

SCHEME FOR PROMOTING PUBLICATIONS OF POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE,

UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA

1. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES:

The Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA) offers research degrees in several disciplines at M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D. and DBA levels, which involve a research component. These research projects are original in-depth investigations on selected topics of national/international importance and are expected to generate new knowledge or innovative technologies having potential impact for economic development and the society. The PGIA has taken a policy decision to encourage the students to publish the finding of these projects at the earliest opportunity in high impact journals and present them orally or as poster presentations at conferences. The objective of this program is to improve and strengthen the quality of the research degree programs offered by the PGIA and achieve excellence in postgraduate research.

The PGIA has established **two schemes** to promote the publication and wider dissemination of research findings of its research students by providing financial assistance under two schemes.

These schemes are:

- i. Publication of postgraduate research articles in peer reviewed scientific journals with high impact factor.
- ii. Participation of postgraduate students at international conferences/workshops for oral/poster presentations.

2. AVAILABILITY AND ALLOCATION OF FINANCES

The institute has made an annual allocation of Rs. 2.mn of which Rs. 1.5mn has been allocated for publication of research articles in reputed subscription based journals.

The remaining Rs. 0.5 mn are for travel grants to enable students to participate in international conferences/workshops organized by recognized scientific organizations/institutions, for oral/poster presentations and cover registration fee, visa fee, airfare, accommodation and other incidental expenses.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- For a journal publication, the applicant should be either the PG student or the Senior Supervisor provided that the student is listed as the first author.
- Applicants who have previously received a publication grant under the above scheme shall be eligible for another similar grant only after a lapse of 06 months.
- Travel expenses are available only for postgraduate students who should be the first author of the presentation/ poster presentation.
- Preference shall be given to first- time applicants for travel grants.

4. PROCEDURE OF APPLICATION

All applicants requesting funds under the above schemes should use the **prescribed application form** provided by the PGIA. These application forms could be downloaded from the website www.pgia.ac.lk.

The duly filled application forms should be forwarded to the Director, PGIA together with the letter of invitation/ letter of acceptance with the recommendations of the Senior Supervisor and channeled through the Chairperson/Secretary of the Board of Study at least 06 weeks before the planned event.

5. OTHER CONDITIONS

- Recipients of above grants shall submit a report to the Director, PGIA on the outcomes of the event and the utilization of funds with relevant documents (copy of air tickets, receipts for visa fees, registration, accommodation etc. within one month after utilization of funds.
- Applicants receiving financial support under the above schemes are required to duly acknowledge the PGIA in the publication/presentation and a copy of the publication should be submitted to the Director, PGIA.