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To : All Vice Chancellors of Universities
Rectors of Campuses
Directors of HEIs

Dear Sir/Madam,

Calling Applications for Partial Funding for Advanced Postgraduate Studies – 2026 (01st Round)

The NCAS declare announces the possibility of awarding limited number of grants available this year mainly for those who wish to pursue PhDs or MPhils (Mandatory) leading to PhDs particularly in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences with the approval of their respective universities.

Permanent academics (excluding Probationary faculty members) of state Universities belonging only to the aforesaid study fields, with the entitlement for study leave are eligible to apply. To be qualified, they should possess a master's degree in the relevant field and a valid placement from a University, recognized by the University Grant Commission. In exceptional circumstances, grants will be available for foreign Master's Degrees. (Please see the Guidelines).

It should be noted that the NCAS offers only partial funding as encouragement and support. The grant offers are made initially for one year with the prospects of continuation for maximum of three years subject to the availability of funds, and the satisfactory progress of studies by the grantees and at the fulfillment of terms and conditions stipulated in the Guidelines. The amount of grant per year per candidate will be determined as follows, subject to the maximum ceiling.

1. In case of applicants registered in **local universities**, the amount of grant per year will be determined based on official institutional fees and research expenses. However, the maximum grant amount per year under this category is **Rs. 500,000/- LKR**
2. In case of candidates registered in **foreign universities**, the amount of grant per year per person will be determined based on official institutional fee and a standard living stipend depending on the country. However, the maximum grant amount per year under this category is **Rs. 2 million LKR**.

(If the need arises, the institutional fees relating to any applicant's program of studies will be independently checked by the NCAS with the relevant authorities, however, within the specified limit)

All applicants should reveal the other source/s of funding to pursue their studies. This is to ensure that their studies would not be jeopardized without sufficient funding.

The closing date for receipt of duly perfected applications, inclusive of research proposals and two referee reports is **27th February 2026**. All applications shall be recommended by the university/Institute where the applicants are employed. A non-refundable application forwarding fee of **Rs. 3,000/-** will apply to all applications which can be paid by a cheque in favor of **Director/National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences** or by crediting directly to the **NCAS A/C No. 3532126, Bank of Ceylon Independence Square Branch** and send the bank slip with your application to grants@ncas.ac.lk

We copy this letter to the Deans of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Law, Education and Management and request your office to circulate the same to other relevant faculties or institutes at your discretion. This letter, guidelines for grant scheme and the application form can be downloaded from our website: www.ncas.ac.lk.

All applicants will have to present themselves for an interview on a date specified by the NCAS. Exemptions may be made under rare circumstances with written justification/proof.

Thanking you for your continuing cooperation. .

Yours Sincerely,



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