



POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE (PGIS)
UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA

PGIS RESEARCH GRANTS – 2026

The Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS), University of Peradeniya, invites innovative research proposals in science-based disciplines from permanent academic staff and scientists associated with the PGIS, either from the University of Peradeniya or from other institutions. The PGIS Research Grant is intended to support innovative research projects that contribute to scientific advancement and strengthen postgraduate research training.

The grant shall be awarded for a period of two (2) consecutive years for an MPhil degree, with a maximum total allocation of LKR 1,240,000.00 per grant, subject to an annual ceiling of LKR 620,000.00. For direct PhD degree, the grant shall be awarded for a period of three (3) consecutive years, with a maximum total allocation of LKR 1,860,000.00 per grant, subject to an annual ceiling of LKR 620,000.00. If an MPhil degree is upgraded to a PhD, the grant may be extended for an additional year upon a request from the Principal Investigator, subject to the approval of the PGIS Research Grant Committee. Continuation of the grant into the second year and, where applicable, the third year, shall be subject to satisfactory research progress and approval by the PGIS Research Grant Committee.

The grant may be utilized to cover expenses related to equipment, chemicals and consumables, software, local travel and field visits, patent and publication fees, laboratory analysis, data collection, allowances for postgraduate research students, and PGIS registration and course fees for students. All expenditure shall be incurred in accordance with the applicable financial regulations and guidelines of the PGIS and the University of Peradeniya. Each applicant shall be eligible to apply for only one PGIS Research Grant at any given time as the Principal Investigator (PI). The proposed research project shall involve the training of a student registered for an MPhil or PhD degree programme at the PGIS. Research projects involving collaboration with other institutes and/or industries are highly encouraged.

The progress of awarded research grants shall be monitored through periodic reviews. For MPhil research grants, the following review mechanism shall apply:

- A mid-term review presentation six (6) months after the commencement of the grant
- A one-year review presentation, accompanied by a detailed progress report and financial report
- A review presentation upon completion of eighteen (18) months
- Submission of the final report upon completion of twenty-four (24) months.

For PhD research grants, the following review mechanism shall apply:

- A mid-term review presentation six (6) months after the commencement of the grant
- A one-year review presentation, accompanied by a detailed progress report and financial report

- A review presentation upon completion of eighteen (18) months
- A two-year review presentation, accompanied by a detailed progress report and financial report
- A review presentation upon completion of thirty (30) months
- Submission of the final report upon completion of thirty-six (36) months.

The continuation of funding shall be subject to satisfactory research progress, timely submission of required reports, compliance with applicable financial and administrative requirements, and approval by the PGIS Research Grant Committee. Each grantee shall be required to publish at least one research paper in an indexed or peer-reviewed journal or file a patent within one (1) year following the completion of the grant. For publications arising from the research supported by the PGIS Research Grant, the Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS), University of Peradeniya, shall be included as an institutional affiliation of the MPhil/PhD student, in addition to the affiliation where the research is being conducted. The findings of the research project should also be presented at the PGIS Research Congress (RESCON).

The decision regarding the award of grants made by the PGIS Research Grant Committee, subject to the approval of the Board of Management, shall be final.

For further details, including the guidelines and application form, please visit the PGIS website: www.pgis.lk.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING COMPLETED APPLICATIONS: October 30th, 2026



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RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION

Board of Study:

Title of the Project:

Please select the applicable grant duration:

One year	
Two years	
Three years	

Please note that the maximum Grant Duration according to the Degree Programme:

- **MPhil:** 2 years
- **Direct PhD:** 3 years
- **MPhil upgraded to PhD:** An additional **one year** may be granted, subject to approval of the relevant BoS and the PGIS Research Grant Committee.

