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Annual Research and Innovation Awards for the members of University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka-2021

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of these awards is to recognize and promote the quality contributions of academic research, writing, and inventions among the members of the University Librarians' Association of Sri Lanka (ULA). For achieving this objective, ULA has decided to offer three annual awards for the research and inventions carried out by the members of ULA in each year.

1. Best Research Paper Award for Junior Researchers (BRPA-JR)
2. Best Research Paper Award for Senior Researchers (BRPA-SR)
3. Most Outstanding Innovator of the Year (MOIY)

Winners of BRPA-JR and BRPA-SR will each receive a cash award of Rs. 25,000/= together with a certificate.

Winner of the MOIY will receive a cash award of Rs. 50,000/= together with a certificate.

2.0 Criteria for consideration for the awards

- 2.1. All university librarians (Librarians, Deputy Librarians, Senior Asst. Librarians (Gr. I and II) and Asst. Librarians) who are members of the ULA will be eligible to apply for these awards.
- 2.2. Senior Asst. Librarians (Gr. II) and Asst. Librarians are eligible to apply for BRP-JR
- 2.3. Librarians, Deputy Librarians and Senior Asst. Librarians (Gr. I) are eligible to apply for BRP-SR
- 2.4. If the research work/innovative product is jointly carried out, the category of the Best Research Paper award shall depend on the category of the principal contributor.
- 2.5. Any Librarians, Deputy Librarians, Senior Asst. Librarians (Gr. I and II) and Asst. Librarians who is a member of ULA can apply for MOIY.
- 2.6. Research work should be in the form of a publication in a peer reviewed journal.

- 2.7.If the research work/innovative product is a joint work and all the contributors are ULA members, then the cash award will be awarded to the principal contributor and a copy of the certificate will be issued to all contributors. However, the percentage of the contribution of the principal contributor should be more than 75% and it needs to be specified in the application form. All contributors should sign the application specifically confirming the percentages of their contribution to the work.
- 2.8.If the research work/innovative product is jointly carried out, with contributors who are not ULA members such papers/projects will not be considered for the awards unless otherwise the main investigator/inventor of the research/project is a ULA member. In case of a journal article, the first author of the article should also be a ULA member. The cash award and the certificate will be issued to the first author/main inventor. However, the percentage of the contribution of the principal contributor should be more than 75% and it needs to be specified in the application form. All authors/inventors should sign the application specifically confirming the percentages of their contribution to the work.
- 2.9.All applicants for MOIY should submit a report along with the application form specifying the innovation and its impact to the field of Library and Information Science. A detailed report prepared by the applicant should be submitted for evaluation by the applicant along with the observations by the Vice Chancellor/Librarian.

3.0 Selection Procedure

- 3.1 Members of ULA should apply for the awards when the applications are called
- 3.2 ULA will appoint a selection committee to evaluate the submissions.
- 3.3 The Selection Committee's decision will be the final

4.0 Award Criteria for Research

- 4.1 Only the full-text articles published in a refereed journal indexed by reputed indexing and abstracting services as specified in 4.4 will be considered for the awards.
- 4.2 The research articles should have been published during 04th September 2020 to 10th September, 2021
- 4.3 The selection committee will consider the following criteria in the evaluation process
- a. Problem : Significance of the research question to the LIS domain
 - b. Ideas : Theoretical base and conceptual contribution
 - c. Approach : Adequacy and sensitivity of research design and methods, and adherence to ethical standards.
 - d. Findings : Contribution to existing body of knowledge
 - e. Presentation : Clear presentation of quantitative or qualitative data linked to the research objectives and research problem
 - f. Organization : Logical organization of the paper
 - g. Contribution to the field of Library and Information Science

4.4 The publications must be available in one of the following citation indexes and the selection committee will critically consider the Impact Factor of the journal which the article appears when making the final decision

- a. Arts & Humanities Citation Index
- b. Science Citation Index Expanded
- c. Social Sciences Citation Index

4.5 Other than the above factors, when evaluating the innovations for Most Outstanding Inventor of the Year award, selection committee will critically consider the invented product or service submitted to national or international level statutory bodies, which explains highly innovative and pragmatically sound technologies or systems which helps in real-life applications in the field of Library and Information Science.
