



Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education

Study at a High Ranked International University with a Government Scholarship – A Prestigious Offer for A/L Achievers!



In line with the Government's policy framework "**A Thriving Nation – A Beautiful Life,**" the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education proudly launches an exclusive foreign scholarship program designed to empower 200 high-achieving G.C.E. Advanced Level students to pursue **Bachelor's degrees at prestigious, internationally ranked universities** abroad.

Under this program, designed to nurture "**A Civilized Citizen – An Advanced Human Resource,**" the Ministry will offer government-funded scholarship opportunities to approximately **25 to 50 students** in its inaugural phase for the **2026 academic year**. The number of recipients will be progressively increased on an annual basis, with the objective of awarding a total of **200 scholarships over the five-year period** from 2025-2029.

1. Call for Applications:

- I. Applications are invited from students who have obtained excellent results at the G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination 2024.
- II. Students from all academic fields are eligible to apply. However, priority will be given to the applicants willing to pursue studies in globally emerging fields or for fields that are not currently offered in Sri Lankan State Universities, specially those with potential to contribute to the economic growth and sustainable development of the country. (Annexure 1)
- III. Prospective candidates are encouraged to select an international university and a degree program of their choice, provided the university is ranked within the top 500 in one of the global university rankings listed below.
 - ✓ **QS World University Rankings**
 - ✓ **Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings**
 - ✓ **Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) – Shanghai Rankings**

2. Step-by-Step Application Process

1.

Identify your preferred degree program

- Choose a field of study that aligns with your academic and professional interests.
- This program should be commenced in 2026.
- Check the eligibility criteria and entrance exam requirements (if any).

2.

Select the university ranked within the top 500 globally

- Find an international university that offers your chosen degree and is listed in the top 500 of recognized global university ranking.

3.

Create an Login Account on the Ministry's Online Application Portal.

<https://foreignscholarships.mohe.gov.lk>

4.

Complete the online application form

- Fill in all required details accurately and upload the necessary supporting documents. Ensure that your application is successfully submitted. You should receive a confirmation message upon successful submission.

5.

Ensure exclusive online submission

- Only applications submitted via the portal will be accepted.
- Hard copies sent by post will not be considered.

6.

Submit the application before the deadline

- All applications must be submitted on or before **15th September 2025** to this Ministry. (Due to significant demand and heavy website usage, candidates should apply early to avoid last-minute issues)

7.

Shortlisting by the Ministry

- The Ministry will evaluate applications and shortlist candidates based on eligibility and Academic merit (special consideration will be given to the All Island and District Merit criteria).

8.

Attend a structured interview (if shortlisted)

- Shortlisted candidates will be called for a structured interview by the Ministry at short notice to assess the eligibility to award the scholarship grant.

9.

Check your selection status to confirm eligibility for the grant

10.

Apply to the selected foreign university

- Students selected through the structured interview will be advised to apply to their chosen international university.

11.

Follow the university's admission procedures

- Complete all required steps (applications, documentation etc.) as per the university's instructions.

12.

Obtain the official placement letter

- Secure an official admission/placement letter from the foreign university.

13.

Submit the placement letter to the Ministry.

14.

Sign the bond agreement

15.

Receive the scholarship grant

- Upon verification of the placement letter and signing the bond agreement, the scholarship funds will be released.

16.

Pursue and complete your degree abroad successfully

- Fulfill all academic requirements and complete the program as per university standards.

17.

Return to Sri Lanka upon graduation

- After the successful completion of the degree, report to the Ministry.
- Contribute to the economic growth and sustainable development of the country by applying the knowledge and skills gained abroad.

3. General Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants are required to fulfill all the general eligibility criteria mentioned below.

- I. Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- II. The applicant should have a minimum mark of **30%** for the Common General paper at **G.C.E A/L examination -2024**, conducted by the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka.
- III. Should possess a good knowledge of English (Minimum “C” Grade for General English at G.C.E A/L examination or equivalent).
- IV. Should be in good health and ready to live overseas (relevant country) during the period of study.

4. Scope of Award:

The award encompasses the following components, applicable for a maximum duration of four years:

- I. Tuition and other academic fees
- II. Monthly stipend to assist with food and accommodation expenses
- III. Contribution for health insurance
- IV. One-time economy class round-trip airfare, including local transportation from the nearest airport to the host university

The overall value of the award package for a year shall be subject to a ceiling of Rs. 20,000,000 (Twenty Million Rupees). However, the grant amount allocated to each student will be determined by the Ministry, taking into account the candidate's academic merit and chosen field of study. Priority will be accorded to those pursuing globally emerging disciplines, particularly fields with substantial potential to contribute to the country's economic growth and sustainable development.

5. Terms and Conditions:

- I. This scheme will provide financial support to pursue the Bachelor's degrees only.
- II. Candidates must return to Sri Lanka after completing the first degree.
- III. This scheme provides financial support up to a maximum of 4 academic years.
- IV. Candidates are strongly encouraged to choose foreign universities that are recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Sri Lanka. Please refer to the UGC web site (<https://www.ugc.ac.lk/>)
- V. Candidates are advised to select the degree programs that are recognized by the Professional Bodies of Sri Lanka. (Please refer to Annexure 2)
- VI. Candidates awarded with this scholarship would not be considered for university admission process of UGC, Sri Lanka.
- VII. Candidates are required to sign a Bond Agreement with this Ministry, providing their formal consent to return to Sri Lanka upon completion of the studies and contribute to the economic growth and sustainable development of the country.
- VIII. Scholarship will cover only the prescribed duration of the selected degree program and will not be extended beyond that period.
- IX. Any candidate who declines to accept the scholarship offer after the completion of the selection process will be rendered ineligible for consideration in any future scholarship opportunities administered by this Ministry.

