

Application for Jireh Research Excellence Award 2026

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Jireh Research Excellence Award, applicants must:

- Be citizens of Sri Lanka
- Be enrolled full-time in an M.Phil. or Ph.D. program at a state university in Sri Lanka.
- Be pursuing research in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) field.
- Be at least 6 months along in their research project.

Please be aware that meeting all the eligibility criteria does not guarantee receipt of the award. Due to limited funding, recipients will be selected based on a comprehensive evaluation of each application.

Supporting documents to be attached with the application

- Proof of Sri Lankan citizenship via any legal document (NIC/driver's license/passport)
- Applicant's CV
- Gantt chart of the project timeline
- Ethical clearance/necessary permits (if applicable)
- Publications that aren't accessible online (if applicable)
- A letter from the Higher Degree Committee of the respective organization certifying that the applicant is a full-time M.Phil./Ph.D. student, currently pursuing the project title provided in this application. The letter should also include the date of registration, registration number, and the name & affiliation of the supervisor(s).

Please note that incomplete applications with missing supporting documents will not be processed.

Shortlisted applicants will be notified and called for an interview approximately 4 weeks after the application closing date (October 30th 2026).

I - Basic information of the applicant

1. Full legal name:
2. Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):
3. Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other (please specify):
4. Residential address:
5. Telephone:
6. E-mail:

II - Information of higher degree pursued

1. Research area (you may tick more than one):

- ☐ Agriculture and Food Sciences
- ☐ Biological Sciences
- ☐ Biotechnology
- ☐ Chemical Sciences
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Environmental science
- ☐ Information Technology
- ☐ Nanotechnology
- ☐ Physical Sciences
- ☐ Other (please specify):

2. Institution of registration (please select only one option):

- ☐ University of Colombo - Colombo
- ☐ University of Peradeniya - Peradeniya
- ☐ University of Ruhuna - Matara
- ☐ University of Sri Jayewardenepura - Nugegoda
- ☐ University of Kelaniya - Kelaniya
- ☐ University of Moratuwa - Katubedda
- ☐ University of Jaffna - Jaffna
- ☐ University of Vavuniya - Vavuniya
- ☐ The Open University of Sri Lanka - Nawala

- ☐ Eastern University, Sri Lanka - Vantharumoolai
- ☐ South Eastern University of Sri Lanka - Oluvil
- ☐ Rajarata University of Sri Lanka - Mihintale
- ☐ Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka - Belihuloya
- ☐ Wayamba University of Sri Lanka - Kuliyaipitiya
- ☐ Uva Wellassa University – Badulla
- ☐ Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine – Yakkala
- ☐ Other (please specify):

3. Faculty/department of study within the institution:

4. Mode of study: ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time

5. Type of higher degree: ☐ M.Phil ☐ Ph.D

III - Previous research/professional experience

1. Educational qualifications including diplomas, undergraduate and/or postgraduate studies

Start date – End date (full-time/part-time)	Degree/diploma obtained	Awarding body	Grade

2. Professional/research/industry experience

Start date – End date (full-time/part-time)	Duration of stay	Designation	Role

3. Awards/accolades obtained this far. This can include academic and non-academic accolades ranging from academic merit awards for a module during undergraduate study, to overseas travel grants.

Name of award	Date of award	Purpose of award	Awarding body

4. List publications (if any)

Note: include conference abstracts and journal articles. If any listed publication(s) aren't available online, please attach them as one single PDF file along with the application

IV - Research proposal

1. Title of project:
2. Summary of the research project (Explain the aims/objectives, proposed methodology and impact of the study in under 750 words):

V - Funding and ethical clearance of the project

1. Is the project receiving any funding? ☐Yes ☐No

If yes, please indicate if the applicant is receiving any monthly stipend/allowance/ subsistence. ☐Yes ☐No

If yes, name of grant, awarding body, amount, and duration:

2. If the project is not receiving any funding and requires funding, please provide details of any ongoing/past grant application (name of grant, awarding body, and outcome of application)
3. If the project does not require funding, please elaborate on how the continuity of the project will be ensured.
4. Any ethical considerations/permits required? ☐Yes ☐Not applicable
5. Have these ethical clearances/permits obtained? ☐Yes ☐No ☐Not applicable

If no, please provide a justification why it has not been obtained yet.