

SLTC Student Awards - 2025

Introduction

The **SLTC Student Awards** recognize the outstanding research performance, creativity, innovation, and scholarly excellence of SLTC students. These awards are designed to encourage students to actively engage in research, innovation, and knowledge creation. By celebrating these achievements, we aim to provide due recognition to highly motivated and outstanding SLTC student researchers, rewarding their efforts and inspiring them to accelerate their journey towards their academic and future career aspirations.

Under the **University-Level Recognition** category, two prestigious awards will be presented to students: **Best Inventor – Student** Category and **Most Outstanding Student Research Publisher**. These awards specifically honor undergraduate and postgraduate research accomplishments completed during students' enrollment at SLTC. The Best Inventor award recognizes originality and ingenuity in the development of novel inventions or solutions, while the Most Outstanding Student Research Publisher award celebrates excellence in research dissemination through publications, showcasing the student's contribution to advancing knowledge. Together, these awards highlight the importance of both practical innovation and scholarly research, acknowledging students whose work demonstrates creativity, rigor, and institutional impact.

For the SLTC Student Awards 2025, any **undergraduate or postgraduate student** who has been registered at SLTC between **30th June 2022** and **30th June 2025** is eligible to apply. This document provides details on the eligibility criteria, award descriptions, and specific application requirements. Applicants are advised to read it carefully prior to application in order to ensure their submissions meet all guidelines and reflect the high standards of excellence celebrated by the awards.

Eligibility Criteria & Competition Rules

1. Applicant Eligibility

- Applicants must be **undergraduate or postgraduate** students currently enrolled at SLTC, or those who were enrolled between **30th June 2022 and 30th June 2025**.
- **Only individual** applications will be accepted. If the applicant's achievement was part of a team effort, the applicant must clearly specify their personal contribution or authorship role when completing the relevant entries in the application form.
- Applicants must not have any disciplinary actions pending at the time of application.

2. Period of Consideration

- Awards will recognize research, scholarly work, and creative outputs completed between 30th June 2022 and 30th June 2025.
- Submissions must fall within this timeframe. For example, if a publication is included, its publication date must be within the stated period.

3. Application Submission

- Applications must be prepared using the student awards **application template** available on the SLTC Research & Innovation Awards 2025 webpage.
- Applications must be completed, signed, and submitted by the applicant himself/herself.
- **All student submissions must be endorsed by a supervisor as well as their relevant Department/Faculty.** Before the final submission, students are required to share their completed application form with their supervisor or an academic advisor from their faculty **and obtain an e-signature endorsements as specified in Section D of the application form.**
- The completed application form, together with all **supporting evidence** (compiled as separate PDF files), must be submitted through the official **Google Form link** available on the awards webpage.
- The deadline for submitting applications is **15th September 2025**. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- Each applicant may submit only one application for consideration.
- Applications that are incomplete, false, misleading, or submitted after the deadline will be **disqualified**.

Other considerations:

4. Institutional Affiliation

- The awards program will prioritize outputs having SLTC as the affiliated institution.
- Applicants are encouraged to present work that was carried out under their SLTC affiliation during the specified period.

5. Research Profiles

- Applicants are encouraged to maintain a Google Scholar and/or ResearchGate profiles that is publicly available.
- These profile links can be included (e.g., Google Scholar ID) in the application form, which will help the panel of judges to verify the applicant's scholarly outputs and impact quite easily.

6. Guideline on Indexed Publications

- When submitting indexed journal publications, the indexing status must be verified using authoritative sources such as the Clarivate Master Journal List, the Scopus Sources List, or the PubMed journal catalog.
- Recognized and widely accepted indexing services may include the Science Citation Index (SCI), Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), Scopus, PubMed/MEDLINE, Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), Arts & Humanities Citation Index (AHCI), and Ei Compindex. These platforms are considered

credible and ensure that submitted publications meet rigorous academic standards of visibility and impact.

- Any publications in predator journals will be disregarded.

7. Evaluation Process

- The evaluation of applications will be undertaken by a Panel of Judges appointed under the oversight of the University's senior leadership.
- All assessments will be conducted with the highest standards of impartiality and confidentiality to ensure a fair and transparent process.
- The decision of the Panel of Judges shall be final, and the Panel reserves the right to defer or withhold awards in instances where no suitable recipient is identified.

8. Confidentiality of Submissions

- Applicants are advised to avoid including highly confidential or commercially sensitive details in their submissions.
- This precaution is intended to protect the value of applicants' work and ensure a smooth evaluation process without the risk of sensitive information being disclosed unnecessarily.

9. Winners, depending on the requirements, may be requested to submit a short article, photographs, or short video clip about their research, prepared under the guidance of the Organizing Committee of the SLTC Research & Innovation Awards 2025, for internal and external publication purposes.

Description of Awards

University-Level Recognition

1. Most Outstanding Student Research Publisher

This award is presented in recognition of exemplary scholarly contributions by SLTC students through **high-quality publications** in reputed academic journals and conferences. It is intended for undergraduate or postgraduate students whose research publications reflect originality, academic rigor, and impact, verified through indexing in credible databases and adherence to international standards of research dissemination. Achievements within the period **from 30th June 2022 to 30th June 2025** will be considered for evaluation. The winner will receive an award along with a certificate of recognition.

2. Best Inventor – Student Category

This award is presented in recognition of exceptional creativity and innovation demonstrated by SLTC students through the development of inventions or **novel solutions with practical value**. It is intended for undergraduate or postgraduate students who have applied their knowledge and skills to produce original, impactful outputs such as **prototypes, registered innovations, or patent applications**. Achievements completed during the period from 30th June 2022 to 30th June 2025 will be considered for evaluation. The winner will receive an award along with a certificate of recognition.