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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
ES.4 Section

**GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
FOREIGN STUDENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR-2014-15**

Last Date: 30th September, 2014.

1. On line applications are invited from Indian nationals, through MHRD's website <http://mhrd.gov.in> for nominations for the award of Scholarships in Sri Lanka tenable from **December 2014 for Postgraduate studies** at Universities in Sri Lanka.

- I. NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS TO BE SENT: Four (04)
II. LEVEL OF COURSE: Postgraduate

SUBJECT FIELDS:

1. MSc in Molecular Life Science 2. MSc in Environmental Management
3. MSc in Agriculture and 4. Master of Business Administration (MBA)

TENURE OF AWARDS : Two year Degree Programme

III. **ELIGIBILITY**

- (1) Applicants should possess a first class degree from a recognized university with good academic merit to enroll a master degree with minimum 60% marks.
(2) Age: Be less than 45 years of age on 30.09.2014.

2. **ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

English is the medium of instruction. Accordingly, an applicant whose previous education has not been conducted in English has to demonstrate a good command of English sufficient to meet the demands of classroom instructions, written assignments and participation in tutorials and discussions. Therefore, applicants must provide evidence of proficiency in English i.e for Masters the required marks should be minimum score of **550 on TOEFL or 6.5 on IELTS**.

3. **VALUE OF AWARD:**

- I. Provide tuition and registration free of charge.
II. Visa for studies free of charge.
III. During the study period, a monthly living allowance of Rs. 30,000/- will be paid.
IV. One-off settlement allowance of Rs.10,000/- .
V. Reimbursement of cost of air fare (economy class) to come to Sri Lanka and return his/her country after studies.
VI. Accommodation: it is expected that the scholarship recipient will meet the expenditure for food and accommodation with the monthly allowance of Rs. 30,000/- (The relevant university/higher educational institute will assist in finding suitable accommodation).
VII. Once admitted to a course of study the requests for change of the course/university will not be accepted.

- VIII. Medical Cover: Medical benefits will be provided free of charge at government hospitals other than dental related diseases.
- IX. Scholarship holder should submit a health certificate issued by a government hospital of his/her country as per the attached format.
- X. Every student is required to undergo HIV/AIDS test within a month after arrival.
- XI. Scholarship holder is required to maintain a satisfactory performance of his/her studies until graduation and if not, scholarship can be terminated before the completion of the full period.
- XII. In case the scholarship holder cannot complete the course during the prescribed period due to reasons of ill health or other unavoidable circumstances, considerations will be given to extend the scholarship by a maximum of one year on the recommendation of the university.
- XIII. The rules and regulations imposed by each university for the university students will also apply to the scholarship holders.

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Documents to be uploaded:

- i. Birth Certificate
- ii. Official evidence of any name change
- iii. Data page of applicant's passport
- iv. Graduation
- v. Academic transcripts for postgraduate students
- vi. Medical Certificate
- vii. Security Vetting
- viii. Two Referee reports for postgraduate students (preferred from applicant's current employer/former lecturer/academic supervisor)

5.

Instructions:

- 1. Candidates who have already been abroad for study/training/specialization either on scholarship or on their own for a period exceeding six months are eligible to apply only if they have been in India for at least two consecutive years after returning from abroad as on 3.09.2014.
- 2. A candidate may apply for only one subject of his/her choice
- 3. Nomination of a candidate by Government of India does not guarantee final selection or placement. The Government of Sri Lanka will make its own selection out of overall nominees recommended by all the participating countries in the programme
- 4. Application must be accompanied by copies of certificates regarding date of birth, diplomas, degrees, mark sheets in respect of all the examination passed alongwith experience certificate of Employment (if any) and one copy of recently taken passport size photograph with signature (to be pasted on application form).
- 5. In case of candidates qualifying from Universities, where grades are awarded, the candidates are required to furnish exact percentage of marks and indicate the conversion formula.
- 6. Candidates will be expected to have some knowledge of India and of the donor country
- 7. It is very important that applicants who are in employment to which they wish to return after completion of their studies in Sri Lanka should have an assurance from their Organization that if their nomination is successful, they will be granted sufficient leave of absence.

