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National Science Foundation



The National Science Foundation (NSF), a statutory board incorporated under the Science and Technology Development Act No.11 of 1994, functions under the purview of the Ministry of Science and Technology. The Foundation has the mandate to promote Science and Technology for the socio-economic development of the country. Applications are hereby called from the qualified Sri Lankan citizens to fill the following vacancies.

1. Principal Scientific Officer (01)

External Candidates: (1 or 2 below)

- 1) A Bachelor's Degree in Science including Social Science, Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, Economics, Computer Science, Statistics or any other relevant field which is recognized by the UGC.

AND

PhD in above fields with at least 12 years managerial level experience in a Corporation, Statutory Board/ Institution or a reputed private institution.

- 2) A Bachelor's Degree in Science including Social Science, Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, Economics, Computer Science, Statistics or any other relevant field which is recognized by the UGC.

AND

MPhil or MSc (Minimum two years degree with a research component) in Science, including Social Science, Economics, Statistics with at least 15 years managerial level experience in a Corporation, Statutory Board/Institution or a reputed private institution.

Internal Candidates:

Completion of minimum of five (05) years satisfactory service in the post of Senior Scientific Officer (AR 2) at the NSF.

Age: Should be not less than 35 years and not more than 50 years. The upper age limit will not apply to the internal candidates.

Salary Code & Scale:

HM 1-3 Rs. 152,500 – 15x4,100 – 214,000/-

(As per the DMS circular 01/2025, basic salary for the year 2026 is Rs. 133,028/-)

Recruitment Procedure:

Structured interview.

2. Senior Scientific Officer (01)

External Candidates: (1 or 2 below)

- 1) A Special Degree in Science including Social Science, Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, Economics, Computer Science, Statistics or any other relevant field from a recognized University with appropriate subject combinations with a Postgraduate Degree qualification (Masters) in the relevant field or any other relevant field acceptable to the Board and from a University recognized by the UGC.

AND

Minimum of eight (08) years research related experience in a Government Corporation, Board, Statutory Institution or a reputed private institution, after obtaining the First Degree.

- 2) A Special Degree in Science including Social Science, Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, Economics, Computer Science, Statistics or any other relevant field from a recognized University with a Doctoral Degree in a related field or any other relevant field acceptable to the Board and from a University recognized by the UGC.

AND

Minimum of five (05) years research related experience in a Government Corporation, Board, Statutory Institution or a reputed private institution, after obtaining the First Degree.

Internal Candidates: (1 or 2 or 3 below)

- 1) Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above.
- 2) A Special/General Degree in the subject area relevant to the post which is recognized by the UGC. (The relevant subject area should be mentioned by the applicant.)

WITH

A Postgraduate Degree qualification (Masters) in a relevant field and completion of minimum eight (08) years satisfactory service of a post in the Category of Academic/Research (AR 1), in the subject area relevant to the post.

- 3) A Special/General Degree in the subject area relevant to the post which is recognized by the UGC. (The relevant subject area should be mentioned by the applicant.)

WITH

A Doctoral Degree in a related field.

AND

Completion of minimum five (5) years satisfactory service of a post in the Category of Academic/Research (AR 1) in the subject area relevant to the post.

Age: Should be not less than 35 years and not more than 50 years. The upper age limit will not apply to the internal candidates.

Salary Code & Scale:

AR 2 Rs. 133,220 – 10x3,600 – 169,220/-

(As per the DMS circular 01/2025, basic salary for the year 2026 is Rs. 116,763/-)

Recruitment Procedure:

Structured interview.

3. Scientific Officer (08)

External Candidates: (1 or 2 below)

- 1) A Special Degree in Science including Social Science, Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, Economics, Computer Science, Statistics or any other relevant field from a recognized University or any other relevant field acceptable to the Board and from a University recognized by the UGC.
- 2) A General Degree in Science including Social Science, Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, Economics, Computer Science, Statistics or any other relevant field from a recognized University or any other relevant field acceptable to the Board and from a University recognized by the UGC.

