

Guidelines and Criteria for Science Popularization Award for Scientists

The Award:

Name of the Award: NSF Science Popularization Award for Scientists

1. Lifetime Achievement Award (1 only)

Cash Price : Rupees Hundred and Fifty Thousand Only (Rs 150,000/-)

Other Rewards : i) Plaque

ii) Certificate signed by Director General NSF and Chairman NSF

2. Commendation Award (Only1)

Cash Price : Rupees Seventy-Five Thousand Only (Rs 75,000/-)

Other Rewards : Certificate signed by NSF Director General and Chairman

3. Appreciation Award (only1)

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

Other Rewards : Certificate signed by NSF Director General and Chairman

Purpose of the Award

The award is destined to candidates having contributed significantly to the popularization of science amongst the general public with a view to

- Improving scientific literacy of people
- Contributing to the national economy through products, services, technology development and transfer, etc.
- Improving livelihood and wellbeing of people
- Promoting conservation and sustainable utilization of natural resources and energy
- Inculcating scientific culture

Criteria

1. The applicant must be a citizen of Sri Lanka
2. Significant lifetime achievements in the areas of science popularization and in promoting science education in the country
3. All the work in the areas of science popularization and promoting science education done during the last three years from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2025, targeting Sri Lankan people.
4. The award will be considered for science popularization through writing, public lectures, workshops radio/TV, social media, etc. targeting general public.
5. Emphasis should be on popularization of science among wider communities rather than popularizing individual research work.
6. Significant achievements during the lifetime should be forwarded along with your CV.
7. Only individual applicants will be considered.

8. The Staff members of the NSF, NSF Working Committee members, and members of the Board of Management (BoM) of the NSF will not be eligible for application.

Guideline for Applicants

Each application dossier shall include the following documents,

1. Duly completed application downloaded from <http://www.nsf.gov.lk>
2. Description of the applicant's academic and professional background.
3. Summary of the work and the results of the work carried out by the applicant on the popularization of science and promoting science education in the country
4. Description of how the submitted work has contributed to the popularization of science and promoting science education in the country
5. List of enclosed annexes (proofs of the programme conducted, publications, books, digital supports, media articles, 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 dilrukshi@nsf.gov.lk / maduka@nsf.gov.lk indicating subject as "SPAS 2026". NSF will request hard copies or proofs of authentication, whenever necessary.

Evaluation and awarding process

1. The award winner is selected by the BoM of the NSF upon the recommendation of a Panel of Judges appointed by the BoM.
2. Applicants should physically attend an interview with the Panel of Judges for final evaluation.
3. Besides the lifetime national award (01), one commendation award (01) and appreciation (01) 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.