
 <b>NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION</b>	<p align="center"><b>Programme Brief</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Support Scheme for Publication Fees (SSPF) of Sri Lankan Scientists</b></p>	Issue No: SSPF- 1.3
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<p><b>Main objective:</b> Support the Publication fees of research papers of Sri Lankan Scientists whose papers have been accepted by high-impact indexed journals</p> <p><b>Corporate Plan Reference: 1.4.8</b></p> <p><b>Specific Objective:</b> To support the publication of research in reputed, indexed, high- impact international journals for dissemination of research results for greater visibility.</p>		
<p><b>Rationale:</b></p> <p>Research publications enable sharing of findings so that others can benefit from the new knowledge which has been discovered. It also gives project findings the opportunity to be critically evaluated, reproduced and thus gain validity. Therefore, the way to reach the widest audience is to publish the findings in a reputed journal.</p> <p>However, some reputed journals charge publication fees. As such, funding the publication fees of Sri Lankan Scientists whose papers have been accepted by indexed journals will be an immense encouragement for them, and will ensure greater visibility for their R &amp; D activities.</p>		
<p><b>Programme consideration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publications should arise in an Open Access journal, indexed in the Clarivate Analytics Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) or Social Science Citation Index (SSCI).</li> <li>• Preference will be given to articles published in high impact factor journal indexed in SCIE or SSCI.</li> <li>• This scheme operates on Reimbursement basis.</li> <li>• To be eligible for grant, the journal in which the article is published should have secured appropriate Journal impact Factors on the year of publication of the article as specified in the table.</li> <li>• Applicants are provided with partial funding support with a maximum ceiling limit under different tiers, as given in the table.</li> <li>• The applications are invited twice a year in March (for articles published from March to September in the preceding year) and October (articles published from October of the preceding year to April of the present year).</li> <li>• Partial support will be provided for applicants with institutional support.</li> </ul>		
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Tier	Natural Sciences	Social Sciences	Proposed maximum ceiling limits for APCs*(50% of the APC)
<b>Tier 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open access,</li> <li>• Indexed in SCIE,</li> <li>• Impact Factor above 10.0</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open access,</li> <li>• Indexed in SSCI,</li> <li>• Impact Factor above 5.0</li> </ul>	Up to 1.5 Mn LKR
<b>Tier 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open access,</li> <li>• Indexed in SCIE,</li> <li>• Impact Factor 5 to 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open access,</li> <li>• Indexed in SSCI,</li> <li>• Impact Factor 3 to 5</li> </ul>	Up to Rs. 1 Mn LKR
<b>Tier 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open access,</li> <li>• Indexed in SCIE,</li> <li>• Impact Factor 2 to 5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open access,</li> <li>• Indexed in SSCI,</li> <li>• Impact Factor 1.5 to 3</li> </ul>	Up to 500,000 LKR

**Programme guidelines:**

- Applications are entertained from researchers affiliated with state and non-state sector institutions and individual researchers who are not affiliated with any institution as well.
- Applicants should be Sri Lankan citizens registered with the STMIS database of the NSF.
- The scheme supports Research and Review Articles.
- Research/Review article must be published by an Open Access journal indexed in the Clarivate Analytics Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) or Social Science Citation Index (SSCI), and have a minimum Journal Impact Factor of 2.0 and 1.5, respectively, on the year of publication of the article.
- Applicant should be either the 1<sup>st</sup> author or the corresponding author of the publication.
- The below documents are required as annexes to the application:
  - ✓ Published article
  - ✓ Letter of Acceptance from Publisher
  - ✓ Documentary proof for indexing database and Journal Impact factor
  - ✓ Publisher's invoice for payment of Publication Fee
  - ✓ Proof of payment of publication fees
  - ✓ Proof of payment received by the Publisher
  - ✓ Documentary proof that both the first and corresponding authors sought support from his/her/their Institution and the replies received
  - ✓ Citation record of the article since publication (Number of citations and journals cited)
  - ✓ CVs of all authors

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The application should be submitted through the Vice Chancellor (University) or Head of the Institution (Research Institutions) of the Applicant.</li> <li>• <b>Softcopy of the completed application form together with the supporting documents should be sent to dg@nsf.gov.lk</b></li> <li>• Incomplete and inaccurate applications <b><u>WILL NOT</u></b> be processed.</li> <li>• Applications will be evaluated against the disciplines covered, potential socio-economic impact of the findings, citations received, collaborations created, aligning with the SDGs.</li> <li>• The DOI links of the research articles supported will be hosted on the NSF website at <a href="http://www.nsf.gov.lk">www.nsf.gov.lk</a></li> </ul>		
<p><b>Outputs:</b> High quality publications in indexed, high impact, international journals</p>		
<p><b>Target groups /Beneficiaries</b></p> <p>Scientists in Sri Lanka</p>		
<p><b>Possible Collaborators/Partners</b></p>		
<p><b>Remarks</b></p>		
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