

NCAS Grant Scheme for supporting Humanities and Social Sciences Publications

Objective

To financially support through a Scheme of Publication Grants, academics of the Universities of Sri Lanka to publish books/monographs/journal articles related to Humanities and Social Sciences. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis, taking into account the quality, relevance, and the potential to contribute to enhancing scholarship, learning, and intellectual culture.

Manuscripts by retired Sri Lankan University academics are also eligible for Grants under this Scheme.

Eligibility

The following types of manuscripts are eligible to be considered for the award of Publication Grants:

- (i) Books and monographs on specific topic or topics in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences, based on original research. Book manuscripts include single author volumes, edited volumes as well as conference papers revised and edited for publication.
- (ii) Textbooks of scholarly content relevant to higher educational needs of the country.
- (iii) Journal articles based on original research as well as review articles accepted for publication in indexed and/or peer-reviewed Scientific/ scholarly journals of international repute and prestige. The Grant will cover the page charges required for the publication.
- (iv) Translations of scholarly work relevant to higher educational needs of the country.
- (v) Thesis/ Dissertation manuscripts submitted for M. Phil or Ph. D degree, after one year of obtaining the degree. Thesis manuscripts should be submitted after editing them for publication under the guidance of an Advisor, with certification by the Advisor.

Page charges will be paid in full, where applicable, when papers have been accepted in indexed/refereed journals. The maximum support provided per person, per year under category (ii) shall not exceed Rs. 300,000/-.

With regard to all the five categories, only the material that confirm to high academic standards will be considered for support.

NCAS will be the publisher for Manuscripts supported by this scheme of Grants.

The responsibility of the production of the book through all stages of the publication process is entirely with the author/s.

Authors may apply for this scheme by sending an application with

- A copy of the Manuscript
- An estimated budget
- Three (3) quotations from 3 Printers / reputed direct contractors

The Manuscript will be reviewed by two subject specialists or experts in the respective fields identified by the NCAS to ensure quality, relevance, and authenticity of the content and its suitability for the target audience.

Any revisions/suggestions proposed by the NCAS based on the reviewers' comments should be incorporated by the author/s.

The decision to support a manuscript for publication by Grant will be made only after the author/s revise the Manuscript in accordance with the suggestions for revision made by the panel of reviewers.

The Grant will cover the total cost of all stages of the publication process including the following

- (a) Typesetting
- (b) Page designing, cover, and page setting
- (c) Copy-editing
- (d) Proof-reading
- (e) Preparation of the final camera-ready copy and
- (f) Printing of publication.

The number of copies to be printed will be based on the potential readership of the publication. The author may suggest the number of copies to be printed. However, the final decision lies with the NCAS.

The author/s will have the right to decide on the specifications for printing, of publication.

Maximum price of the publication should not exceed 1.5 times of the printing cost per copy.

The author/s will be responsible for marketing and distribution of the publication and should submit a sales / distribution report of the publication once a year.

The NCAS could also offer to host the online version free-of-charge in its server with access via website, if the author/s so desire. This will facilitate the publication reaching a wider audience.

Manuscripts in Sinhalese, Tamil, or English will be accepted.

The copyright of the publication shall remain with the author.

It is mandatory to include the NCAS logo in a prominent and an appropriate place in the publication and to acknowledge NCAS funding on a separate page along with the statement 'This publication is sponsored by the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences'.

All documents should carry the disclaimer 'No responsibility is assumed by the NCAS for statements and opinions expressed by the contributors to this publication'.

Once approved by the NCAS, author will sign an agreement with the NCAS covering all above conditions. 90% of the total grant will be awarded when signing the agreement. The remaining 10% will be paid only after completion of publication.

All applications should be forwarded by Head of the Department and Vice Chancellor of the University/Director of Institute, or directly, in the case of retired academics.