

## **Research Themes for the Proposed Competitive Research Grant Scheme**

### **International Economics**

1. Reform of the International Financial Architecture taking into account the needs of emerging markets and developing countries.
2. Resuscitating the rules-based multilateral trading system.
3. Strengthening multilateralism in a multipolar world.
4. A multilateral initiative for debt relief for market access countries
5. Promoting export-led growth
6. Export Competitiveness
7. The Global economy and inclusive development
8. Migration and workforce development

### **Environmental Economics**

9. Climate, agriculture, and sustainable transformation
10. Climate friendly industrial development
11. Green services

### **Political Economy, Institutional Economics, Planning**

12. Economic planning in a market economy
13. Governance, institutions, and political economy

### **Human Capital, Human Development, Welfare Economics**

14. Education
15. Health
16. Labour markets, labor force participation, employment
17. Social Protection
18. Poverty
19. Equitable and inclusive growth

### **Technology, Innovation and Growth**

20. Technology and information
21. Fourth Industrial Revolution technologies and opportunities for economic development.
22. The Innovation Ecosystem: Challenges to Innovation Led Growth
23. Science, Technology and Innovation for Economic Growth

### **Macroeconomics**

24. Policy Options for Sri Lanka's Economic Recovery
25. Rules vs. Discretion in Macroeconomic Policymaking
26. Fiscal and Monetary Policy Coordination
27. Debt Sustainability in the Context of Fiscal Operations and Balance of Payments
28. Inflation
29. Macroprudential Policy and Banking System Risks

### **Blue skies research**

30. Any other topics to be proposed by the researcher or research team.