

# SLAAS Award for Innovation and Commercialization Awarded by the General Research Committee

The SLAAS Award for Innovation and Commercialization awarded by the General Research Committee of SLAAS is an award made in recognition of Sri Lankan scientists who have succeeded in Innovation and Commercialization Applicants must be members of SLAAS.

Note: All application with evidence must be submitted to the email <a href="mailto:grc@slaas.lk">grc@slaas.lk</a> on or before 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

# Eligibility Criteria

- (1) Must be an inventor/ co-inventor of a national or an international active patent
- (2) Must be an inventor/ co-inventor of a product available commercially.
- (3) Must be a SLAAS member for five years.
- (4) Must not be a member of the SLAAS Council/ SLAAS GRC or a family member of a member of the SLAAS Council/ SLAAS GRC.
- (5) Must provide relevant information/Evidence
  - (a). For part A, a copy of the Patent and the URL for the Google Patent Data Base. Evidence for maintaining the Patent.
  - (b) A letter from the Commercial partner and with the front and back labels. Evidence for the payment of royalties (invoice or audit report).
  - (c) Evidence to prove the contribution must be provided.

## **Evaluation Guideline**

Award Criteria Part A		Marks
(1)	National Active Patent (Priority date must be within the last five years from the application closing date)	04 marks (each) No limit
	The Applicant must provide proof that the Patent is active such as Patent maintenance fee receipts to the NIPO.	
(2)	International Active Patent (Priority date must be within the last five years from the application closing date)	08 marks (each) No limit
(3)	Granted PCT Application (Priority date must be within last five years from the application closing date)	06 marks (each) No limit
(4)	Accepted Copyright (Publication date must be within last five years from the application closing date)	04 marks (each) No limit
(5)	Accepted Industrial Design (Priority date must be within the last five years from the application closing date)	02 marks (each) No limit
(6)	Accepted Trademark (Publication date must be within last five years from the application closing date)	01 marks (each) No limit
Part B		
(1)	Commercialized Product (Patented Invention)*	10 marks (each) No limit

The applicant must provide a letter from the commercial partner with the front and back images (labels) of the product. This letter must include the date of commercialization, currently commercialized or not, the information regarding the market and information about the royalty payments.

A software that is developed for a commercial partner can be considered as a commercial product, and the applicant must provide proofs for benefits such as a Technology transfer fee or Royalty fee with the application to prove the commercialization.

Open-source software distributed under the licenses list in https://opensource.org/licenses cannot be considered as commercialized products when distributed free of charge.

<sup>\*</sup>Add 05 marks if the commercialization is done internationally

## Part C

Self-evaluation (1000 words) on your contribution toward Innovation and Commercialization activities within the last 05 years Up to 10 marks

## **Evaluation Criteria**

- (1) A maximum of three awards can be awarded within a year.
- (2) A minimum of 18 marks must be obtained by an award winner.
- (3) A certificate and a Medal must be awarded for each winner at the SLAAS annual Inauguration.
- (4) GRC committee must appoint a suitable committee of 5 members and the Evaluation committee must include the current GRC chairperson, and the GRC chairperson and at least one member with sufficient knowledge on commercialization and IP protection.
- (5) The evaluation must be conducted as per the approved guide on SLAAS award by the SLAAS Council.