- X. Any form of canvassing whether written or verbal will be considered as a disqualification for a scholarship.
- XI. Providing any false or misleading information in the application may result in disqualification at any stage of the process and could lead to the revocation of the award and the requirement to repay the grant.

- The guidelines for submitting the online application - (Annexure 3)
- If you encounter technical issues while completing your application, contact the IT Division:

Email: d-ict@mohe.gov.lk
Telephone: 011-2687637

- For clarifications regarding the scholarship program contact:

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Annexure 1:

Some of Emerging Fields (Including but Not Limited to the Following)

1. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) & Computer Science Software Engineering

- I. Cybersecurity and Digital Infrastructure
- II. Data Science & AI
- III. Cloud Computing
- IV. Web/Mobile Development
- V. Immersive and Gamified Learning Models

2. Engineering and Technology, Architecture

- I. Robotics, Automation, IoT
- II. Marine Engineering
- III. Aeronautical Engineering/ Aerospace and Aviation Technology
- IV. Renewable Energy Engineering, Off shore renewable energy
- V. Civil, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Mechanical, and Mechatronics Engineering
- VI. Architecture

3. Business, Finance, and Management

- I. International Business
- II. Logistics & Supply Chain Management
- III. Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- IV. Business Analytics
- V. FinTech (Digital Banking and E- Commerce, Payment solutions)
- VI. Accounting and Auditing (with AI Integration)
- VII. Maritime and Port Management

4. Health and Life Sciences

- I. Biomedical Sciences
- II. Bio Medical Engineering and Biotechnology
- III. Health Informatics
- IV. Medical tourism and Nursing Homes

5. Agriculture, Food Science & Environmental Studies

- I. Agri-Tech (Smart Farming, Hydroponics) & Sustainable Agriculture
- II. Food Technology (Food Science and Export Industry)
- III. Environmental Science & Climate Studies
- IV. Eco- Tourism and Luxury Hospitality

6. Creative Industries and Digital Media

- I. Animation and Game Design
- II. Digital Marketing and E- Commerce
- III. Communication Design

7. International Relations, Public Policy & Law

- I. International Law/ Marine law/Law of the Sea
- II. International relations
- III. Public Policy
- IV. Development Studies

8. Education and Human Development

- I. Special Needs Education
- II. Early Childhood Development
- III. Educational Technology
- IV. Well-being and Inclusivity

9. Physical & Applied Sciences

- I. Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics (with applications in Data, AI, Energy)

10. Humanities and Social Sciences

- I. Fine arts and Performing Arts
- II. Journalism and Film Production
- III. Psychology

11. Economics

- I. Digital Economy
- II. Behavioral and Experimental Economics
- III. Environmental and Ecological Economics
- IV. Development Economics and Policy
- V. Health Economics and Policy

Annexure 2:

Professional Bodies in Sri Lanka for Recognition

Field / Profession	Professional Body	Website
Accounting & Finance	Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka)	casrilanka.com
	Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Sri Lanka (CMA Sri Lanka)	cma-srilanka.org
	Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri Lanka (AAT Sri Lanka)	aatsl.lk
Engineering	Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka (IESL)	iesl.lk
	Institution of Incorporated Engineers, Sri Lanka (IIESL)	iiesl.lk
Medicine & Health Sciences	Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC)	slmc.gov.lk
	Sri Lanka Dental Council (under SLMC)	slmc.gov.lk
	Sri Lanka Nursing Council	nursingcouncil.health.gov.lk
	Ceylon Medical College Council	cmcc.lk
Architecture & Planning	Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA)	slia.lk
Law	Council of Legal Education / Sri Lanka Law College	lawcollege.lk
Teaching & Education	National Institute of Education (NIE)	nie.lk
Science & Chemistry	Institute of Chemistry Ceylon	ichemc.edu.lk
Surveying	Surveyors' Institute of Sri Lanka (SISL)	sisl.lk
Quantity Surveying	Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Sri Lanka (IQSSL)	iqssl.lk
IT & Computing	Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL)	cssl.lk

Annexure 3:

Guidelines for submitting the online application

Applicants are advised to carefully read the following guidelines before submitting their online application. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in the rejection of your application.

Preparation of Login Account

Provide a valid email address. If you do not have an email account, please create one before proceeding.

Required Documents for the Online Application

Prepare the following documents before filling out the online application form. All documents must be clear, readable scanned copies in PDF format with a maximum file size of 2 MB each.

- I. **2024 G.C.E. Advanced Level Result Sheet** – Upload a scanned copy of your 2024 G.C.E. A/L result sheet.
- II. **Proof of English Proficiency** – Upload a scanned copy of your highest English proficiency certificate/result sheet.
- III. **Justification for Selecting the University** – Submit a written statement, not exceeding 300 words, outlining your reasons for selecting the university of your choice. The document should be saved and uploaded in PDF format.
- IV. **Statement on Contribution to National Development** – Submit a written statement (maximum 300 words) on how you intend to contribute to the economic growth and sustainable development of Sri Lanka upon completion of your studies. Save and upload the document in PDF format.

Special Notices

- I. All future communications regarding this program will be sent to the email address you provide.
- II. You are required to regularly check your email inbox (including the spam/junk folder) to ensure you do not miss important updates.
- III. Provide a valid telephone number for ease of communication. While the primary mode of communication will be email, you may be contacted by telephone if necessary.
- IV. Ensure that your application is successfully submitted. You should receive a confirmation message upon submission.

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