

## **NSF Grant Scheme for promoting Science and Technology Publications**

### **Objectives**

- To financially support authors to publish books/monographs and other reading materials related to Science & Technology based on their importance to the scientific community
- To encourage potential writers to write on a range of topics in science and technology
- To increase the availability of a wide range of printed/online material in Science and Technology relevant to local needs

### **Eligibility**

The following types of publication are eligible to be considered for the award of Publication grants

- books/monographs including reviews on specific scientific topics currently important
- text books and supplementary reading material based on school curricular
- handbooks/guides/checklists
- reference material for academics/scientists
- Science activity books to support understanding of simple scientific concepts
- Science fiction to explore what may happen in the future.

### **Process**

Authors may apply for this scheme by sending an application with

- A copy of the manuscript
  - An estimated budget
  - Three (3) quotations from 3 Printers
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- ◆ The manuscript will be reviewed by two subject specialists or experts in the respective fields identified by the NSF to ensure scientific validity and authenticity of the content and its suitability for the target audience.
  - ◆ Any revisions/ suggestion proposed by the NSF based on the reviewers comments should be incorporated by the author.
  - ◆ Selected manuscripts will be provided printing and other costs involved in publishing.
  - ◆ The grant will cover the total cost of all stages of the publication process including following
    - ◆ (a) type setting (b) page designing and page setting (c) editing (d) proof reading (e) preparation of the final camera ready copy and (f) printing of the publication.
  - ◆ The number of copies to be printed will be based on the potential readership of the publication. The author may suggest the number of copies to be printed. However the final decision lies with the NSF .
  - ◆ The author has the right to decide on the specifications for printing of publication.
  - ◆ Maximum price of the publication should not exceed 1.5 times of the printing

cost per copy.

- ◆ The author will be responsible for marketing and distribution of the publication and should submit a sales/ distribution report of the publication once a year.
- ◆ The NSF could also offer to host the online version free of charge in its server with access through its web site if the author so desires. This will facilitate the publication reaching a wider audience.
- ◆ Science writers ranging from qualified scientists through teachers and other science writers are eligible to benefit through this scheme.
- ◆ Manuscripts in any of the 3 languages are accepted. In case of material targeting the general public Sinhala and Tamil manuscripts are encouraged.
- ◆ The copy right of the publication will remain with the author.
- ◆ It is mandatory to include the NSF logo in prominent and appropriate position in the publication and to acknowledge NSF funding on a separate page along with the statement '**This publication is fully sponsored by the National Science Foundation**'.
- ◆ All type of documents should carry the disclaimer '**No responsibility is assumed by the NSF for statements and opinions expressed by the contributors to this publication**'.
- ◆ Once approved by the NSF author will sign an agreement with the NSF covering all above conditions. 90% of the total grant will be awarded. The remaining 10% will be paid only after completion of publication.
- ◆ The value of the grant will be decided by the NSF based on the budget estimate submitted by the author but will not exceed Rs. 500,000/-. The author should provide 30 copies of the publication to the NSF for distribution and to be deposited in the library.