WITH

A post graduate Degree/Diploma (minimum two years degree with research component) in the relevant field.

Age: Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to the internal candidates.

Salary Code & Scale:

AR 1 Rs. 91,650 – 10x2,480 – 15x3,450 –168,200/-

(As per the DMS circular 01/2025, basic salary for the year 2026 is Rs. 81,675/-)

Recruitment Procedure:

A written competitive examination and structured interview.

OR

Structured interviews.

4. Information Officer (02)

External Candidates: (1 or 2 below)

- 1) A Special Degree in Science, Information Communication Technology, Computer Science, Social Science from a recognized University or any other relevant filed acceptable to the Board and from a University recognized by the UGC.

AND

Minimum three (03) years post qualifying experience in a Government Department/Corporation/Board or a reputed Mercantile Establishment, after obtaining the First Degree.

- 2) A General Degree in Science, Information Communication Technology, Computer Science, Social Science from a recognized University with a Postgraduate Degree in the relevant filed or any other relevant filed acceptable to the Board and from a University recognized by the UGC.

AND

Minimum three (03) years post qualifying experience in a Government Department/Corporation/Board or a reputed Mercantile Establishment, after obtaining the First Degree.

Internal Candidates: (1 or 2 below)

- 1) Having obtained the qualifications and experience required by the external candidates above.
- 2) Completion of minimum five (05) years satisfactory service in a post in the Junior Information Officer (JM) Category, at the National Science Foundation.

Age: Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to the internal candidates.

Salary Code & Scale:

MM 1-1 Rs. 91,690 – 10x2,480 – 15x3,450 –168,240/-

(As per the DMS circular 01/2025, basic salary for the year 2026 is Rs. 81,710/-)

Recruitment Procedure:

Structured interview.

5. Confidential Secretary (Contract Basis) (02)

External Candidates:

- 1) Having passed the G.C.E. (O/L) Examination in six (06) subjects with Credit passes for four (04) subjects including Sinhala/Tamil, English and Mathematics.

AND

- 2) Pass three (03) subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) with final examination of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries OR Diploma in Secretarial Practice (>2 years) from a recognized institution.

AND

- 3) Minimum of 10 years experience as Secretary in the relevant field in a reputed public or private sector organization.

Age: Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to the internal candidates.

Salary Code & Scale:

JM 1-2 Rs. 74,010 – 10x1,360 – 18x2,040 – 124,330/-

(As per the DMS circular 01/2025, basic salary for the year 2026 is Rs. 66,781/-)

Recruitment Procedure:

A written competitive examination and structured interview.

OR

Structured interview.

6. Book Keeper (Contract Basis) (02)

External Candidates:

Vocational:

Having obtained a certificate of proficiency not below than the NVQ Level 05 or an equivalent qualification in Accounting/Book keeping, accepted by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission.

Internal Candidates: (1 or 2 below)

Employees of the Categories of Management Assistant (Non-Tech), Primary Level - Skilled, Primary Level – Semi-skilled and Primary Level - Unskilled who possess the following qualifications are eligible to apply.

- 1) Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above.
- 2) Having completed a minimum of five (05) years service in permanent post at the NSF with minimum of AAT/Book-Keeper's final examination or equivalent not below the NVQ Level 05.

Age: Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to internal candidates.

Salary Code & Scale:

MA 2-2 Rs. 50,540 – 10x540 – 7x630 – 4x1,080 – 20x1,280 – 90,270/-

(As per the DMS circular 01/2025, basic salary for the year 2026 is Rs. 46,960/-)

Recruitment Procedure:

A written competitive examination and structured interview.

OR

Structured interview.

7. Library Assistant (Contract Basis) (02)

External Candidates:

Vocational:

Having obtained a Certificate of proficiency not below than the NVQ Level 05 or an equivalent qualification in Library and Information Science, accepted by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission.

