

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

Academic Affairs Department
01st July 2026.

To: All permanent staff members of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka

Dear Sir/Madam,

Calling Applications for Vice Chancellor's Awards for Publications in Reputed Journals -2025

Applications are invited for the above awards from permanent staff members of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka for the publications made in Indexed Journals in 2023.

Purpose of the Award

Publishing in journals indexed by Web of Science and Scopus ensures that research meets global standards of excellence: rigorous international standards of peer review, originality, methodological robustness, and relevance. These databases include only journals that demonstrate a sustained commitment to scholarly excellence, thereby validating the quality and impact of the research produced.

Most global university ranking systems (e.g., QS World University Rankings, Times Higher Education (THE), CWTS Leiden Ranking, SCImago Institutions Rankings, Academic Ranking of World Universities, Webometric Excellence Ranking) consider research output and citations in journals indexed by Web of Science / Scopus as key indicators. An increase in publications and citations in Scopus or Web of Science-indexed journals positively influences the university's research metrics, visibility, and overall standing in global rankings.

Therefore, this award scheme is to encourage **publications in journals indexed by Scopus / Web of Science in order to enhance EUSL's standing in global rankings and research visibility**. The awarding grant is to be used to further enhancement of their research. These awards will be accumulated against their respective Grant Number that can be utilised by the researches for research related purposes.

Fund Management Mechanism:

The grant awards shall be credited to a separate ledger maintained by the Finance Division of the EUSL. Funds from the Research Development Fund of EUSL (established at the 310th Meeting of the Council in November 2020) shall be utilized for this purpose. Each award received by an academic shall be recorded under his/her name (or Grant Number) and may be utilized by the recipient during his/her period of service at EUSL, in accordance with the university procurement procedures, for the following research-related activities:

- ✓ Overseas research travel and stay (collaborative meetings, use of lab facility, getting links with new collaborators, etc.);
- ✓ Attending conferences (National/ International) that include expenses on Travel, Registration, Food and Lodging;
- ✓ Publication fee/ processing fee for publication of research articles in journals indexed by recognized databases;
- ✓ Payment for Research Assistant;
- ✓ Payment for outsourcing the analysis of samples during the research;
- ✓ Payment to purchase materials for the ongoing research;
- ✓ Payment to Purchase/ repair equipment for ongoing research;
- ✓ Expenditure on invited visiting researcher/collaborator (e.g. accommodation, air-travel, etc.) to EUSL.
- ✓ Payments for any other research related expenditure acceptable to Research Council.

Payments have to be in accordance to university procurement procedure upon the approval of the Chairman/ Research Council. Researcher may utilize funds for above stated purposes from his/her accumulated fund.

In order to be eligible for the award, the author's affiliation should be stated as EUSL in the publication and the author should be a permanent staff member at EUSL. Co-authors outside the University are not eligible to receive the award.

Modalities of the Award Scheme

- (a) Applications will be invited from permanent staff members from the Eastern University, Sri Lanka, in the following year of the for the "award year" and after processing and giving sufficient time to detect any changes (e.g., erratum); i.e., awards will be given after one year gap as practiced in Presidential Awards; i.e. for example, for the publications in the year 2024 will be given in the year 2026.
- (b) Awards for reputed publications will be given for EUSL permanent staff who have published "Research Articles", "Review Articles" or "Rapid Communications" in journals indexed by Web of Science or Scopus:
- (i) Science Citation Index Expanded (Web of Science, Clarivate Analytics)
 - (ii) Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science, Clarivate Analytics)
 - (iii) Arts and Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science, Clarivate Analytics)
 - (iv) www.scopus.com (Elsevier publishers)
- (c) One research publication is entitled for only one award, and an academic may receive a cash award for several publications in a year (from January to December) as per described below:

The Reward per Researcher per research article publication (R) will be calculated by the following equation.

$$\text{Award} = \text{Rs. } 150,000 \times \frac{\text{Impact Factor of the journal for that year}}{\text{Number of Author affiliations}}$$

Ceiling Rs. 250,000, If only one award per year

If more than one award for a year,

Ceiling = (number of awards per year for **the** academic staff) x (Rs. 200,000); not exceeding Rs. 800,000 per year.

