

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

**TECHNOLOGY GRANT SCHEME “SUPPORT FOR START UP BUSINESSES
BASED ON NOVEL TECHNOLOGIES (START UPS)”**

GRANT APPLICATION

The mission of the Technology Division of the National Science Foundation (NSF) is to take the lead in facilitating technology development and start-up businesses in order to ensure economic benefits. We are mandated to harness technology development and innovations to generate new or improved products and services through different strategies viz., providing funds, facilitating intellectual property awareness and protection, supporting relevant policy development for building public-private, institution-industry partnerships. Thus, the NSF supports state, non-state sector organizations as well as individuals not belonging to any organization not only to develop new technologies, products and processes but also to start-up new businesses based on new technologies. Applicants who wish to obtain support for start-up business based on new technologies are required to formulate their proposals according to this format.

Please refer to the Guidelines for Applicants (TD/START-UPS/D/GL) attached to this form before filling the application form. Please refer to <http://www.nsf.ac.lk/td.php> for more details.

Project Title:	
CHECK LIST	
Completed application form in three copies	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curriculum vitae of all applicants/ collaborators	<input type="checkbox"/>
Documentary evidence attached as per under item 12	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soft copy in pdf form is sent by email/ CD submitted	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional details	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Guidelines for Applicants (TD/START-UPS/D/GL)

This document is linked to “Programme Brief” designed for this grant scheme.

1. All sections/items including subheadings under business plan in the application form (TD/START-UPS/D/F) must be filled. Information in detail is required for the business plan. The contents of the proposal should be comprehensive and intelligible. Incomplete applications will not be processed.
2. If you are a scientist or a technologist you are encouraged to register at “Science and Technology Manpower Information System (STMIS)”, a database at NSF. <http://www.mis.nsf.ac.lk>.
3. Maximum project period should be one year preferably.
4. Applications must be prepared according to this format only.
5. Fund requirement as percentages should be indicated under each vote. Where equipment items are concerned percentage requirement for each equipment item should be indicated separately.
6. Three copies of the complete application with all relevant attachments/ documents should be submitted to:

The Director,
National Science Foundation,
47/5, Maitland Place,
Colombo 7.
7. A soft copy of the application in pdf form should be submitted to the Technology Division or e-mailed at td@nsf.ac.lk.
8. Any aspect which is not specified in the application and may arise while processing the application is subjected to clarification/investigation by the NSF before taking a decision on the award of a grant. The NSF will have sole rights to make such decisions under any circumstances.
9. The proposals, once rejected will not be reconsidered. The decision of the NSF will be the final.

Notes :

Evaluation and Award - Generally, grant applications are called twice a year. Applications received by the NSF are initially reviewed for conformity with the guidelines. Those that meet the guidelines are subjected to a technical review. A panel appointed by the Board of Management of NSF will interview the applicants if necessary. The Board of Management of the NSF will approve the projects for funding. Applicants are required to sign an Agreement with the NSF if the grant is awarded. Grantees are expected to commence work soon after the Agreement is signed and funds are disbursed. Other conditions that apply after awarding the grant are specified in the grant contractual agreement.