

## **FACILITATING PUBLICATIONS OF POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH**

**Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture**

**University of Peradeniya**

### **Scope/ Objectives:**

- To encourage publication of postgraduate research carried out by PGIA in peer-reviewed high impact/ international journals.
- To facilitate participation of postgraduate research students at international conferences for oral or poster presentations.

### **Coverage:**

- From the total allocation of Rs. 2 million, Rs.1.5 million be allocated for journal publications and the balance amount of Rs. 0.5 million be allocated for conferences, travel, registration, accommodation or other expenses, in order to encourage students to publish their work.
- Proceedings of the conferences/ journals should be cited in SCI/ SSCI (expanded) with a minimum impact factor of 0.5 or any other journal with a minimum impact factor of the journal of 0.5 (Thompson-Reuter). If the journal is a subscription based journal, it is preferred if the article is in open access domain.
- Maximum amount of Rs. 50,000/- per student be granted to attend conferences and no conditions on the publication.
- Whole amount allocated for both conferences and publications will be divided equally among 04 quarters of the year to ensure fair distribution of the grant.
- Registration fee for international conferences (limited only for research students of PGIA). Proceedings of publication should be published
- Airfare/ travelling is limited only for research students of the PGIA who are the first authors of the publication.

### **Eligibility:**

- For a journal publication, the applicant should be either a postgraduate student registered at the PGIA or the Supervisor provided that the student is a recent graduate (within 01 year of completion) and is identified as the first author of the paper.
- The applicants those who have received a publication grant under the scheme shall only be eligible to apply for another grant only after 06 months.
- Selection of grantee shall be decided on the quality of work of the research and the reputation/prestige of the journal in which articles are accepted for publication.
- Preference shall be given to first time applicants for travel, registration,

**Review Process:**

Applications are reviewed by a committee appointed by the Director, comprising of at least 3 members from a pool of pre-appointed members, two from each Board of Study with the recommendation of Coordinating Committee and approval of the Board of Management, PGIA. The committee members cannot be Co-Authors of the publishing paper.

The Director shall appoint two members from non-related Boards of Study. The other member should either be the Chairman or Secretary of the candidate's Board of Study.

**Application :**

- All applicants should provide the completed application form together with supporting documents through the Supervisor and Chairman/Secretary of the Board of Study.
- If applications are for the airfare, the applicants should provide three economy class travel quotations.
- In the case of paper publications, the candidate shall apply for funds immediately upon acceptance of the article for publication.
- Attending Conferences/Seminars/Congresses, the candidate should apply at least 06 weeks before the event.

**Other:**

- The successful candidates shall state the financial support granted by the PGIA in the acknowledgement of the article. A copy of the published paper should be submitted to the Director, PGIA.
- All grantees should submit a report within one month after utilization of funds with relevant documents (paper acceptance letter/ copy of air ticket/ receipts for registration, accommodation or other expenses) to the PGIA. The Director should report them to the Coordinating Committee.
- Re-imburements could be arranged only for applicants who received prior approval for funding.
- The Director should report the status of the fund once in 06 months to all Boards of Study.