

D. Guidelines for Postgraduate Research Grant Schemes

i. Split-site Postgraduate Scholarships

This scholarship is awarded to an OUSL academic staff member to register for a full-time postgraduate degree leading to a PhD on split-site basis **only**. In areas of study where an MPhil is a requirement for entry to PhD programme, this scholarship may be utilized initially for MPhil and thereafter for PhD. However, the maximum duration/period of the scholarship shall not exceed **three** years.

The split-site scholarship will support postgraduate study at an overseas university, with a part of the study being undertaken in Sri Lanka for a minimum period of 12 months, not necessarily continuous, under the joint supervision of academics and scientists from both institutions. Registration for the postgraduate degree and the final qualification (PhD) obtained can be from either a Sri Lankan University/OUSL or a University abroad.

- Split-site scholarships are awarded to Lecturers (Probationary) of OUSL, who are entitled to full-time study leave, for at least four years of the total probationary period and Senior Lecturers who do not possess a PhD and have the total duration of the study comprising the balance of their study leave and/or the sabbatical leave. They shall also be able to serve the OUSL at least five years after receiving PhD.
- The maximum value of each scholarship will be **LKR 6.0 million**. Scholarship funds will be granted up to 3 years, disbursing 6.0 million over a period of three years.
- The total value of the scholarship shall be decided by the Selection Committee and may vary depending on the field of research study undertaken, tuition fees and other considerations. The university will inform each candidate of the maximum grant approved.
- Each scholarship will cover approved registration, tuition and examination fees, and a personal living allowance (when overseas) at a rate approved by the OUSL, subject to the maximum value of the scholarship awarded.
- OUSL will invite nominations each year from eligible members of staff. The number of scholarships to be granted each year shall be decided by the Senior Management Committee.
- Each Head of Department, in consultation with the respective Dean of the Faculty shall nominate one staff member who satisfies the eligibility criteria. In case there is more than one nominee from a Department, a priority list shall be given. The nominee(s) shall submit a duly completed application form together with a proposal and a tentative placement.