



## CALLING APPLICATIONS FOR SMALL RESEARCH GRANTS

### UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO - 2025

University of Colombo announces the availability of funds for research, as part of its plans to inculcate research culture amongst staff and to upscale the high-quality research. The objectives of providing these funds are to encourage and facilitate Innovative research, development of collaborative research communities, development of research methodologies, and enhance the impact of research on issues that are relevant to national development. Hence the applicants are requested to make maximum utilization of the grants that are available with the University of Colombo.

- A small grant can be sought for collecting pilot data, research equipment or supplies, or the costs of smaller- scale projects.
- Grants can also be sought for publications such as the costs of publishing, scholarly or artistic work.
- Grants cannot be sought for publishing research articles/publications in journals
- Grants can also be sought for payment of copyright to photographs, drawings, figures or tables, or permissions to reprint.
- Grants will be given for extension of ongoing research; though priority will be given for new projects.

**Eligibility information:** Staff members who hold tenured positions in the university and who are eligible for the research allowance under Establishment circular No 5/2014 (i) and 5/2014 (ii) dated 28.05.2014 and 30.05.2014 respectively.

**Award Period:** A period of 3 months to 1 year

**Funding Range:** Applicants may request from Rs. 100,000 – Rs. 500,000.00.

**Submission process:** duly fill the relevant application and research proposal submit on time

**Acceptance:** Proposal quality and likely impact

**Acknowledgment:** Grantees are expected to acknowledge the University of Colombo in the outputs funded through the small grants scheme such as reports, publications, conferences, workshops, lesson materials

**Reporting:** Awardees of 1 year grants will be required to submit biannual progress reports to the University Research & Development Committee through the Faculty Research Committee. Others should submit a detailed final report at the end of grant period (less than 1 year).

**Submission date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025

**Application can be downloaded :** <https://cmb.ac.lk/calling-for-small-research-grants>

***Three copies of the completed application form with research proposal should be sent through the Head of the Department of study and the Rector of the Campus/Dean of the faculty /Librarian to Academic & Publications Branch, College House, University of Colombo.***

Current grant holders who plan to complete their studies and submit the final reports and financial statements before 04<sup>th</sup> September 2025 are also eligible to submit new applications. If such an application is selected for funding, evidence for completion of the previous grant and settlement of finances prior to the given deadline of 04.09.2025 would be needed before the new award is made. Only one grant will be awarded per candidate, despite of the submission of more than one proposal.

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