

**CHINA-SRI LANKA JOINT CENTER FOR EDUCATION AND
RESEARCH (CSL-CER), UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA
CSL-CER RESEARCH GRANTS FOR THE YOUNG SCHOLARS OF SRI LANKA**

GRANT APPLICATION - YEAR 2020

Closing Date: 15th October 2021

- This research grant scheme will be open to young scientists of a public scientific R & D organizations in Sri Lanka to encourage research in collaboration between China and Sri Lanka, aiming to promote science and technology cooperation between China and Sri Lanka.
- This program is jointly operated by CSL CER, UOR and South China Sea Institute of Chinese Academy of Sciences (SCSIO).
- Grant application shall be made by the Principal Investigator on prescribed form available in the website of the University of Ruhuna. Grants are awarded for a minimum period of one year up to a maximum of two years.
- The grantees (PI) should sign an agreement with the head of the Institution (Vice Chancellor) assuring commitment for the research program for the entire duration of the grant.
- All assigned PhD/Mphil Trainees or researchers should sign agreements with PIs to ensure successful completion of the project.
- The application to be typed in 'Times New Roman', single spacing and Font size 12. Late, incomplete and ineligible applications will not be reviewed.

Eligibility Criteria for Applicants –CSL-CER Research Grants

1. Applicant must be a citizen of and residing in Sri Lanka.
2. The Principal Investigator (PI) should have a permanent position attached to state or private institution and be 45 years of age or under. However, age limit may not be applicable to co-investigators.
3. At least one co-investigator of the research project should BE compulsorily from the University of Ruhuna when PI is from another institute.
4. The proposed research project should necessarily be an original investigation.
5. A comprehensive literature review should be done and all details should be provided together with the list of references.
6. Maximum project period should not exceed 02 (two) years. The maximum budget should not exceed Rs 1 Million, including allocations for Research Personnel.
7. A detailed time-based work plan (Gantt chart) should be included stating the proposed activities, time frames and key performance indicators clearly.
8. Research proposals which address inter-disciplinary work, require to have expertise from each of the relevant disciplines, and SHOULD be supported with letters of consent from such collaborators, if any.
9. Projects that require ethical clearance/ necessary ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARNCES /permissions FROM REGULATORY BODIES should submit the certificate within one month from the deadline for

submission of the applications to the University of Ruhuna. The fee for ethical clearance, if any, will be reimbursed if the application is approved for funding.

10. Softcopy of the application should be sent as a PDF format to dirslcer@admin.ruh.ac.lk on or before the closing date.
11. Funding will be decided on the merits of the proposal and competitively through the peer-review procedures in use at the CSL-CER.
12. Late, Incomplete and Inaccurate applications **WILL NOT** be considered.

<u>A. PROPOSAL SUMMARY</u>			
1. Title of Project:			
2. Abbreviated (running) title:		<i>Not more than <u>six</u> words.</i>	
3. Key words:		<i>From broad to specific.</i>	
4. Duration:		<i>Not less than 1 year and not more than 2 years. State in months.</i>	
5. Planned starting date:			
6. Principal Investigator [P.I.]:			
6.1. Name:		<i>Underline surname; give title, if any.</i>	
Age (Years):		Male/Female:	
Tel. No: Home		Official:	
Fax No:		Mobile:	
Email:			
6.2. Organization and Address:			
Home Address:			
6.3. Present position/designation:			
6.4. Highest academic qualification:			
Date of obtaining qualification:			

6.5. Field of specialization:	
6.6. Institution(s) where research will be carried out:	
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6.7. List <u>5</u> key publications in refereed journals you have authored during the <u>last 10</u> years:	
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6.8. Are you due for sabbatical/overseas leave during the next 2 years; if so, give details, stating whether you will take such leave and how this will affect the research project:	
6.9. Curriculum Vitae (please annex curriculum vitae):	
7. Names of Co-investigator/s (please annex curriculum vitae):	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Institute</u>
1.	
2.	
3.	
8. Research partners / relevant contacts you have established. Give names, organizations, and specialization.	
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9. DECLARATION OF THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION:

I,.....,of thedo hereby assure that, Principal Investigator of the present proposal will be assured of infrastructural support in human and material resources enjoyed at the inception of the project and guaranteed to be sustained for the whole duration of the latter.

The level of support that will be committed to this project will be very high/significant /adequate (choose one)

Name & Designation:	
Signature:	
Date:	

B: SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

1. Present state of knowledge in the field of the proposed research (List publication quoted in section):

2. Define the problem(s) that your research seeks to address:

3. Objective(s) of the proposed research:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

4. State your scientific hypothesis /research question:

5. Describe your experience and outputs in relation to the proposed research:

6. Significance of the proposed research:

7. Description of the proposed research:	
7.1. Title	
7.2. Summary:	
7.3. Detailed description [Clearly indicate (a) Research design and data analysis and (b) Methodologies] -	
7.4. If your project involves statistical analysis	
(a) are you competent in this area?	Yes/No;
if No;	
(b) have you contacted an expert? (Name, Organization)	
7.5. Is there any work to be outsourced to commercial entities? Yes/No	
If yes provide details	
8. Duration of the proposed research: <i>In months</i>	
9. Action plan of the proposed research:	
10. State the expected <u>output</u> (deliverable) of the project: <i>Those easily measurable, e.g., SCI expanded indexed journal papers with Impact Factor ≥ 1, Patents etc.</i>	
11. State the <u>outcomes</u> of the project: <i>The impact of the research results will have on the wider scientific community and/or society.</i>	

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C. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. Funds requested under the following sections for the duration of the project:

1.1.	Major equipment (>500,000/= per item)	: Rs.
1.2	Minor equipment (<500,000/= per item)	: Rs.
1.3.	Consumables	: Rs.
1.4.	Local Travel	: Rs.
1.5.	Publication Cost	: Rs.
1.6.	Stipend	: Rs.
1.7.	TOTAL:	: Rs.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

Name:			
N.I. C. No.:			
Signature:		Date:	