



## Short video competition 2022 on Basic Research for Sustainability of Sri Lanka

*A national competition to promote the importance of research in fundamental science among the Postgraduate and Undergraduate students*

Organized by  
National Institute of Fundamental Studies (NIFS)

### About the Competition

For “the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development”, the NIFS invites you to enter the Short video competition 2022. This competition is open to undergraduate & postgraduate students. Submit a 3-minute original video on how basic research is used or can be used to strengthen the Sustainability of Sri Lanka.

Your video entry could take almost any form. A public service announcement? An animated cartoon? An audio interview with a professional researcher? Some other format? You decide.

### Eligibility

- Students who have registered for their undergraduate or postgraduate studies at any University in the country.
- The contest is open to individuals or teams of interested (maximum 5).
- Any production made by the NIFS staff members is not eligible.

### Video

- Videos should run between 150 and 180 seconds in duration with a 5-second “title screen”
- Entries must be suitable for display to a general audience with respect to language, visual content, presentation, themes discussed, and related issues.
- All entries must be completed in English, and videos must include content that is entirely understandable to an English-speaking audience.
- While the copyright for the video and its content is retained by the entrant(s), entering the contest automatically provides NIFS the right to display the video online and/or in any public or private settings without restriction.
- Videos must be previously unpublished, original content and must be the sole property of the entrants, not previously submitted to any other contest. Published

material includes that which has been posted on the Internet. Videos may include footage shot at the site, animations, computer images, drawings, data, and so on.

- Multiple Submissions are welcomed. Multiple submissions should be done as separate entries.
- Your Video must be in HD quality, resolution 1920x1080 - FHD (Full HD) / 1080p.

[Click here for the full set of Rules and Guidelines](#)

### **Submission of entry/entries**

*Through the Online entry system on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.*

In order for your entry to be valid, you must submit it using the online entry system on our website, including:

- Completing all compulsory fields on each step of the entry form.
- Uploading your short video.
- Uploading the "title screen" still image from your video according to the given title screen format.

### **Judging criteria:**

1. Judging Committee appointed by the NIFS will judge and award the champion, 1st runner-up, 2nd runner-up, and consolation winners with the criteria below:
  - a. Content (30%)
  - b. Creativity on subject delivery (30%)
  - c. Language (spoken and written) (20%)
  - d. Video Production Skills (20%)
2. The 'Most Popular Video' award will be awarded to the video with the most 'views' on our NIFS YouTube channel during the designated voting time.

### **Announcement of results:**

- The competition results will be announced on the NIFS website and social media pages of the institute in early October 2022 (Please follow our social media and subscribe to our official YouTube channel for more updates).
- All winners will be notified by email within the month of October 2022.

The submission deadline is 11.59 PM on 31st August 2022.

### **For more details**

Dr. Kumari Tilakaratne  
Science Education & Dissemination Unit  
National Institute of Fundamental Studies  
Hantana Road,  
Kandy  
Email: [sedu@nifs.ac.lk](mailto:sedu@nifs.ac.lk)  
Tel. 081- 2232002/077 760 0845 [Inquiries: Weekdays 9.00 am Up to 3.00 pm]

**Details of the Competition are also available on our website [www.nifs.ac.lk](http://www.nifs.ac.lk)**

## Rules and Guidelines

1. All entries must be submitted in digital format.
2. Students who have registered for their undergraduate or /postgraduate studies at any University in the country are eligible except for the NIFS staff members.
3. All entries must be submitted in English, and videos must include content that is entirely understandable to an English-speaking audience.
4. Students may work together in groups (max 5) or submit entries as individuals.
5. The length of the video should not exceed 180 seconds (Three minutes), not including the 5-second title screen (see #6).
6. All entries should begin with a 5-second full-screen “title screen” according to the format given below:



SHORT VIDEO COMPETITION 2022  
ON  
BASIC RESEARCH FOR SUSTAINABILITY OF SRI LANKA  
A national competition to promote the importance of research in fundamental science  
among the postgraduate and undergraduate students

Name : .....

University name : .....

Title of the video : .....

NIFS  
Organized by  
National Institute of Fundamental Studies - Sri Lanka

7. All information presented in the video must be cited, giving credit to the original source. Plagiarism of any kind will result in disqualification.
8. Each video must have one **Lead Producer** to serve as the main point of contact. Recognition and award will be given to all producers listed on the entry form.
9. There is no entry fee.
10. No copyrighted materials (music, images, video clips, etc.) may be used for this contest unless you own the copyright or have a license to use the material for this contest. Written permission must be obtained and provided upon request for all copyrighted materials.
11. All portions of the online entry form must be completed when you upload your video for it to be eligible.
12. Your Video must be in HD quality, resolution 1920x1080 - FHD (Full HD) / 1080p.
13. Content must comply with all national laws of the country. Content must not 1) promote illegal behavior; 2) support racial, religious, sexual, or other invidious prejudice; 3) advocate sexual or violent exploitation; 4) violate rights established by law or agreement; 5) invade the privacy of any person; or 6) be otherwise inappropriate as determined by the NIFS in its sole and conclusive determination.
14. Students may submit as many video entries as they wish. However, only 1 first-place prize will be awarded per student/team, and student/team may not receive more than 2 awards.
15. The NIFS will upload your video to the NIFS - YouTube channel if it is selected from the first screening.
16. Judging Committee appointed by the NIFS will judge and award the champion, 1st runner-up, 2nd runner-up, and consolation winners.

17. The 'Most Popular Video' award will be awarded to the video with the most 'views' on our NIFS - YouTube channel during the designated voting time.
18. Students should keep at least one copy of their video. The NIFS is not responsible for any videos that are lost, damaged, or that do not upload properly.
19. Videos must be previously unpublished, original content and must be the sole property of the entrants, not previously submitted to any other contest. Published material includes that which has been posted on the Internet. Videos may include footage shot at the site, animations, computer images, drawings, data, and so on.
20. While the copyright for the video and its content is retained by the entrant(s), entering the contest automatically provides the NIFS, the right to display the video online and/or in any public or private settings without any restriction.
21. The judges' decision is final. Entrants agree to be bound by the official competition rules and decisions of the judges.