Internal Candidates: (1 or 2 below)

Employees of the Categories of Management Assistant (Non-Tech), Primary Level - Skilled, Primary Level – Semi-skilled and Primary Level - Unskilled who possess the following qualifications are eligible to apply.

- 1) Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above.
- 2) Having passed the first exam of the Sri Lanka Library Association or equivalent.

AND

Having completed a minimum of five (05) years service in a permanent post under the above employee category at the NSF.

Age: Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to internal candidates.

Salary Code & Scale:

MA 2-2 Rs. 50,540 – 10x540 – 7x630 – 4x1,080 – 20x1,280 – 90,270/-

(As per the DMS circular 01/2025, basic salary for the year 2026 is Rs. 46,960/-)

Recruitment Procedure:

A written competitive examination and structured interview.

OR

Structured interview.

8. Graphic Design Assistant (Contract Basis) (02)

External Candidates:

Vocational:

Having obtained a certificate of proficiency not below than the NVQ Level 05 or an equivalent qualification in Graphic Designing, accepted by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission.

Internal Candidates: (1 or 2 below)

Employees of the Categories of Management Assistant (Non-Tech), Primary Level - Skilled, Primary Level – Semi-skilled and Primary Level - Unskilled who possess the following qualifications are eligible to apply.

- 1) Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above.
- 2) One year certificate course in Graphic Designing or equivalent (Not below than NVQ Level 5).

AND

Having completed a minimum of five (05) years service in permanent post under the above employee category at the NSF.

Age: Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to internal candidates.

Salary Code & Scale:

MA 2-2 Rs. 50,540 – 10x540 – 7x630 – 4x1,080 – 20x1,280 – 90,270/-

(As per the DMS circular 01/2025, basic salary for the year 2026 is Rs. 46,960/-)

Recruitment Procedure:

A written competitive examination and structured interview.

OR

Structured interview.

9. Management Assistant – Non Technological (12)

External Candidates:

Educational:

- 1) Having passed the G.C.E. (O/L) examination in six (06) subjects in one sitting with credit passes for four (04) subjects including, Sinhala/Tamil, English Language and Mathematics.

AND

Having passed three (03) subjects (other than the General paper) at the G.C.E. (A/L) examination.

Special Skills:

- Ability to use computer software applications.
- Sinhala and English computer typing.

Internal Candidates:

Employees of the Categories of Primary Level - Skilled, Primary Level – Semi-skilled and Primary Level - Unskilled who possess the following qualifications are eligible to apply.

Educational:

Having passed the G.C.E. (O/L) examination in six (06) subjects with credit passes for four (04) subjects including, Sinhala/Tamil, English Language and Mathematics.

AND

Having completed a minimum of five (05) years satisfactory service in a permanent post under the above employee category.

Special Skills :

- Ability to use computer software applications.
- Sinhala and English computer typing.

Age: Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to internal candidates.

Salary Code & Scale:

MA 1-2 Rs. 46,220 – 10x540 – 7x630 – 12x1,080 – 12x1,280 – 84,350/-

(As per the DMS circular 01/2025, basic salary for the year 2026 is Rs. 43,312/-)

Recruitment Procedure:

A written competitive examination and structured interview.

OR

Structured interview.

10. Technician (Electrical & Electronic) (01)

External Candidates:

Educational:

Having obtained proficiency certificate not below than the NVQ Level 04 issued by a Technical/Vocational Training Institute accepted by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission, relevant to the function of the post.

AND

A minimum of three (03) years experience in the relevant field in a reputed establishment.

Internal Candidates: (1 or 2 below)

- 1) Having obtained the qualifications and experience required by the external candidates above.
- 2) Employees in Primary Level Semi-skilled (PL 2) or Primary Level - Unskilled (PL 1) who have completed a minimum of five (05) years working experience in the relevant field with the skills not below than the NVQ Level 02 proven at a trade test.

Age: Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to internal candidates.

Salary Code & Scale:

PL 3 Rs. 43,280 – 10x490 – 10x540 – 10x590 – 12x630 – 67,040/-

(As per the DMS circular 01/2025, basic salary for the year 2026 is Rs. 40,834/-)

Recruitment Procedure:

Trade test and a structured interview.

11. Book Binder (Contract Basis) (01)

External Candidates:

Educational:

Having obtained proficiency certificate not below than the NVQ Level 04 issued by a Technical/ Vocational Training Institute accepted by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission, relevant to the function of the post.

AND

A minimum of three (03) years experience in the relevant field in a reputed establishment.

Internal Candidates: (1 or 2 below)

- 1) Having obtained the qualifications and experience required by the external candidates above.
- 2) Employees in Primary Level Semi-skilled (PL 2) or Primary Level - Unskilled (PL 1) who have completed a minimum of five (05) years working experience in the relevant field with the skills not below than the NVQ Level 02 proven at a trade test.

Age: Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to internal candidates.

Salary Code & Scale:

PL 3 Rs. 43,280 – 10x490 – 10x540 – 10x590 – 12x630 – 67,040/-

(As per the DMS circular 01/2025, basic salary for the year 2026 is Rs. 40,834/-)

Recruitment Procedure:

Trade test and a structured interview.

12. Driver (04)**External Candidates:****Educational:**

Having passed G.C.E. (O/L) examination in six (06) subjects, at least with two (02) credit passes in maximum of two sitting.

AND

A valid license to drive heavy vehicles issued by the Commissioner General, Department of Motor Traffic and minimum of three (03) years experience in driving heavy vehicles after obtaining the driving license at a reputed establishment.

Internal Candidates:

A valid license to drive heavy vehicles issued by the Commissioner General, Department of Motor Traffic and minimum of three (03) years experience in driving heavy vehicles after obtaining the driving license at a reputed establishment.

AND

Completion of minimum five (05) years satisfactory service in a post in the category of Primary Semi-skilled (PL 2) or Primary Unskilled (PL 1).

Age: Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to internal candidates.

Salary Code & Scale:

PL 3 Rs. 43,280 – 10x490 – 10x540 – 10x590 – 12x630 – 67,040/-

(As per the DMS circular 01/2025, basic salary for the year 2026 is Rs. 40,834/-)

Recruitment Procedure:

Trade test and a structured interview.

13. Office Aide (Contract Basis) (02)**External Candidates:****Educational:**

Having sat for the G.C.E. (O/L) Examination.

Age: Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years.

Salary Code & Scale:

PL 1 Rs. 40,500 – 10x450 – 10x490 – 7x540 – 15x590 – 62,530/-

(As per the DMS circular 01/2025, basic salary for the year 2026 is Rs. 38,488/-)

Recruitment Procedure:

Structured interview.

General Conditions:

All applicants should be;
a citizen of Sri Lanka.
in good physical and mental fitness.
willing to serve in any part of Sri Lanka.

Benefits include EPF/ETF and other incentives as approved by the Treasury. In addition to the above salary, government approved other allowances will be paid.

Qualified applicants should complete and submit the online application form. A hard copy of the same, together with copies of the relevant certificates to prove academic/professional qualifications and experience, should also be forwarded under registered post. If the Degree acquired from a foreign/private university, proof of recognition by the UGC should be attached. The post applied for, should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope. Any form of canvassing in support of the application will result in disqualification.

Employees in Government or Semi-Government service should forward their applications through the Head of their respective institutions. Internal applicants must submit applications through the Head of Division with the approval of the Director General. Information on the NSF and the vacancies can be viewed at www.nsf.gov.lk. Applications should be addressed to Director General, National Science Foundation, 47/5, Maitland Place, Colombo 07.

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