



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



## Research Equipment Grants – 2026

To ensure Sri Lanka remains competitive in global science and technology research, it is crucial to establish laboratories with modern infrastructure. This initiative aims to support universities and R&D institutions by providing funds for the purchase of necessary Research Equipment.



- Applicants for the Research Equipment Grant must be citizens and residing in Sri Lanka and registered with the STMIS database of the NSF.
- The laboratory where the equipment is intended to be located must be registered in the National Instrument Database (NID). Priority will be given to applicants who have been registered with the NID for a minimum period of one year.
- The scheme will support the acquisition of equipment valued Rs. 1 million or more, exclusive of taxes.
- Maximum funding limit per research equipment is Rs. 5 million, exclusive of taxes.
- Application should be submitted by the Dean of the Faculty or the Head of the Research Institution. The Dean of the Faculty should send the application through the Vice Chancellor of the University.
- Priority will be given for applicants with an on-going NSF grant.
- Priority will be given to multi-user research equipment.
- A university/institute is eligible to receive research equipment grant/s of up to Rs. 5 million per call.
- Matching contributions are allowed within this programme, and are required for any equipment request that exceed the maximum limit.



**Deadline for Submission  
of applications:**

**30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

### How to apply

Completed application form(s), four (04) valid quotations from local suppliers or one (01) quotation from the manufacturer through the agent in Sri Lanka (if available), together with applicant's justification for the recommendation for selection of the requested equipment should be sent to [equipment@nsf.gov.lk](mailto:equipment@nsf.gov.lk)

*Incomplete and late applications will not be processed.  
Decision of the National Science Foundation will be final.*