Total Budget: LKR

Do you currently hold an active University Research Grant or PGIS Research Grant as the Principal Investigator? Yes/No

Section I				
A. Principal Investigator (PI)				
A.1	Name of applicant			
A.2	Designation			
A.3	Faculty/Institute			
A.4	Department/Division/Unit			
	Please state whether you are confirmed in your position			
A.5	Contact details			
		Telephone	Office	
			Mobile	
		E-mail		
A.6	Field of specialization of the grantee			
A.7	Area of expertise related to the proposed project			
A.8	List of grants received by the applicant as the PI during the last 5 years			
A.9	List of publications related to the proposed areas of the research			
A.10	Do you plan to obtain any leave local/abroad (study leave, sabbatical leave, etc.)/retirement during the project period			
	If yes, please indicate the duration of sabbatical leave/date of retirement		From DD/MM/YYYY to DD/MM/YYYY	
	If going on leave who will cover?	Name		
		Contact details		
		Telephone		
		Signature		
A.11	Have you received any grants from outside for this/similar project? If 'Yes', please state the funding organization, amount and state of support	Yes/No LKR		
A.12	List any conflicts of interest:			

B. Co-investigator/s				
B.1	Name of Co-investigator I			
B.2	Designation			
B.3	Faculty/Institute			
B.4	Department/Division/Unit			
B.5	Contact details			
		Telephone	Office	
			Mobile	
		E-mail		
B.6	Field of specialization of the Co-investigator I			
B.7	Area of expertise related to the proposed project			
B.8	Contribution to the project			
B.9	Name of Co-investigator II			
B.10	Designation			
B.11	Faculty/Institute			
B.12	Department/Division/Unit			
B.13	Contact details			
		Telephone	Office	
			Mobile	
		E-mail		
B.14	Field of specialization of the Co-investigator II			
B.15	Area of expertise related to the proposed project			
B.16	Contribution to the project			
C. Collaborator/s if any				
C.1	Designation			
C.2	Faculty/Institute			
C.3	Department/Division/Unit			
C.4	Contact details			
		Telephone	Office	
			Mobile	
	E-mail			
C.5	Contribution to the project			
D. Place/s where research will be conducted				
	Principal Institution/s where research will be carried out:			
	Other Institution/s*			

*A letter of consent from each collaborating institution must be attached.					
Section II: Scientific Information Please attach separate documents for sections E.1-E.9					
E.1	Title of the project				
E.2	Aims and objectives				
E.3	State your scientific hypotheses/research question and rationale				
E.4	Comprehensive literature review (local and international including recent literature)				
E.5	Methodology (research design and data analysis including statistical and analytical methods)				
E.6	Expected outcomes of the Project				
E.7	Research proposal (with yearly breakdown)				
E.8	Ethical considerations				
E.9	References				
Section III: Financial Information The maximum total budget is LKR 620,000 per grant per year					
F. Summary of Budget					
	Category	Amount in LKR			
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 (if applicable)	Total
F.1	Research student allowance (LKR 40,000.00 per month would be paid for a student who does not draw a salary from other employment)				
F.2	PGIS student registration/course fee				
F.3	Chemicals/consumables/software (Give complete breakdown with estimated cost)				
F.4	Equipment				
F.5	Data collection and analysis (Give complete breakdown with details and estimated cost)				
F.6	Laboratory analysis (Give complete breakdown with details and estimated cost)				
F.7	Local travel				

	(To participate local workshops and conferences)				
F.8	Miscellaneous (For printing materials)				
F.9	Labor/Field/Laboratory assistance				
F.10	Patent/Publication cost				
	TOTAL				
Section IV: Services Rendered to PGIS					
G. The services rendered to PGIS by the applicant (principal investigator) during the last ten years <i>(Please list the services)</i>					
Co-investigator I					
Name					
Signature:		Date:			
Co-investigator II					
Name					
Signature:		Date:			
Collaborator					
Name					
Signature:		Date:			
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR					
Name					
N.I.C. No.					
Signature:		Date:			
Section V: Official Recommendations					
Observations/Recommendations of the Head/s of the Department:					
Date:		Signature:			
Observations/Recommendations of the Chairperson/s of Board/s of Study					

Date:		Signature:
Observations/Recommendations of the PGIS Research Committee (PGISRC)		
Date		Signature of Coordinator/PGISRC
Names and affiliations of 5 reviewers for the research proposal (preferably from other faculties/outside institutions)		
1. Name:	Field of Specialization:	
Affiliation:	Email:	Telephone:
2. Name:	Field of Specialization:	
Affiliation:	Email:	Telephone:
3. Name:	Field of Specialization:	
Affiliation:	Email:	Telephone:
4. Name:	Field of Specialization:	
Affiliation:	Email:	Telephone:
5. Name:	Field of Specialization:	
Affiliation:	Email:	Telephone: