**Sri Lanka and Pakistan Joint Call for Proposals**

**on Collaborative Research and Development – 2017**

**Guidelines and Criteria for Application**

Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) and the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka (NSF) are the apex bodies for promotion and funding of scientific research and commercialization as well as science popularization in their respective countries.

Focusing on strengthened bilateral scientific cooperation, NSF and PSF are calling for proposals on joint research and development from research groups involving members from both countries.

**Focus and Priority**

• The Proposals are invited from the following focused areas:

 **Food and Agriculture**

 **Health**

 **Natural Products**

 **Marine Resources/Sciences**

 **Material Sciences**

 **Biotechnology**

• Joint Research and Development Projects must contribute towards the development of Industry, Technology, Process, Techniques, Prototypes, Commercialization and Innovation, leading to socio-economic development of both countries. Joint Research Proposals which are of applied nature will be given preference.

**Guidelines for Application**

* Sri Lankan and Pakistani scientists should come to an agreement with each other using their own means of communication and jointly develop and complete their project proposals before submission (Note that PSF and NSF do not match the collaborating partners).
* The Principal Investigator (PI) of the Sri Lankan Research Team should submit the duly filled application of the ‘International Collaborative Research Programme (ICRP)’ and the ‘Prescribed form of Application’ to the NSF while the collaborating Pakistani Researchers should simultaneously submit their Prescribed form of Application to the PSF.
* Proposals submitted individually from any side without a Sri Lankan or Pakistani collaborator will not be processed further.
* The duration of the projects should not exceed **three years**.
* Purpose of visits in one direction under submitted Joint Research Project should be;
* Collaborative research
* Training of Scientists
* To participate in small workshops (which would be the part of Joint Research Project)
* Sri Lankan applicants should fill the application for the International Collaborative Research Programme (ICRP) and the ‘Prescribed form of Application’ at the NSF web site: www.nsf.gov.lk and submit the application and the other relevant documents accordingly, addressed to the Director General, NSF.
* Pakistani applicants should fill the application on the ‘Prescribed form of Application’ at the PSF web site: www.psf.gov.pk and submit the application and the other relevant documents accordingly, addressed to the Director, Research Support/ International Linkages, PSF.
* The soft copies of the applications by Sri Lankan scientists (along with all the attachments) has to be submitted to: nsfpsf@nsf.gov.lk and the soft copy of the application by Pakistani scientists (along with all the attachments) has to be submitted to: director.psf@gmail.com
* In the top left hand corner of the letter cover ‘PSF-NSF Joint Call 2017’ should be written clearly. Same has to be mentioned in the covering letter to the application.
* The completed application along with the e-version should reach the NSF and PSF simultaneously by **21st April 2017**.

**Financial Conditions**

* The costs of exchange of experts, scientists and other specialists will be covered on the following basis:
1. The sending party will meet the cost of international travel to the country where the joint work will be conducted
2. The receiving party will bear the cost of local hospitality
* The budgets for these expenses should be included in the budget estimates of each project.
* The total Project Cost should not exceed USD 40,000. The budget mentioned in the ICRP Application should only include the cost borne by the Sri Lankan Team of the Joint Research Group.

**Evaluation of Proposals**

* Only jointly submitted proposals will be eligible for evaluation.
* The proposals will be evaluated and approved by NSF and PSF jointly.
* Only the project proposals which are approved by NSF and PSF will be supported.