

Research Awards 2024 - 2025
University of Sri Jayewardenepura
Apply Now for Research Awards

Staff members in the Permanent Service in University of Sri Jayewardenepura (USJ) and Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM) can now apply for Research Awards 2024-2025.

The deadline for the submission is 16th January 2026.

Eligibility criteria for application

- a. Be a permanent staff member of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura or Post-Graduate Institute of Management, USJ.

To be eligible for Research Awards 2024, the staff member should be a permanent staff member of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura or Post-Graduate Institute of Management, USJ on 31st December 2024 or retired on the said year.

To be eligible for Research Awards 2025, the staff member should be a permanent staff member of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura or Post-Graduate Institute of Management, USJ on 31st December 2025 or retired on the said year.

A staff member who has resigned from service is not eligible to apply.

- b. The applicant should process an updated ***Google Scholar Account*** with a ***verified institutional email address (SJP email address)***
- c. The publication should contain the University of Sri Jayewardenepura as the researcher's institutional affiliation
- d. If the applicant is the corresponding author, corresponding author's email address should be an SJP email address

* The publication year indicated in the citation of a research paper will be considered as the official published year of that paper. Full paper publications, those who have

published before 31st December 2025 (with a publication year of 2025 as per the citation), but evidence is not available to apply for Research Awards 2024-2025, will be awarded at the next Research Awards Ceremony.

****Applications for Research Awards should only be submitted once. Any research award application that has been applied for in previous years is not eligible for re-submission for the Research Awards 2024-2025.**

For those applying to Category 1 (Full paper publications), ensure you have the following information ready for each publication you submit:

- Indexing Service
- Journal Name
- SCImago Journal Quartile Ranking (Q1, Q2, Q3 or Q4)
- Paper Title
- Date of Publication
- Relevant URL
- DOI if any
- PDF of the published paper

Award Categories

You can apply the awards in 2 streams: Stream 1 – Year-wise categories, Stream 2 – Common categories

Stream 1: Year-wise Categories

1. Full paper publications

- a) A full paper published in journals ranked in Q1, Q2, Q3, or Q4 according to the SCImago Journal Quartile Ranking.
- b) Full paper publications indexed in any of the following recognized indexing services, which are not eligible under category 1a;
 - i. Science Citation Index Expanded (Web of Science)
 - ii. Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science)

- iii. Arts and Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science)
- iv. Emerging Sources Citation Index (Web of Science)
- v. Elsevier SCOPUS

Note: Award will be given for the paper. However, a certificate will be given for each USJ/PIM eligible author.

If the corresponding author is an eligible staff member of the USJ/PIM, he/she should apply for the award on behalf of the other USJ/PIM members. If the corresponding author is not eligible to apply (in an instance where the corresponding author is not an eligible USJ/PIM member to apply for the University Research Awards) another eligible member is requested to apply with the concurrence of the other USJ/PIM authors listed. A draft letter is attached for your reference in the online application system.

2. A full paper published in a refereed journal that publishes at least two issues per year.
(Please note that full papers which are not applicable for category 1 can be applied under this category)

3. Researchers who have published 5 or more full papers per year in recognized indexed journals (listed under category 1 above).

Must state University of Sri Jayewardenepura as the institutional affiliation.

Kindly note that, you must submit details of a minimum of five (5) full paper publications per year in order to be considered eligible for this category.

4. Researchers who successfully supervised and completed PhD/MPhil degrees in 2024-2025 (PhD/MPhil degrees awarded from Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS), USJ).

- A PhD should be awarded within a period of 4 years and an MPhil within 3 years from the date of registration (**A letter from the Assistant Registrar of the FGS, confirming the dates of registration and completion of postgraduate degree, should be submitted**).

Please note that the extensions granted due to COVID-related circumstances, as approved by FGS, will be considered.

- At least two publications in journals indexed in recognized indexing services (listed under category 1 above) should have been published from the PhD study.

Kindly note that only one document can be attached as evidence. Thus you are requested to merge the two/ or more publications as one pdf and name the doc as "Evidence for PhD" when submitting evidence.

- At least one publication in journals indexed in recognized indexing services (listed under category 1 above) should have been published from the MPhil study.
- And/ or a Patent / Industrial Design should be obtained arising from the PhD/MPhil study
- The award will be granted to the Principal Investigator and Co-investigators.

