



WAYAMBA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

WAYAMBA UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AWARDS (WURA)

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

1. Introduction:

One of the essential duties of a university academic is to involve in research & development activities, and in light of this, universities must encourage and provide suitable environment for its academics to carry out research. Apart from that, the outputs and outcomes of research, including the publications generated from so are considered very important in many aspects, including the ranking of that particular university. The purpose of WURA is to encourage and appreciate our academic community in this respect.

2. Types of Awards:

- There are two types of awards, namely:
 - i. **Wayamba University Most Outstanding Researcher Award – 20XX**
 - ii. **Wayamba University Most Outstanding Young Researcher Award – 20XX**
- A **Gold Medal** and a **Certificate** will be awarded for the winner of each award.
- All other applicants who obtain the minimum marks laid out in the marking scheme below (see, Section 4) shall be awarded a **Certificate of Merit**.

3. Eligibility for Awards:

General Criteria:

- To be eligible for an award, the candidate **MUST** comply with the following eligibility criteria, in general:
 - A permanent academic member of the WUSL.
 - Only the publications, patents and other evaluating criteria achieved during the year of the award will be considered.

- Should have at least one Indexed Journal [see: Section 4(a) below].
- In all evaluating criteria, the affiliation of the applicant should be stated as “Wayamba University of Sri Lanka”.
- The publications presented in the symposia for undergraduate programs at WUSL are not eligible for consideration.

Specific Criteria:

- To be eligible for “*Wayamba University Most Outstanding Researcher Award – 20XX*”, the candidate should have a total **minimum mark of 15.**
- To be eligible for “*Wayamba University Most Outstanding Young Researcher Award – 20XX*”, the applicant:
 - Should be **below 45 years of age** to the 31st December of the preceding year of the award.
 - Effective Date of the Postgraduate Qualification (by Research) should be less than 05 years to the 31st December of the preceding year of the award.
 - Should have a total **minimum mark of 10.**

4. Marking Scheme:

Item	Marks Allocated
	Minimum 05 marks for a given publication
a) Papers in recognized ‘Indexed Journals’ (i.e. Science Citation Index or Social Science Citation Index, Science or Social Science Citation Index Expanded, Science or Social Science Emerging Sources Citation Index)	For those publications with more than 1.0 Impact Factor can claim: 05 x Impact Factor of the Journal (E.g. 05 x 1.8 = 9.0) The Maximum marks for a publication will be limited to 10 (I.e. 05 x 2.0 = 10.0)
b) National or International Patent	05 marks / patent
c) Books authored but published by a recognized publisher	05 marks / book
d) Papers in refereed journals that are published at least two issues per year	03 marks / paper
e) Papers in refereed journals that are published less than two issues per year	02 marks / paper
f) Review articles or a chapters in a book published by a recognized publisher	02 marks / article, chapter
g) Conference proceedings (local / international) as a full paper	01 mark / paper

h) Conference proceedings (local / international) as an abstract	0.5 marks / abstract
i) Principal Investigator/Collaborating Researcher to an Open Competitive Research Grant from a recognized national / international institution	03 marks / grant
j) Wayamba University Research Grants completed in the year of applied for the award	01 mark / grant

Note: Documentations should be provided to prove the conditions mentioned above

5. Method of Selection:

- The Senate Research & Higher Degree Committee (SRHDC) will call for applications for the WURA.
- The eligible academic staff members should submit a duly completed application form with the evidence for publication/s and other eligible criteria before the deadline.
- One can apply for both awards but the awarding will be made for a single category.
- The SRHDC will evaluate the applications according to the set guidelines.
- For the publications in the state of “accepted”, a valid document must be provided.
- The applications without required information will be rejected.
- The SRHDC will select the suitable awardees and the award list will be finalized with approval of the Senate.
- If there is more than one applicant getting equal highest marks, multiple awarding shall be considered.