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CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Industry Driven Research & Development Programme – 2026

Rapid technological advancement and evolving market demands require closer collaboration between industry and academia. Traditional academic research often lacks direct industry relevance, while industries face challenges in accessing research expertise and innovation capabilities. Industry-Driven Research & Development Programme aims to bridge this gap by aligning academic research with real-world industrial problems.



The ultimate objective of this initiative is to make a significant direct or indirect contribution to the national GDP and, consequently, the socio-economic development of the country.

Priority Sectors

- Automobile sector
- Mineral-based industries
- Pharmaceutical sector
(Vitamins, Bandages, other value-added products)
- Rubber and polymer-based industries
- Food sector
- Industrial Automation
- Boiler manufacturing
- Any other sector of National importance



Who can apply:

- Directly industries
- Industry University collaborations
- University Industry collaborations



How to apply

- Further information and EoI format can be downloaded from NSF website <http://www.nsf.gov.lk>
- The dully completed EoI should be submitted in electronic form only to the e-mail industry@nsf.gov.lk

Deadline for Submission of Eols:
31st July 2026

Note :

- The Industry will have to meet 30% to 50% from the total budget of the project
- Company should be 100% locally owned and registered in Sri Lanka.
- Only one company is eligible in a group of companies.
- Proposals more than Rs. 10 Mn are not encouraged.



For more information

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