

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

Academic Affairs Department
01st July 2026.

To: All permanent Academic Staff members of the EUSL

Dear Sir/Madam,

Calling Applications for the Award for Excellence in Research and Innovation for Driving Global Impact – 2025

Applications are invited for the above award from permanent academic members who carry out the globally-significant research and innovation during the period from January 2019 to December 2023 as per the section E3 of the Research Policy of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka.

Purpose of the Award

The objective of the award is to promote academic excellence and international visibility by emphasizing high-quality research outputs and their dissemination through globally recognized scholarly platforms.

In order to encourage and promote the academics who, carry out the globally-significant research and innovation, the Research Council of the University introduces an "*Award for Excellence in Research and Innovation for Driving Global Impact*".

All permanent academic members who have achieved a research excellence in their field and have been at the Eastern University, Sri Lanka for at least five (5) years are eligible to apply to this award. This award will be given annually in the General Convocation of the University.

1. General Guidelines for Applications

- a) Achievements in research during previous five (5) years, before two (2) years of the awarding year, can be included in the application. (e.g. The research achievement during the period Jan 2014 – Dec 2018 will be considered for the 2020 award). The application should be submitted along with the self-assessment done according to the Format given in section 3. All claims should be supported by documentary evidence. No marks shall be given in instances where documentary proof is not submitted.
- b) Marks will be assigned as follows for publications:
 - i. Single-authored Publication: The author will receive the full 100% of the marks.
 - ii. Publication with Two authors: The first author will receive 60% of the marks and the remaining 40% marks will be assigned to the second author.
 - iii. Publications by more than two authors: The first author will receive 40% of the total marks and the remaining marks will be shared by rest of the authors.

- c) The application should be prepared according to the general guidelines and criteria, and forwarded with the document on self-assessment to the Chairman, Research Council of the University of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka
- d) Application should be forwarded through the proper channel (i.e., through the Head of the Department and Dean of the Faculty)
- e) Applications received after the closing date shall not be entertained.
- f) High-profile Panels of Judges appointed by the Senate of the EUSL, comprising Professors and/ or eminent researchers will evaluate the applications and submit their recommendations to the Research Council of the University.
- g) The applicant should score at least 10 points in section 3.1 to qualify for this award. The applicant with highest marks will be considered for this Award.
- h) Final selection of the awarded will be made by the Research Council of the University, based on the recommendations of the Panel of Judges. The decision of the Research Council of the University shall be final.
- i) If an academic received the award in a year, application from the particular academic will be considered again for the same award only after 5 years.

2. Format for Self-Assessment

Research achievement from January 2019 to December 2023 (5 years)			
Component	Marking Scheme	Marks claimed by the applicant	Marks given by the evaluators
3.1 Peer reviewed Publications indexed journals (indexed by Web of Science/ Scopus)			
3.1.1 Publications in a journal that publishes at least two issues per year	3 points per article divided among authors as stated in section 2(b)		
3.1.2 Publications in a journal that publishes less than two issues per year	Up to 2 points each		

3.1.3 If the paper published in a journal indexed by Web of Science*	Add 2 points/paper		
3.2 Citation of applicant's work ** claimed in 3.1.1 & 3.1.2 by others publications indexed by Web of Science/ Scopus (excluding self-citations)	0.5 each (up to maximum of 10 points for repeated citations per paper)		
3.3 Recognized international/ national awards for research	Up to 2 points each (excluding awards from EUSL)		
3.4 International /National Patents arising from Research	International- up to 4 points per patent National- up to 2 points per patent		

* Recognized index journals are listed at <http://www.isinet.com/journals> under

- i. Science Citation Indexed Expanded (Web of Science)
- ii. Social Sciences Citation Index® (Web of Science)
- iii. Arts and humanities citation index® (Web of Science)

** Citation can be claimed up to submission date by the candidate.

Eligible staff members are requested to submit their applications, prepared in accordance with the above guidelines, to the Chairman, Research Council, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, through the proper channel on or before **23th July 2026**.

Applications received by the Chairman, Research Council after the closing date will not be considered under any circumstances.

Yours sincerely,



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