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PROGRAMME: International Partnerships for Science and Technology (IPSAT)

OBJECTIVES

1. To develop institutional capacities
2. To facilitate research and technology transfer process
3. To facilitate STI infrastructure, skills development and science communication
4. To support and develop nationally significant STI programmes

Corporate Plan Reference;

Goal 2 : To foster knowledge sharing and networking among scientists in Sri Lanka, and scientists abroad

Objective 2.1 : To develop and facilitate international collaborative programmes

RATIONALE


The International Partnerships for Science and Technology (IPSAT), is a programme to obtain services of high calibre scientists and technologists working abroad. It is directed at promoting international research collaborations, technology transfer, and at obtaining expertise towards developing a globally-engaged community of scientists and technologists in Sri Lanka. The Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy of Sri Lanka has also identified IPSAT as a key strategy programme for human resource development for research innovations & allied services.

PROGRAMME CONCEPT

(Main components, processes, size, duration, etc.)

This programme will facilitate foreign-based scientists, engineers, science and technology policy makers and research personnel, to undertake service assignments for a stipulated period in Sri Lanka, in any of the following categories:

1. NSF IPSAT Resource persons - contributing at conferences / workshops as lecturers or speakers; up to 2 weeks, maximum 3 resource persons if NSF is not a co-organizer
2. NSF IPSAT Consultants - short-term - feasibility studies, consultative visits, research collaborations, technology transfer programmes, institution strengthening projects: up to 2 weeks to 3 months
3. NSF IPSAT Fellows - A world renowned expert currently working in the respective field, supported for a longer-term collaborative research or technology transfer programmes and/or strengthening research capabilities at universities, research institutions or industrial facilities. It is expected that the programme will globalize scientific research competence and promote national capacity building; period from a minimum of 3 months to a maximum of cumulative 12 months

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PROGRAM GUIDELINES		
<p>The primary applicant for the IPSAT must be a citizen of, and residing in, Sri Lanka, registered with the STMIS database of the NSF and, actively engaged in scientific research or technology transfer programmes in a Sri Lankan institution for a minimum of five years after obtaining a postgraduate research degree.</p>		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The task of identifying an international collaborator and preparing a joint proposal is the responsibility of the primary applicant. International collaborators may not directly contact NSF for funding under any component of IPSAT ◦ All applications to NSF for the research component will have to be submitted by the primary applicant who must abide by the standard procedures for NSF Research Grants. This does not, however, preclude applicants from seeking additional funds from other sources, both within and outside Sri Lanka ◦ Return airfare by the most economical and direct route (economy class). Food and accommodation or DSA may be considered for the Fellows to be given to the host institution ◦ Accommodation for all foreign collaborators should be arranged through the counterpart (Sri Lankan) institution with which they will be collaborating ◦ Partners from both sides are encouraged to enter into a legally binding agreement regarding disclosures, transfer of material and the use, application and sharing of benefits of any intellectual property which may arise from the results of research conducted under IPSAT ◦ The joint research / activity must be conducted in a public sector institution or organization in Sri Lanka ◦ In the case of technology transfer, the private sector may also be supported up to a maximum of 50% of the total cost 		
EXPECTED OUTPUTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Strengthen institutional capacities in Science ◦ Human resource and development in the country ◦ Globally engaged community of scientists and technologists in Collaborative Research and Technology Transfer 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ TARGET GROUPS/ BENEFISHERIES <p>Local Universities, R&D Institutions, Industries and their staff</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ POSSIBLE COLLABORATORS/PARTNERS <p>Other initiatives with which the project will link: Overseas Special Training Programme (OSTP) NSF Research Grants Scheme</p>		
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