

Invitation of applications for NCAS Grant Scheme for supporting Humanities and Social Sciences Publications-2026

National Center for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (NCAS) is happy to invite applications from the potential academics who are in the fields of Social Sciences and Humanities in the state Universities in Sri Lanka under the Universities Act 16 of 1978 seeking assistance in publishing their academic/ research manuscripts. The Center will scrutinize the submitted manuscript using a double blind review process and will be selected on competitive basis. **Closing date for applications is 31st March 2026.**

Objective

To financially support the academics of the state universities of Sri Lanka that are under the purview of the University Grants Commission 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 potentiality to contribute to enhance academic scholarship in terms of disseminating new knowledge and developing intellectual culture.

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) 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.
- (iii) Textbooks of scholarly content relevant to higher educational needs of the country.
- (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/ recommendation of the Supervisor.

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 the above 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 discretion.

Authors may apply for this scheme by sending a self-prepared application with a One page CV with

- Two (02) copies of the Manuscript
- The estimated budget

The Manuscript will be reviewed by two subject specialists or experts in the respective fields identified by the NCAS to ensure the 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 revision of 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) Page designing, cover, and page setting
- (b) Language editing
- (c) Proof-reading
- (d) Preparation of the final camera-ready copy and
- (e) 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 grantee shall permit the NCAS to host the online version free-of-charge in its server with access via website, as a complimentary to the NCAS grant. The objective is to facilitate the publication among 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.

All applications should be forwarded through the Head of the Department, respective Dean and Vice Chancellor of the University/Director of Institute to be received by the NCAS on or

before 31st March 2026. The manuscripts shall be posted to the following address;

Director,
National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (NCAS)
6A, Sukhastan Gardens,
Ward Place,
Colombo 07

The words “**Application for the Publication Grant/NCAS**” must be mentioned on the top left corner of the envelope.

Director/ NCAS