

NSF Grant Scheme procedure for promoting Science and Technology Publications

Guidelines

Objectives

- To provide financial support to authors for publishing books, monographs, and other reading materials related to Science & Technology based on their importance to the scientific community.
- To encourage potential writers to explore a variety of topics in science and technology.
- To enhance the availability of a diverse range of printed and online materials in Science and Technology that are relevant to local needs.

Eligibility

The following types of publications are eligible to be considered for the award of Publication grants:

- Books, including reviews on specific scientific topics currently of importance.
- Handbooks/guides/checklists.
- Science activity books aimed at supporting the understanding of simple scientific concepts.
- Science fiction works aimed at exploring potential future scenarios.

Process

1. Authors may apply for this scheme by submitting an application containing:
 - a) A copy of the manuscript.
 - b) An estimated budget.
 - c) Three (3) quotations from 3 printers.
2. The manuscript will be reviewed by two subject specialists or experts in the respective fields identified by the NSF to ensure the scientific validity and authenticity of the content, as well as its suitability for the target audience.
3. Any revisions or suggestions proposed by the NSF based on the reviewers' comments should be incorporated by the author.
4. Selected manuscripts will be provided printing and other costs involved in publishing. The grant will cover the total cost of all stages of the publication process, including:
 - a) Typesetting.
 - b) Page designing and page setting.
 - c) Editing.
 - d) Proofreading.

- e) Preparation of the final camera-ready copy.
- f) Printing of the publication.

5. The number of copies to be printed will be based on the potential readership of the publication. The author may suggest the number of copies to be printed.

However, the final decision rests with the NSF.

6. The author has the right to decide on the specifications for the printing of the publication.

7. The maximum price of the publication should not exceed 1.5 times the printing cost per copy.

8. The author will be responsible for the marketing and distribution of the publication and should submit a sales/distribution report of the publication annually.

9. The NSF could also offer to host the online version free of charge on its server with access through its website if the author desires. This will facilitate reaching a wider audience.

10. Science writers, ranging from qualified scientists to teachers and other science writers, are eligible to benefit from this scheme.

11. Manuscripts in any of the three languages are accepted. In the case of material targeting the general public, Sinhala and Tamil manuscripts are encouraged.

12. The copyright of the publication will remain with the author.

13. It is mandatory to include the NSF logo prominently and appropriately in the publication and to acknowledge NSF funding on a separate page along with the statement, "This publication is fully sponsored by the National Science Foundation."

14. All types of documents should carry the disclaimer, "No responsibility is assumed by the NSF for statements and opinions expressed by the contributors to this publication."

15. If the author fails to print the book that has been accepted and completed the grant procedures, the author should bear the cost incurred by the NSF for the review process. Those who breach the agreement are subject to being blacklisted.

16. Reviewer's payment (identified by the NSF) will be deducted from the full amount of the grant (from Rs. 500,000). The NSF will not undertake to print the publication unless there is a special occasion and specific requirements. The author will be responsible for the printing and distribution of the material.

17. The value of the grant will be decided by the NSF based on the budget estimate submitted by the author but will not exceed Rs. 500,000/-. The author should provide 30 copies of the publication to the NSF for distribution and to be deposited in the library.