been submitted to NSF/any other organization for consideration for funding or any other purpose

Yes No

If Yes, please specify

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11.6 Budget : Annual Research Expenses up to Rs. 1M					
	Breakdown of Budget	1st Year (Rs.)	2nd Year (Rs.)	3rd Year (Rs.)	TOTAL (Rs.)
1.	Equipment*				
2.	Consumables				
3.	Postgraduate registration fees (Excluding refundable deposits.)				
4.	Sample analysis (if outsourced)				
5.	Travel & Subsistence				

6.	Miscellaneous**				
	GRAND TOTAL				

**** Should be less than 10% of the total budget.**
*** Not to exceed 50% of the total budget.**

12. Ethical considerations				
Ethical considerations	Relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
If relevant, Ethical clearance obtained?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
If no, applied for Ethical clearance?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. Indicate the human and environmental safety issues related to the project and how they are being addressed	

14. Reports in Confidence
 Each Applicant for a Scholarship should arrange for the Principal and Co Supervisor's Statement (Format-Annex 1) to be completed and sent directly to the NSF (without which the application will not be considered for a grant) under Confidential Cover.

15. Declaration : If this Application is successful I certify that I will supervise the Scholar closely and ensure that he/she is working according to the intended work and time plan.

15.1		
Signature of Principal Supervisor	<input type="text"/>	Date <input type="text"/>
Signature of Co - Supervisor	<input type="text"/>	Date <input type="text"/>
Signature of Co - Supervisor	<input type="text"/>	Date <input type="text"/>
15.2		
Signature of Applicant	<input type="text"/>	Date <input type="text"/>

15.3 Declaration of Head of Department in which the applicant intends to work

I certify that this Department has the facilities and additional funding to support this proposal and that I believe this person is a suitable Applicant for this scholarship

Name**Department****Signature****Date****15.4 Certification by Head of Administering Institution**
(Head of Institution or authorized representative)

I certify that should be awarded an NSF Postgraduate Research Scholarship, this Institution will permit the Scholar to undertake the research work in this Institution.

Title**Name****Institution****Signature****Date**



IN CONFIDENCE

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Supervisor's Statement

1. Name of Candidate		
Title	Initials	Surname

2. Name of Principal/ Co- Supervisor		
Title	Initials	Surname

3. About the Candidate	
In what capacity have you known the candidate?	How long have you known the candidate?

4. Reference
<p>Please state your views on the applicant's aptitude and suitability for (further) research training using one side of A4 only (overleaf). This statement carries a good deal of weight in the assessment. When preparing your statement you should consider the following;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Your views on the candidate's knowledge and suitability for postgraduate training in general and for the particular course/project b. Provide information on how, and to what extent, the candidate has shown academic ability in terms of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to grasp concepts and reason analytically, • Motivation and perseverance in achieving objectives, • Capacity for original thought c. An assessment of the candidate's particular strengths and weaknesses

Please sign and date your statement.