EUSL Research Grantees: If an award is claimed for a publication emanating from EUSL research grant, then the award will be calculated with half of the above (i.e., Rs. 75,000) and also the ceiling shall be half of the value.

Certificate and Cash Prize: All co-authors of a publication with EUSL affiliation (including non-permanent such as Research Assistants, graduate/undergraduate students and members of the temporary teaching staff, etc.) will be given a certificate together with a cash prize not exceeding Rs. 10,000 per person per publication (i.e., maximum of 20-30% of the above award per publication may be equally distributed among co-authors of EUSL affiliation as cash awards).

Eligible staff members are requested to submit their applications, prepared in accordance with the above guidelines, to the Deputy Registrar, Academic Affairs Department, through the proper channel on or before **23th July 2026**.

Applications received by the to the Deputy Registrar, Academic Affairs Department after the closing date will not be considered under any circumstances.

Yours sincerely,



Nishanthi Nirumithan
Deputy Registrar/Academic Affairs

CC: Chairman/ Research Council
Deputy Vice-Chancellor
Rector/Trincomalee Campus
Director/ SVIAS
Dean/Faculty of Graduate Studies
Deans of Faculties

Deputy Registrar
Academic Affairs Department
Eastern University, Sri Lanka.

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Application for Vice Chancellor's Award for Publications in Reputed Journals for 2025

1. **Name of the Applicant:**
2. **Designation:**
3. **Department of Study / Faculty:**
4. **Employment Status:** 1. Full time 2. On study leave 3. On sabbatical leave
5. **Details of Publications Published in 2023 in the Indexed Journals***

S.No.	Details of Publication (including DOI)	Category of Database Indexed	Impact Factor (in the year 2023)	No. of Authors Affiliation
1				
2				
3				
4				

6. **Research Database IDs (Applicant should have at least three of the following database IDs with esn.ac.lk email verification made public)**

No	Database	ID	Web Link
1	Web of Science Researcherid (Publons)		
2	ORCID		
3	Scopus		
4	Google Scholar		
5	ResearchGate		

7. **Please confirm whether you have obtained any grant from EUSL for the Research article mentioned in (5) above.**

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Signature of Applicant

Date

- * (i) Science Citation Index Expanded (Web of Science, Clarivate Analytics)
(ii) Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science, Clarivate Analytics)
(iii) Arts and Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science, Clarivate Analytics)
(iv) www.scopus.com (Elsevier publishers)

Note:

1. **Applicant must attach the First page of the publication/s, evidence for indexed and evidence for Impact Factor (in the year 2023)**
2. **Incomplete application/s will not be considered favourably.**

For official purpose

1. Recommendation of Head of Dept./ Section:

Recommended / Not Recommended

If not recommended, reason:

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Head of Dept.

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Date

2. Recommendation of the Faculty Dean: (if applicable)

Recommended / Not Recommended

Dean of Faculty

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Date

3. Recommendation of the Rector, Librarian or Director (if applicable)

Recommended / Not Recommended

Rector / Trincomalee Campus

Director / SVIAS

Librarian

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Date

4. Award

S. No. of the Publication	Amount recommended for publication (Rs.)	
	Based on Equation	Based on Ceiling
1		
2		
3		
4		
Total		

Award/s Recommended (Based on Ceiling): Rs.....

Checked by:.....

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Chairman / Subcommittee for Reward Scheme

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Date

5. Recommendation of the Research Council

Recommended / Not Recommended

Chairman

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Date

6. Vice Chancellor's Approval

APPROVED / NOT APPROVED

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Vice- Chancellor /EUSL