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To : All Vice Chancellors of Universities

Dear Sir/Madam,

Calling Applications for Partial Funding for Advanced Postgraduate Studies – 2021 (1st Round)

It is with pleasure that the NCAS announces the possibility of limited number of grants that may be available this year mainly for those who wish to pursue PhDs or MPhils leading to PhDs particularly in Humanities and Social Sciences with the approval of their respective universities.

Permanent academics with an entitlement for study leave are eligible to apply. To be qualified they should possess a degree of Masters and valid placement from a University recognized by the University Grant Commission. In exceptional circumstances grants will be available for foreign Masters.

The priority in selections will be given for candidates from the field of social sciences and humanities. Those who are from the fields of law, education and management may also apply with a firm justification in a covering letter. It should be noted that what the NCAS could offer is 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.

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 as needed within the limit, maximum up to Rs.500,000.per year.
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. The maximum grant per year under this category is Rs. 2.0 million. However, the total value of the grant will vary with the assessed funding needs of the candidate.

(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)

All applicants should reveal the other source/s of funding to pursue their studies. This is to ensure 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's reports is **30th July 2021**. All applications shall be recommended by the university/Institute where the applicants are employed. A non-refundable application forwarding fee of Rs. 1,000/- 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.

We copy this letter to the Directors/ Rectors/ 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 are also available on our Website: www.ncas.ac.lk for quick reference. Please make sure that all applicants submit the correct application form issued for the year 2021 (1st round).

All applicants may have to present themselves for interviews. Exemptions may be made under rare circumstances with written justification.

The guideline for the NCAS grants scheme and the application forms are attached herewith.

Thanking you for your continuing cooperation in our programs.

Yours sincerely,



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