** Ministry of Science & Technology**

 **NATIONAL** **RESEARCH** **COUNCIL**

**TARGET ORIENTED MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH GRANTS 2025**

Pre-proposals are invited from groups of researchers in public scientific R&D organizations/ universities for the funding of target/problem-oriented, multidisciplinary research projects aimed at solving nationally relevant issues targeting the country's economic development, social welfare, and environmental sustainability.

Funding will be considered for minor equipment, consumables, local travel, and allowances for research assistantships. The grant would be valued at Rs. 20 million over 5 years. Pre-proposals are invited from the following fields:

1. Medical Sciences
2. Agriculture
3. Physical / Engineering Sciences and Technologies
4. Chemical Sciences
5. Environmental Sciences
6. Others\*

\*Pre-proposals on other nationally relevant areas can also be submitted with justification.

The pre-proposal should be limited to five (5) A4 pages, using font size 12. It should consist of project goals and objectives, scope, targets, timeline/ Gantt chart, and milestones (2–3 pages); the project team, their track record (such as H-index and university research tier, where applicable), and their contributions to the project (1 page); budget, a list facilities/ resources available, and a list of facilities/resources requested.

To apply, the principal investigator must submit the completed pre-proposal along with the seal and signature of the institutional head or Vice-Chancellor. The pre-proposal should be provided in one hard copyandan exact scanned copy (soft copy).

Deadline for submission: **30th June 2025**

1. **One hardcopy (original)** to be sent by registered post, addressed to the Chairperson of the NRC,

**and**

1. **An exact scanned copy of the original** should reach the NRC email; to@nrc.gov.lk on or before 4.00 p.m., 30th June 2025.

Late and incomplete pre-proposals (hard or soft copy) will not be processed. Selected applicants will be called for a meeting in July 2025 to introduce the concept of target-oriented research projects and their operational activities. They will then be invited to submit comprehensive proposals with a clear identification of the problems to be solved or targets to be achieved, with strong justifications. Funding will be competitive, and the NRC's decision on awarding will be final.

For further information, please visit the NRC website [**http://www.nrc.gov.lk**](http://www.nrc.gov.lk/) or contact Ms. I. Liyanage, Scientific/ Research Officer, National Research Council, 120/7, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 07.

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