

 <p>NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION</p>	<p>Programme Brief - Postdoctoral Research Fellowship</p>	<p>Issue No Date: 08/08/2016 Revision No. 01 Page 1 of 3</p>
<p>Main objectives: To Provide an opportunity for scientists / engineers with a PhD (recently obtained) or equivalent qualifications to conduct research locally.</p> <p>Specific objectives: To attract Postdoctoral scientists / engineers through appropriate incentive schemes</p> <p>Corporate Plan Reference: 1.4.3</p> <p>Objective 1.4: Continue to facilitate capacity building of researchers and institutions on existing and evolving areas of research, motivate and inspire for effective engagement.</p>		
<p>Rationale :</p> <p>Provides an opportunity for scientists/ engineers with good research record and recent doctoral degrees to carryout fulltime research in the country.</p>		
<p>Programme consideration :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding Postdoctoral scientists/ engineers and those with equivalent qualifications with a good record of publications in peer reviewed/ indexed journals, to carry out fulltime research within Sri Lanka up to 2 years. • These grants are awarded in all fields of Science & Technology after comprehensive evaluation by the NSF. 		
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Programme guidelines : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for Postdoctoral Research Fellowships will be entertained throughout the year. • Application forms can be downloaded from the NSF web site (www.nsf.gov.lk). Softcopies of completed applications should be e-mailed to pdrf@nsf.gov.lk. Only softcopies will be entertained. Signature page should be printed, signed, scanned and emailed attached to the application together with all other required documents. • Applicants must be citizens of Sri Lanka and should be registered with the STMIS database at the NSF. • Applicants should hold a Doctoral degree/ equivalent qualification as determined by the Board of Management. • Applicants should be engaged in the proposed research full time. • Research should be conducted in Sri Lanka within the stipulated time period. • Applicants should have evidence of excellent research achievement. • Applicants should have strong recommendations from two referees. • An academic or researcher with a permanent position should be included as a Co-investigator and who is willing to complete the project in any case the Postdoctoral Research Scientist fails to do so. • The Head of the Department/ Institution where the applicant intends to work should sign on the application agreeing that facilities will be made available to the Applicant for the research work. • Once the application is submitted, the relevant Scientific Officer in the Research Division checks for conformity with the NSF criteria. • The research proposals of eligible applicants are sent to two independent reviewers identified by the NSF, for evaluation. • Those applicants who meet the criteria are requested to present their proposed research project to a panel of experts nominated by the NSF. • The recommendation of the expert panel, based on the review reports, presentation made by the applicant and the discussion that follows will be submitted to the Board of Management for approval. • Once the Board approval is given, the applicant will receive the Award Letter and an Agreement to be signed by the PD Scientist, Host Institution and the NSF. At this point the applicant has to submit a hard copy of the application with signatures. • After signing the Agreement the annual research expenses will be transferred, to the Host Institution where the Scientist is carrying out the research. • The Scientist receives the monthly stipend from the NSF, when a signed voucher is submitted at the end of each month, through the Head of the Department where the Scientist carries out the research. • The Scientist needs to submit half-yearly Progress Reports along with Financial Statements by the Bursar/Accountant. The Reviewer nominated by the expert panel evaluates these reports. 		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Scientist should submit the Final Report according to the NSF format within 3 months from the end of the grant period. • The reviewers nominated by the expert panel evaluate the Final Report. • Based on the evaluation reports and the presentation made by the Scientist, the expert panel makes recommendations and accordingly the NSF accepts/requests to revise the Final Report. • Those applicants who do not meet the criteria and not recommended by the reviewers are notified by a letter along with comments under the signature of Director General. 		
Outputs: High quality research of international standards		
Target groups /Beneficiaries Post-doctoral Researchers		
Possible Collaborators/Partners		
Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Students are not allowed • Nationally/ currently important areas to be addressed under the research 		
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