

Announcement

Doctoral Student Position

Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya

Applications are encouraged from well-qualified, energetic citizens of Sri Lanka for a doctoral position in an Ahmad Tea and University of Bristol (UoB), UK funded project on 'Identifying and characterising tea (*Camellia sinensis* L. (O.) Kuntze) cultivars suitable for cultivation that exhibit improved water use efficiency".

Field of study: Agriculture

Duration: The position is available for a four-year, full time period assignment. The PhD will be awarded by the University of Bristol, UK.

Educational qualifications:

- B. Sc. (Agriculture or Biological science or related field of study) from a recognized university with a First or a Second Class (Upper division) pass, and preferably a Masters / MPhil degree in a relevant field
- Proficiency in English is a must, with an IELTS score of 6.5 or above

Other details:

Applications are invited from citizens of Sri Lanka for the above position. The project work will consist of field and laboratory components at the Tea Research Institute, Thalawakele, and the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, in different tea growing areas, and each year, a component of a few months at UoB and Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, UK for laboratory training, data analyses and thesis writing. The selected candidate is required to conduct the research component as part of the degree programme. He/she also is required to sign a bond agreement that he/she will return to Sri Lanka after the training and continue to work for the benefit of the Sri Lankan tea industry. Please contact undersigned for further details.

Stipend: An all-inclusive stipend of £18,622 per year will be provided, in addition to the bench fees and the UoB registration fees.

Application giving full Bio-Data including the names and contact details of two non-related referees who can assess the applicant, along with the copies of birth certificate, relevant educational and other qualifications, and list of publications should reach us on or before **06-11-2023**. A letter of motivation should accompany the application. Publications in the fields of plant physiology/ plant breeding/ soil-plant-water relations/ perennial plants and hands-on experience in relevant laboratory and field equipment handling will be added advantages. Please submit PDF versions of the application and supportive documents via the following link and via email.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTe33yil3K1HI3spYPbnEXNydWfjrXg9e9eIYaUQztVzDSWw/viewform?usp=sharing>

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