IMechE Sri Lanka Group Chairman's Award for Entrepreneur Development

Based on the IMechE theme of promoting mechanical engineering among young engineers the IMechE Sri Lanka Group (IMechE SLG) proposes the 'IMechE Entrepreneur Development Award Scheme'. This is to encourage young mechanical engineering entrepreneurs to develop their final-year projects into marketable products. In light of this, IMechE will offer cash awards and workshop facilities to develop selected designs. Promising designs may be given further support in bringing them to a marketable level. The project is funded by Mr Lal Weerasinghe, the Chair of IMechE SL Group. The award scheme is effective from November 2021. Each IMechE student chapter in Sri Lanka will be eligible to make five (5) nominations per year. Out of these, three designs will be selected by IMechE SL Group to award the cash prizes as an appreciation for the design efforts.

- First prize – LKR 25,000
- Second prize - LKR 15,000
- Third prize - LKR 10,000

All financial supports are based on the availability of funds and the award value could be altered or discontinued at the discretion of the IMechE SLG with or without prior notice.

Priority will be given to the designs with;

- National relevance
- Entrepreneurship potential
- Contribution to Environmental Sustainability

Eligibility Criteria

1. All applicants must be **Affiliate** members of IMechE.
2. All applicants must be final-year undergraduates of a mechanical engineering 4-year degree programme.
3. The project could be either in progress or completed with the design documentation finalised (i.e. 3D model, engineering drawings, and design calculations).

Conditions

1. If awarded, the IMechE Sri Lanka group should be duly acknowledged in all written material (research papers, reports, posters) and oral presentations.
2. Proof of such acknowledgement should be attached to the subsequent nominations.
3. Each chapter can forward only five applications per calendar year.

How to Apply

- Each Student Chapter should nominate five (5) projects using their own criteria considering national relevance, entrepreneurship potential, and contribution to environmental sustainability.
- Fill the 'Nomination Form' on the following pages, certified by the HOD. Then the HOD or the Chapter Counsellor (Academic Liaisons Officer) have to email the scanned copy to the Young Member Chair IMechE Sri Lanka Group, "jrgamage@member.imeche.org" with the following attachments.
    1. A two-page project brief including; an introduction, approach (or Methodology), intended outcomes, the timeline of the project, and the total budget of the project.
    2. Design documentation (relevant views of the 3D model and 2D engineering drawings to understand the appearance and functionality of the product/device)

- Nominations will be entertained around the year to accommodate different academic calendars of the Universities.