**Senate Research & Higher Degrees Committee (SRHDC)**

**Wayamba University of Sri Lanka (WUSL)**

**Wayamba University Research Grants – 2025**

SRHDC is in a position to offer a limited number of University Research Grants (URG) for members of the WUSL academic staff for 2025. Each grant will be limited to an amount not exceeding Rs. 500,000.00 and a duration not exceeding two years. A panel of reviewers appointed by the SRHDC will evaluate and prioritize the research proposals for funding.

**Eligibility:**

The applicants will have to fulfill the following requirements to secure a WUSL research grant:

1. The Principal Investigator (PI) should essentially be a senior lecturer or above attached to the WUSL with proven research experience in the area of the research proposed.
2. Co-Principal investigator/s (Co-PIs) should be researchers capable of giving a significant contribution to implementing the proposed research and assuming responsibility for all aspects of the project. They can be permanent staff members (Confirmed / Probationary) of the WUSL (preferably) and or academics/scientists with experience in the area of the proposed research from other Universities / Research and Development Institutions.
3. The investigators should prove their previous achievements and track record in research by submitting *curriculum vitae* with a list of recent publications and completed research grants with the application.
4. The investigators should also provide details of the previous WUSL research grants received with evidence of *completion/clearance reports*.

**Procedure for submitting applications for WUSL Research Grants 2025**

The applications for research grants should be prepared according to the following format:

1. Title of the proposed research: This should be brief but sufficiently indicative of the nature of the project, and intelligible to a scientifically or technically literate reader.
2. Research Summary: Provide a concise summary of the intended research study.
3. Details of Research Proponents: Outline information about all researchers participating in the project, including the PI, and Co-PIs, specifying their names, departments, faculties, and affiliated universities or institutes.
4. Duration: The maximum is two years for WUSL Research Grants due to commence in 2025
5. Introduction: Cover key elements of the proposal indicating a statement of the problem and the purpose of the research
6. Background and Justification: Briefly describe the background and the rationale for the research with a sufficient review of the literature.
7. Aims and Objectives: Clearly state the research aims and objectives tallying with the needs identified in the background and justification.
8. Significance of Research to National Development: Mention how the outcome of the research supports national development.
9. Methodology: Give a detailed description of the intended methodology, including the collection and analysis of data to achieve the specific objectives stated. The proposals that do not provide a clearly defined methodology with a strong analytical/theoretical/ conceptual framework/s and systematic approach supported by relevant activities to achieve the objectives stated in the proposal will not be considered for funding.
10. Dissemination of Knowledge and Proposed Outcomes: Mention how the expected outputs and outcomes of the proposed research will *contribute to science, knowledge, or innovation.*
11. Research Intended for Postgraduate Degree: Indicate whether the proposed research is intended for a postgraduate degree (M.Phil. / Ph.D.). Proposals leading to postgraduate degrees for probationary lecturers of the WUSL will be given priority when awarding WUSL research grants.
12. Summary of the Budget: Give a summary of the budget with the yearly breakdown (2025 and 2026) under budget items; personnel, equipment, consumables, travel and subsistence, and miscellaneous.
13. Timeline: Provide a realistic timeline for the completion of different project milestones in the form of a quarterly Gantt Chart and demonstrate that your research can be conducted within the proposed timeframe
14. Ethical Considerations: Whether e*thical clearance applies to the proposed research or not and if so has ethical clearance obtained.*
15. Detailed budget: Annex a detailed budget using the attached format

**Submission of applications** – The protocol for submission of research proposal applications is to address “The Chairman, SRDHC, Academic Division, WUSL, Kuliyapitiya”, and channel through the Head of the respective Department and Dean of the Faculty with their recommendations.

**Deadline for submission**: No later than 12.00 p.m. on 10th August 2025.

**Annex: Format for detailed budget**

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| Budget Component  | Budget Breakdown  | Yearly expenditure (Rs.) | Total Expenditure (Rs.) |
| Service / Item | Days/ hours/ Quantity  | Unit cost (Rs) | Total cost (Rs.) | **2025 (should not exceed 50% of the total budget)** | 2026 |
| Personnel (No provisions for postgraduate stipend, registration fees, conference registration fees, publication costs, etc., However, there are provisions for obtaining technical assistance and other services (e.g. statistical analysis, computer programming, calibration of instruments, labor) at the payment rates approved by the WUSL. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Equipment (In principle purchase of equipment under WURC grants is not entertained. However, with a strong justification item/s can be approved at a cost not exceeding 25% of the total budget |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consumables (Provide an itemized list with a complete description of types (e.g. Chemicals, glassware, raw materials, and any other depreciating equipment, etc.) quantities, and cost. In the case of depreciating equipment, a strong justification has to be given to list them as consumables. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Travel and Subsistence (Provide details of field visits, places, number of days, etc., Travel and subsistence rates have to be on par with the rates permitted by the WUSL. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Miscellaneous (Indicate the other expenses required for the research project. This component should not exceed 10% of the total budget. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Budget |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |