

Guidelines and Criteria for NSF Award for Popularization of Science for Professional Media Personnel

The Awards:

Name of the Award: NSF Media Award for Science Popularization

1. Lifetime Award (only 01 award)

Cash Price : Rupees Hundred Thousand Only (Rs 100,000/-)

Other Rewards : i) Plaque

ii) Certificate signed by Director General and Chairman of NSF

2. Certificate of commendation (1 only)

Cash Price : Rupees Fifty Thousand Only (Rs 50,000/-)

Other Rewards : Certificate signed by Director General and Chairman of NSF

3. Appreciation Awards (2 Max)

Cash Price : Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand Only (Rs 25,000/-)

Other Rewards : Certificate signed by Director General and Chairman of NSF

Purpose of the Award

The award is destined to media personnel who have contributed significantly to the popularization of science amongst the general public with a view of,

- Creating public awareness on natural phenomena, current important issues etc. through scientific perspectives
- Contributing to the national economy by popularizing new technologies, innovations etc.
- Improving livelihood and wellbeing of people
- Promoting conservation and sustainable utilization of natural resources, energy etc.
- Inculcating scientific culture and improving scientific literacy among public

Criteria

1. The applicant must be a citizen of Sri Lanka
2. Significant lifetime achievements in the field of media on science popularization and in promoting science education in the country
3. Work publicized during last three years (from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2025)
4. Work presented for evaluation should be focused on popularization of science or science education and can be of different media (print, radio, TV, cine, social media, etc.) targeting public or focused group of the community.

5. The award only target for professional media personnel and work produced by a group of personnel shall not be considered.
6. Significant achievements during the lifetime should be forwarded along with your CV.
7. NSF Staff, Members of the NSF Working Committees, Members of NSF Board of Management (BoM) will not be eligible for application.
8. If applicant has received a similar award from the NSF previously, applicant will only be eligible to apply for the same award after elapsing three years of the year that award received. The work considered for the previous awards will not be considered for this year's award.
9. The applicant who received the NSF Lifetime Award on Science Popularization is not eligible to apply for any awards related to this award category.

Guideline for Applicants

Each application dossier shall include the following documents,

1. Duly completed application downloaded from <http://www.nsf.gov.lk>.
2. Summary of the work undertook during the specified period on the areas of science popularization and education.
3. Information of the applicant's academic and professional background.
4. Should give proof to confirm you to be nationally identified media personnel (e.g. certified copy of media or Official ID if you are working in a media institution)
5. Brief description (with proof if you have any) of how your work has contributed to creating awareness among public and improving scientific literacy
6. List of enclosed annexes (e.g.: articles, magazines, books, TV and radio productions, new media, etc.).

Guideline for Interview

The individuals who have demonstrated exceptional performance during the specified period mentioned above will be invited for an interview to select the recipient of the Lifetime Award.

The Selected candidates will be required to present a comprehensive record of their achievements during their lifetime on popularization of science and promoting science education with evidence.

Completed dossier should be email as readable scan copies to maduka@nsf.gov.lk / chamarika@nsf.gov.lk indicating subject as "NMA 2026". NSF will request hard copies or proofs of authentication, whenever necessary.

Evaluation and awarding process

1. The award winners are selected by the BoM of the NSF upon the recommendation of a Panel of Judges appointed by BoM of the NSF.
2. Applicants should physically attend an interview with the Panel of Judges for final evaluation.
3. Besides the NSF Media Award (01 Lifetime), one (01) commendation award and two appreciation (02) may be awarded.
4. The Final decision will be made by the BoM of the NSF.
5. The winners will be rewarded at a ceremony organized by the NSF.