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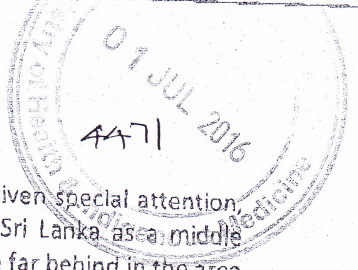
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To All the Secretaries to Ministries

Funding Proposals for Research on Economic Development



Research and Development is a function where most of the countries have given special attention considering the importance of it in the local and global context. However, Sri Lanka as a middle income country in the world ranking, the economic development indicators are far behind in the area of research and development compared to other middle income countries. It is said Sri Lanka has rich sources to do research in almost all the fields. Research related to healthy life, knowledge enhancement and overall socio economic development related fields can be indicated as a few broader areas for attention.

Ministry of Special Assignments has decided to call for research proposals in respect of any related area of development activities of the country from Government Ministries, Departments, Statutory Bodies, Research Institutes and Higher Education Institutions. Research Proposals are invited focusing on any development activity and priority for funding will be given to proposals in new research areas involving a socio economic value and a contribution to the socio economic development aspects and process.

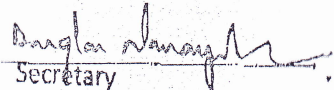
The research proposal should be submitted by institutions and not by individuals. However, research can be done by an individual or a group of researchers in the applicant institute. Funds will be released to the ministry or the institute.

Funding will be provided up to Rs.2.0 million per research proposal and proposals will be selected by an expert team appointed to examine and recommend for funding. Ministry will provide funds up to 10 strong proposals. Interested parties may submit an initial application from in the format attached on or before July 31st, 2016 with a request letter for funding addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Special Assignments, 6th floor, Stage ii, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla.

Selected research Institutions will be required to submit a complete research proposal and present it before a panel of judges who will decide on recommendation for funding. Panel of judges will comprise of senior professors and others in the relevant subject discipline.

You are kindly requested to circulate this among officials in the ministry, departments and Institutions coming under your purview and submit applications as early as possible. Degree Awarding Institutes recognized by the Ministry of Higher Education can also apply for funding with the recommendation of the Secretary to the Ministry of Higher Education or the relevant ministry under which the degree awarding Institute is functioning.

Secretary to the Ministry of Special Assignments will take the final decision of selection of the research proposal submitted seeking funding.


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