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### Background & Overview of Industry Awards 2025

The Industry Awards are designed to provide inclusive, sector-relevant recognition for research contributions across Sri Lanka's diverse industrial landscape. Under this scheme, a total of **34 awards** will be presented: **32 sector-based awards** spanning eight key industry sectors (see Table 01), and **two special recognition awards** honoring excellence in environmental sustainability and community engagement.

In addition to these main awards, **Certificates of Merit** will be presented to applicants whose research has resulted in indexed journal publications or local/international patents—acknowledging high-impact outputs even beyond the primary award categories.

To promote equitable participation across the economic spectrum, a dedicated award category for **Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)** has been introduced. This category recognizes innovative research achievements by companies with limited financial resources but strong potential for impact and growth.

#### Categories for industry sector-based awards

- 1. Excellence in In-House R&D Award**  
Acknowledges outstanding research conducted internally using a company's own teams, laboratories, or facilities.
- 2. Outstanding Research Collaboration Award**  
Recognizes impactful R&D collaborations between companies and academic or research institutions.
- 3. Outstanding Research Commercialization Award**  
Honors the successful translation of research into commercially viable products, technologies, or services.
- 4. Outstanding R&D in Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)**  
Celebrates exemplary research and innovation efforts by SMEs, highlighting their agility and contribution to grassroots industrial progress.



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**Table 01: Industry Sectors**

INDUSTRY SECTOR	KEY SUBSECTORS
<b>1. Textile &amp; apparel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Textile &amp; Apparel</li><li>- Apparel Design and Development</li><li>- Sustainable Textile Processes</li><li>- Smart and Functional Fabrics</li></ul>
<b>2. Agriculture &amp; food technology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Agriculture</li><li>- Crop and Livestock Production</li><li>- Food Processing and Preservation</li><li>- Feed and Beverage Innovation</li></ul>
<b>3. Energy, electronics &amp; engineering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Energy &amp; Electronics</li><li>- Engineering &amp; Machinery</li><li>- Renewable Energy Technologies</li><li>- Energy Efficiency Solutions</li></ul>
<b>4. Health, wellness &amp; life sciences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Healthcare &amp; Life Sciences</li><li>- Ayurveda &amp; Wellness Products</li><li>- Natural Products &amp; Cosmetics</li><li>- Natural Products and Cosmetic</li><li>- Biotechnology and Pharmaceuticals</li></ul>
<b>5. Environment &amp; sustainability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Environmental Conservation</li><li>- Sustainable Solutions</li><li>- Pollution &amp; Waste Management</li><li>- Green Building and Energy Solutions</li><li>- Climate Change Mitigation</li></ul>
<b>6. Materials, polymers &amp; coatings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Advanced Materials and Composites</li><li>- Polymers and Plastics</li><li>- Paints, Inks, and Coating Technologies</li><li>- Mineral and Metal Processing</li></ul>
<b>7. Ict &amp; digital innovation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ICT</li><li>- Cybersecurity and Data Protection</li><li>- AI and Machine Learning Applications</li></ul>
<b>8. Creative industries: design, digital, and future economies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Digital Creative Futures</li><li>- Sustainable &amp; Social Design</li><li>- Performing Arts</li></ul>





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## Special Recognition Awards

To highlight enterprise projects demonstrating exceptional contributions to sustainable development and social impact, two **Special Recognition Awards** will be presented:

- **Green Impact Award for Environmental Sustainability**  
Celebrates research that foster environmental stewardship through innovative, sustainable practices.
- **Inclusive Growth Award for Socio-Economic Empowerment**  
Recognizes research that contribute meaningfully to inclusive development, community resilience, or economic equity.

## Certificates of Merit

**Certificates of Merit** aim to recognize notable scholarly and technological achievements arising from enterprise-driven industrial research. These are not part of a dedicated application category but will be granted at the evaluation panel's discretion based on submissions that include **indexed journal publications** or **patents**. Any application featuring these outcomes (as listed below) will be considered eligible for this recognition.

1. **Patented Innovations**  
Awarded for research that has resulted in national or international patent grants during the evaluation period.
2. **Research Publications**  
Awarded for research published during the evaluation period in **peer-reviewed journals** or presented at **recognized academic or industry conferences**.



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