The Principal Investigator should submit the application for the Research Awards 2024 - 2025. The names of the eligible Co-Investigators from the USJ/PIM must also be clearly indicated.

N.B; Those whose effective date of completion of the postgraduate degree falls within the year 2025, but who are not eligible to apply according to the timeline given above (thesis submitted and viva voce examination not completed by the first advertised date of application deadline of Research Awards) will be requested to apply for the next round of awards, provided that they meet the above criteria.

5. Researchers who have obtained external research grants in the year 2024 and 2025.

6. Researchers who obtained patents in 2024 and 2025.

Please note that only published patents during the year 2024 and 2025 are considered for this category. Submitted/ processing patents are not considered for the awards.

7. Researchers who have obtained over 150 Google Scholar Citations in their profile per year in 2024 and 2025.

9. Researchers 40 or less than 40 years of age who have published at least two publications in category 1 per year, in 2024 and 2025.

Note: Researcher should have published a minimum of 2 publications per year in journals indexed in recognized indexing services (listed under category 1 above).

Kindly note that only one document can be attached as evidence. Thus you are requested to merge the two/ or more publications as one pdf when submitting evidence.

10. Young Researcher Award

- Scopus h-index should be 10 or more
- Researcher should be in Senior Lecturer Grade II or below
- Researcher has to be 40 or less than 40 years by 31st of December of the respective year.

(Two (2) awards will be given for the year 2024 and 2025)

- Applicant should be the corresponding author and University of Sri Jayewardenepura affiliation and the University's email address should appear on the research papers that are cited in the application.
- Award will be given to the candidate who has the highest cumulative impact factor for the full papers published in journals indexed in recognized indexing services (listed under category 1 above).

Stream 2: Common Categories

8. Researchers named among the top 2% scientists in the world, according to Elsevier/Stanford List in year 2025.

11. Vice Chancellor's Award (Follow CVCD guidelines)

Two awards will be awarded based on the Science stream and the Social Sciences and Humanities stream using the criteria of the CVCD guidelines.

Guidelines are attached in the online application system.

Applicants must be in permanent service at University of Sri Jayewardenepura for the last five years.

- No member may receive the award more than once every five years

Special Note: Achievements and contributions during the university career can be included in the application. The application should be made by using the format shown in

section 3 of the guidelines (<https://cvcd.uovt.ac.lk/front-assets/guidelines.pdf>), which may be downloaded from <CVCD website>.

All claims should be supported by documentary evidence. If evidence is not provided, application will not be considered. Completed application form with self-assessment and supporting documents, should be submitted in 3 copies.

Note

- For any queries please contact: Research Council
 - Email: researchcouncil@sjp.ac.lk
 - Telephone: 011-2802034
- Please note that any false information, misinterpretation, omission of facts and failure to provide all or part of information shall be considered as a cause for disqualification of your application
- Please note that awards will be considered only for the applied categories
- The decision of the Research Council will be the final decision
- **Deadline for submission for Research Awards 16th January 2026**

Specific instructions on submission of your application

1. Staff members who have not yet registered on the Research Council Research Management System are kindly requested to complete your registration and create your own account in the system.
 - Please use a valid SJP email address to register, as an OTP for user validation will be sent
 - Please be ready with screenshots of the Google Scholar Research Profile and the Scopus Profile (if available) for verification
 - Provide accurate details about your research and personal information

If you have already registered in the Research Council's Online Research Management System, you will have access to submit an application for the Research Awards

2024/2025. Please use the following URL to sign in to the Researcher Portal with your valid SJP email address and password.

Need to submit all the details requested at “Details of the Applicant” section of the online submission tool during the registration process. If you do not fill all the details requested your application will not be processed.

- 2. At any time before final submission, you can save information you have entered and edit later.**
- 3. However you should not submit the application unless you have done final editing as you will not be allowed to do any changes/ editing after submitting.**
- 4. Kindly submit a signed copy of the computer generated pdf document to the Co-Chairperson, Research Council, on or before 23rd of January 2026 by 4.00 pm.**
- 5. Submit your application using Research Award Application Tool System**

Link: <https://rcims.sjp.ac.lk/usjrcims/researcher/module/login/view/>