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Dear Sir / Madam,

Academia and Student Collaborative Research Award (ASCRA)

With a view to attract students' participations into the researches of academic staff and since collaboration is the key for any research at university level, the Council at its 172nd meeting held on 06.09.2014 granted approval for the above scheme of award subject to the confirmation of the minutes. Therefore, it is very much appreciated if you could please communicate the attached details to your academic staff and encourage them to send their research proposal to me on or before 10 October 2014 through proper channel enabling us to place in the next RPC meeting.

Please also note that details of ASCRA can be downloaded from the following link:

<http://www.seu.ac.lk/ric/downloads.php>

Best regards,

Dr. MIM. Hilal
Director – Research & Innovation Centre
South Eastern University of Sri Lanka

Cc: Vice Chancellor
Registrar
Acting Bursar
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1. Overview and Objectives

With the view to attract students' participations into the researches of academic staff and since collaboration is the key for any research at university level, it is higher time for encouraging academia and students collaborative researches at South Eastern University of Sri Lanka in order to create vibrant research culture and induce innovation. Hence, research awards for academia and students collaborative research will definitely motivate to create lively research orientation at our university.

2. Eligibility

All academic staff members of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka are eligible to apply as principle investigators for the best Academia and Students Collaborative Research Award (ASCRA). The research fields include Social Sciences, Management & Commerce, Science, Engineering and Information and Communication Technology. The following criteria should also be considered.

- A permanent member from academic staff of SEUSL can include maximum of two undergraduate students for their research.
- An applicant shall send only one application for the award.
- The research should be completed within a period of 18 months. The researches already completed will not be entertained for the award.
- The deans of the faculty should recommend that the areas of study will benefit to regional or national needs and make sure that it is outcome based research.

3. Award

Five awards will be given annually. Each award consists of certificates for the researchers and a financial award of maximum Rs. 200,000. The best academia and students research awards will be selected from each research areas stated above.

4. Application Process

The application for the award will be internally advertised. Applicants are required to submit their research proposal including action plan (for a maximum period of 18 months) along with a covering letter channelled through their heads of departments and the Deans of faculties to Director - Research and Innovation Centre.

Director – Research and Innovation will place it at the research and publication committee with a view to approve the research proposals enabling applicants to commence their collaborative research.

5. Selection Process

Upon completion of the research with one year of duration, researchers (Principle Investigators) will submit their research reports at the Research and Innovation Centre, SEUSL. Subsequently, Director shall appoint two external reviewers with the consent of the Vice Chancellor.

Based on novelty of researches, its contribution to regional and national needs and methodology adopted, two (2) external experts will be requested to give points for each and very components of research report.

Researchers who will obtain the highest points (More than or equal to 80% out of 100%) will be the awardees.

6. Publications

Researchers, after the selection process, can publish in any national or international journals or can present their research findings in any international or national symposia.