

Eligibility criteria and guidelines for the utilization of funds for University Research Grants

With a view of encouraging the academics to engage in high quality research, the University Research Grants are awarded in a competitive basis for academics in permanent cadre (Senior Lecturer Grade (II) or above) and permanent administrative staff members.

- Grantees cannot apply research grants to complete/ obtain his or her own postgraduate degree.
- Only one grant will be awarded per grantee for their research project.
- Applications which are not intended for a postgraduate degree (PhD/ MPhil/ MD) will not be considered except the discipline of Humanities and Social Sciences and Management Studies and Commerce.
- MSc Projects will not be funded by University Research Grants.
- The maximum duration of the Research Grant which does not produce a post graduate degree is 2 years.
- The maximum duration for research grants awarded for the purpose of completing a postgraduate degree shall be as follows:

PhD: up to 3 years

MPhil: up to 2 years

MD (Laboratory based): up to 1 year

- Research grants awarded for MD degrees will be limited to those involving laboratory-based research. For those who obtained grants to complete a research component of a laboratory based MD degree will be given maximum of Rs. 500,000/. At least 1 indexed journal publication should be submitted as the relevant KPIs for complete the research grants obtained for laboratory based MD degrees.
- The maximum amount awarded for a research grant will be Rs. 2.5 million.
- A maximum of Rs. 500,000/= will be allocated for the procurement of equipment necessary for research projects.
- University research grants will not cover expenses related to instrument repair and maintenance.
- For the successful completion of the research grant, the Principal Investigator is required to submit a comprehensive final report and meet the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) outlined below. In cases where the grant supports the attainment of a postgraduate degree, documentary evidence confirming the completion of the degree must also be submitted.
Research grants that do not fulfill these requirements will be classified as **“Incomplete Research Grants.”**
- In the event of the **resignation or retirement** of the Principal Investigator (PI) of an **incomplete research grant**, the PI shall remain responsible for either:
 - Completing the research grant, with all the relevant KPIs and submitting the evidence of the postgraduate degree completion, if the grant was awarded for a completion of a postgraduate degree or

- Officially transferring the responsibility of the grant to a qualified academic staff member (Senior Lecturer Grade II or above).
- **Failure to fulfill these responsibilities may delay or affect the processing and recovery of the Principal Investigator's Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) and Universities Provident Fund (UPF) benefits.**

Please note: In such cases, the release of the PI's ETF and UPF funds will be withheld until the required KPIs are completed and, if applicable, evidence of the postgraduate degree completion is submitted.

Key Performance Indicators

- Please note that the following Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are expected at the end of the completion of the grant.
- The University Research Grant Number and the University of Sri Jayewardenepura should be acknowledged as the funding agency.
- All publications should at least have the University of Sri Jayewardenepura (with correct spelling) as author's institutional affiliation and the University of Sri Jayewardenepura should be acknowledged as the funding agency with the University Grant Number.
- The principal investigator should submit evidence of scientific publications/communications according to the criteria given below.

Value of the University Research Grant awarded	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
LKR 1.5 million to LKR 2.5 million	Minimum of 2 Publications in Journals Indexed in Recognized Indexing Services (Full Paper)* or 1 Peer Reviewed & 1 Publication in a Journal Indexed in Recognized Indexing Services (Full Paper)* or a Patent**
Less than LKR 1.5 million	Minimum 1 Publication in a Journal Indexed in Recognized Indexing Services (Full Paper)* or a Patent **
Grants obtained for laboratory based MD degrees: Maximum LKR 0.5 million	Minimum 1 Publication in a Journal Indexed in Recognized Indexing Services (Full Paper)*

* Publications in Journals Indexed in Recognized Indexing Services: Recognized Indexing Services are listed at <http://www.isinet.com/journals> under:

1. Science Citation Indexed Expanded (™) (Web of Science)
2. Social Sciences Citation Index® (Web of Science)
3. Arts and humanities citation index® (Web of Science), etc.

And

4. Elsevier SCOPUS

**All patents obtained through projects funded by the Research Grants of the University should be registered as a property of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and the Principal Investigator.

- The evidence of above has to be submitted within 2 years of completion of the project. The principal investigators who are unable to fulfill the above criteria will be penalized when applying for future university grants.