

SRI LANKA INVENTORS COMMISSION (SLIC)
PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR INVENTIONS – YEAR 2017

GENERAL INFORMATION, CONDITIONS, RULES & GUIDELINES FOR CALLING APPLICATIONS

General Information

Sri Lanka Inventors Commission is a statutory body established by the provision of the Sri Lanka Inventors Incentive Act No.53 of 1979, and currently operative under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology & Research.

The objective of the Commission is to promote and encourage creativity and inventiveness of Sri Lanka by providing technical, legal, financial assistance and assistance to find access to market. Achieving its objectives, the Commission has taken many measures where giving Presidential Awards for inventors is one of them.

As stipulated in the paragraph 11(f) of the Sri Lanka Inventors Incentives Act, the Presidential Awards are given annually to the Sri Lankan citizens for their patented inventions or innovations.

Sri Lankan individuals, groups or institutions who have made inventions or innovations that are patented in Sri Lanka during the year that the applications are called for (from 01st of January to 31st of December) are eligible to apply for the Presidential Awards of the relevant year.

The inventions/innovations of eligible applicants are evaluated by a jury appointed by the HE the President of Sri Lanka. The winning inventions of respective fields that are introduced in this sheet as well as in the application are given Presidential Awards of same fields. The overall best invention is given the “Presidential Award of the Year” award along with One Million Rupees Cash Award.

Conditions, Rules and Guidelines

- 01.** The competition is open to Sri Lankan citizens those who possess a patent in Sri Lanka issued in the year 2017.
- 02.** The eligible candidates should submit completed applications to the Commission on or before 14th June 2019 by filling the sample Application Form issued by the SLIC accordance to the information, conditions, rules & guidelines mentioned here.
- 03.** The competitors may enter in to the competition as individuals, groups or institutions. If the patent has been issued for a group, the first person in the patent document may sign the application and the names and the addresses of the rest of the members should be given separately. Applicants should attach a copy of the relevant Patent document along with the filled Application Form and Patent which has granted to name of an institution or an organization, it is necessary to attach a copy of the Patent certified by Head of the particular institution or organization.
- 04.** The competitors should be able to submit at least either the prototype or working model of the invention/innovation to demonstrate the concept adequately for evaluation. For special instances where the inventions/innovations in the above forms cannot be submitted, a sufficient detailed report with drawings, sketches and photographs or videos may be submitted for evaluation.
- 05.** A clear description of invention/innovation should be furnished with necessary drawings and/or sketches, photographs available.

The applicant should explain the followings in that description.

- a) Reasons for developing the concept or idea.
- b) The method of operation.
- c) Practical applicability and usefulness.
- d) Materials that are needed to make finished product of the invention (from local market or foreign market).
- d) Cost of production.
- e) Theories and principles that were based in making the invention.

- ❖ If there are new theories introduced by the applicant to develop the invention, the practicability of those theories has to be proved to the Jury at the event of evaluation or should submit a certificate from a recognized research institute on the practical operation of the invention. If there are some medical products (Western or Ayurveda medicine) invented by the inventors, the success of those products has to be clinically proved or should have a certificate on successfulness and safety of using those products taken by recognized medical institute.

Note:- Applicants are advised not to send the originals of documents along with the Application but they will be needed to submit to the Jury subsequently.

06. The invention that is submitted to the competition should have a patent in Sri Lanka issued for the period which starts from 01st of January to 31st of December 2017, obtained in the name of the competitor from Director General of Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka.
07. Sri Lanka Inventors Commission will not take any responsibility on the remaining of protection of IP Rights with regard to the invention submitted to the competition.
08. The applicants should read and understand the general information, conditions, rules and guidelines for “Presidential Awards” 2017 prepared by the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission before filling the application and agree to abide by them.
09. One application is valid only for one invention. Therefore, separate applications should be submitted for each submission by the inventors who wish to submit more than one invention for the competition.
10. The duly filled applications should be sent under **registered post** to be reached to SLIC office on or before the closing date. The closing date of applications would be **14th June, 2019**. Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.
11. In the event that the patent has been granted to the name of an institution and inventor is the applicant (competitor) for the Presidential Awards, the name of the applicant should be in the patent document at the place where the name of the inventor is mentioned. In such cases if the invention would win a place, the award will be granted to the name of the inventor (not to the institution) in recognition of the winning invention.
12. The decision of the jury will be final on any issue with regard to evaluation of inventions for awards and the decision of the Commission will be final on rest of the other issues.
13. The technical fields which are available for submission of inventions for the competition:
 1. Public Safety, Welfare and National Defense
 2. Food Technology
 3. Traditional Medicine
 4. Physics
 5. Chemistry
 6. Medicine and Pharmacy
 7. Public Works and Infrastructure Engineering
 8. Information and Communication Technology
 9. Agriculture
 10. Energy
 11. Transportation
 12. Applied Sciences and Technology
 13. Environmental Conservation
 14. Engineering
14. Any attempt to contact the members of the Jury pre-or post-evaluations will be considered as a reason for disqualification.

Points to Note

Have a well-structured short sentence of less than 100 words that will explain the key feature or benefit of the invention (should provide/ state the uniqueness of the invention).

Have all your background information in an orderly manner written down so that you will not miss out in presenting any vital points. If you have any written evidences, please bring them clearly marked. So, that you can share them at the right point at the interview.

Sometimes the questions the judges raise may sound unfair or tough, but remember those are questions that they feel important and you will have to convince them. Because they will need to be convinced that they make the right decision.

Arrive at least ten minutes before the interview to the place that interview will be held.

If you need any support such as a computer to play a video or require any other facility to operate your invention, you can check with the SLIC office early for compatibility of material.

Definition to key words

- (a) Invention :- An invention is a unique or novel device, method, composition or process. The invention process is a process within an overall engineering and product development process. It may be an improvement upon a machine or product, or a new process for creating an object or a result. An invention that achieves a completely unique function or result may be a radical breakthrough. Such works are novel and not obvious to others skilled in the same field.
 - (b) Innovation :- A significant improvement or development to an existing product or process based on a novel concept or technique with an inventive step, industrial applicability and usefulness to people.
 - (c) Prototype :- A prototype is as an original, full-scale, and usually working model of a new product or new version of an existing product.
 - (d) Working Model :- A model of an actual or proposed machine that can do on a small scale the work which the machine itself does or is expected to do
 - (g) Patent :- A patent is a government authority or license conferring a right or title for a set period, especially the sole right to exclude others from making, using, or selling an invention.
- Applications should be reached to the following address of the Commission on or before **14th June, 2019** by Registered Post.

**Commissioner
Sri Lanka Inventors Commission
No. 46-48, Cotta Road
Colombo 08**

“Application for Presidential Awards for Inventions 2017” should be stated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the application.

Please contact the Commission for more details through;

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