



Calling Applications for Small Research Grants 2024 for Commercializable Research

University Business Linkage Cell Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

Guideline for Preparing Research Proposal

The University Business Linkage Cell at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka is pleased to announce the availability of funds for research initiatives. This initiative aims to foster an entrepreneurial research culture among academic staff and students while elevating the quality of commercially viable research. The primary objectives of these funds include encouraging and facilitating innovative research with potential intellectual property (IP) rights, fostering collaborative industry-academic research communities, and enhancing the impact of research on issues pertinent to industrial development. Therefore, we urge applicants to make optimal use of the grants provided by the University Business Linkage Cell.

- A small grant can be sought for collecting data, research equipment or supplies, or the costs of small-scale projects;
- Grants cannot be sought for publishing research articles/publications in journals;
- Priority will be given for applicants who have not applied for UBL research grants before. However, previous grant awardees are strongly encouraged to apply;
- All the applicants are encouraged to find a suitable commercial partner who is willing to commercialize the research outcomes/inventions;
- The ownership of IP rights will be decided case by case when external parties are involved;
- All the research proposals/ideas should meet the Technology Readiness Level 04*
- The proposal should not exceed 6 pages;
- All proposals should be forwarded to Director/UBLC via email through the respective Head of the Department and Dean of the Faculty by completing the attached application form.

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| Award Period | : A period of 3 months to 6 year |
| Funding Range | : Applicants may request from Rs. 200,000.00 – Rs. 700,000.00 |
| Deadline | : 30 th May 2024 |
| E-mail address | : ruslublc@rjt.ac.lk |

You are kindly requested to adhere to the following format when preparing your research proposal for the UBL small research Grants.

Content of the proposal:

1. Project title
2. Research team members (Names/ Designations/ Departments/ contact numbers/email addresses) and their potential contributions
3. Introduction and objectives
4. Methodology
5. Expected outcomes
6. Potential IP rights
7. Ethical considerations
8. Timeline of the project
9. Detailed budget
10. References
11. Consent letter from the commercial partner

***Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs)**

