

SRI LANKA INVENTORS COMMISSION (SLIC)
PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR INVENTIONS
CALLING FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE YEARS 2021 & 2022

General Information, Conditions, Rules & Guidelines

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 Education.

- 01) 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.

In order to achieve this objective, the Commission has started implementing various programs, Presidential Awards for Inventions is one of them.

- 02) 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.
- 03) Sri Lankan inventors who obtained local patents during the year of application i.e. from January 1st to December 31st are eligible to apply for the Presidential Award competition in the respective years. Sri Lankan inventors have the opportunity to present their inventions as individuals, groups or organizations for this Presidential Award competition under relevant technical fields,
- 04) The inventions/innovations of eligible applicants are evaluated by a jury appointed by the President of Sri Lanka. Gold, silver, bronze and merit awards are given in each technical field and the “Presidential Award of the Year” award will be given to the overall best invention of the year. The aforementioned awards will not be given in cases where an invention does not meet the relevant qualifications for achievements.

General Instruction, Rules and Guidelines

- 1) The competition is open to Sri Lankan citizens those who possess a patent in Sri Lanka issued in the year 2021 and 2022.
- 2) The eligible candidates should submit the application by filling the sample application form issued by the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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 detailed report with drawings, sketches and photographs or videos may be submitted for evaluation.
- 5) The inventor should ensure that a clear description including photographs/diagrams containing details of the invention is submitted along with the application.

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)
- e) Cost of production.
- f) Theories/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 including sufficient, verifiable data.

Note:- Originals of documents should not be attached with application and the originals should be submitted to the Jury on the evaluation day.

6) Applicants intending to apply for the 2021 Presidential Awards competition must have obtained a patent issued by the Sri Lanka Intellectual Property Office between 01st of January and 31st of December 2021.

Applicants intending to apply for the 2022 Presidential Award competition must have obtained a patent issued by the Sri Lanka Intellectual Property Office between 01st January and 31st December 2022.

- 7) Sri Lanka Inventors Commission will not take any responsibility on the protection of IP Rights with regard to the inventions submitted to the competition.
- 8) The applicants should read and understand the general information, conditions, rules and guidelines prepared by the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission before filling the application and agree to abide by them.
- 9) 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 cover to be reached to SLIC office on or before the closing date.

The closing date of applications: December 22nd, 2023. Applications received after the closing date will be rejected.

- 11) In case a patent has been issued by the intellectual property office in the name of an organization and the inventor has applied for the Presidential Award competition, the name of the applicant must be mentioned in the place where the name of the inventor is mentioned in the patent. In such a case, if the invention wins, certificates, trophies and prize money will be issued in the name of the inventor.
- 12) The final decision of the invention evaluation process for the Presidential Awards Competition rests with the judging panel and the final decision on all other issues rests with the Commission.
- 13) The technical fields where applications can be submitted for the competition are given below.
 1. Public Safety, Welfare and National Defense
 2. Food Technology
 3. Medicine and Pharmacy
 4. Public Works and Infrastructure Engineering
 5. Information and Communication Technology
 6. Applied Sciences and Technology
 7. Environmental Conservation
 8. Chemistry
 9. Traditional Medicine
 10. Physics
 11. Agriculture
 12. Energy
 13. Transportation
 14. Engineering

14) Any attempt by contestants to contact the jury pre or post evaluations will result in disqualification from the contest.

Points to Note

By writing down all the background details related to the invention in order, you will not miss out any vital points. If you have any written evidence, please bring them clearly marked. It will help you to present the facts to the jury at the right point at the interview.

Sometimes you may feel that the questions asked by the jury are unfair and tough. But those are the questions they feel important and you will have to explain to them. This is because they need to make a more accurate decision regarding the competition.

It is required to reach the venue at least 10 minutes prior to the allotted time for the interview.

This will help you to create videos that include the functionality of the invention or prepare the background needed to implement the invention.

Furthermore, if there is any problem with the evaluation carried out, it should be informed to the officials of the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission at the same time, and it should be understood that the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission will not interfere in any way with the complaints submitted thereafter.

Definition to key words

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- 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
- e) 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.

- ❖ Duly filled applications should be sent to the address given below and should be stated “Presidential Awards for Inventions...” (the relevant year should be entered in the blank) on the top left corner of the envelop.

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