8. Applications in subject fields other than those specified above will not be considered.
9. Applications of candidates who are abroad will not be considered.
10. Candidates who do not possess the requisite qualifications need not apply.
11. Since these scholarships are offered by Foreign Government, applications should invariably be submitted in English only.
12. Experience has to be supported by documentary evidence.
13. Candidates must have good knowledge of written and spoken English (The donor country reserves the right to request evidence of having passed an accredited English language test).
14. Candidates will not be allowed to appear for interview or given TA/ if he/she does not submit NOC from the Employer. In case of Government Servant, clearance of the Cadre Controlling Authority is mandatory.
15. Mere fulfillment of requirements as laid down in the advertisement does not qualify a candidate for interview. Interview letters in a particular subject are sent only to the best candidates after their applications are judged by a duly constituted Selection Committee of Experts.
16. Applications not in the prescribed proforma and application received after the prescribed date and incomplete applications will not be considered.
17. Documents submitted along with the application will not be returned. Hence, candidates are advised to send only attested copies of the certificates.
18. Canvassing in any form will be a disqualification.
19. The Selection committee's decision about candidates for interview or selecting a candidate for nomination will be final. **NO REPRESENTATIONS IN THIS REGARD WILL BE ENTERTAINED.**

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED LATE WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED

FORMAT OF APPLICATION

1. Name of the Scholarship Scheme: **Government of Sri Lanka
Presidential Scholarships for Foreign Students**

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2. Country for which applying: **Sri Lanka**

3. Level of Course: _____

4. Subject (indicate one of the subjects given in the advertisement): _____

5. i Name of the candidate Sh./Smt./Km.
(in Block letters)

ii Full mailing address with Pin Code
and
Telephone Number, if any

iii Full name of Father/Mother/Guardian

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iv E- Mail Address: _____

6. i Sex : Male ☐ Female ☐

ii Marital status: _____

iii Nationality: _____

7. i. Date of birth: _____

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ii Age as on 30.09.2014: _____

iii State to which the candidate belongs: _____

8. Academic record starting from High School/Higher Secondary (upload copies of certificates)

Name of the University/ Board/ Institute	Examination(s) passed	Date of passing	Division/ Class with position, if any,	Maximum marks and marks secured for the entire degree	Percentage of marks obtained and position if any, (No rounding off)	Subjects taken

9. Have you cleared IELTS/TOEFL/GMAT ? If so, give score
(a) IELTS (b) TOEFL (c) GMAT

10. Details of
Professional/Practical Training :
Research Experience:
No. of papers published:
Previous Employment (Period, Designation, Employer):
11. (a) Are you employed ? Yes ☐ No ☐
(b) In case you are employed then give the nature of the present employment with name and date of appointment/designation and the name and address of the employer :
12. Have you been abroad? If so give full particulars of
I Country/Countries visited:
II Period of stay (give details):
III Date, Month and Year of return to India:
IV Purpose of visit:
13. Name and address of two persons who are familiar with your work (preferred from applicant's current employer/ former lecturer/ academic supervisor):
14. Proposed programme of study/research/training specifying details.
15. I The work at present engaged in:
II Preferred institutions in Sri Lanka (Three)
III What factors led you to choose to above institutions
IV Future plans/proposals after the study/research/training and its prospectus
V What are the benefits to your home country
16. Have you been received any offer letter for joining research/admission, if yes, you must upload supporting documents:
17. Have you received any academic awards/credential such as Gold Medal, National Awards etc. if yes, mention the name of award and upload the supporting documents:

ENCLOSURES TO BE UPLOADED

Proof of age.
Educational Qualification
University/College Transcript
Copy of the personal page of applicant's passport
No Objection Certificate from Employer (in case of employed persons)

18. DECLARATION

I certify that foregoing information is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and nothing has been concealed/distorted. I understand that if at any time I am found to have concealed/distorted any material information, my selection shall be liable to summary termination without notice and compensation.

Place :

Date :

Signature of the Candidate