



MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY AND INNVATIONS

New Zealand Commonwealth Postgraduate Scholarships -2020

Applications are invited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), New Zealand from eligible Sri Lankans for the award of Postgraduate Scholarships offered under the Commonwealth Scholarships tenable for the academic year 2020. Number of Scholarships to be awarded is **two (02)** for **PhD** or **Masters**.

Scholarship benefits and other details are available in Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) web site;

www.mfat.govt.nz/en/aid-and-development/scholarships/types-of-scholarships/

These scholarships will provide opportunities to Sri Lankans to pursue advanced courses of study and to undertake research. These scholarships are intended for persons of good intellectual promise who may be expected to make a significant contribution to the country on their return upon successful completion of studies/research.

02. Fields of Study : Priority will be given to following sectors;

- Climate Change and the Environment
- Disaster Risk Management
- Food Security & Agriculture
- Renewable Energy
- Governance

03. Termination :

Any scholarship may, at the discretion of the appropriate authority, be terminated at any time owing to misconduct, irregularity of attendance, absence from class or hostel without prior approval of the authorities concerned, unsatisfactory progress in studies or failure at examinations of the holder of such scholarship. When any scholarship has been terminated, the scholar may be required to return to Sri Lanka at his/her own expenses.

04. General Eligibility Requirements:

- a) Be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- b) Not have citizenship or permanent residence status of New Zealand or Australia, or another developed country, except where their country does not issue passports and they hold a New Zealand passport.
- c) Not be married or engaged to be married to a person who holds, or who is eligible to hold, citizenship or permanent residence status of New Zealand, Australia or another developed country,

- d) No dependents allowance is paid. Scholars who choose to have their immediate family members join them in New Zealand will be responsible for their financial support.
- e) Age should be less than **39** years as at **31.03.2020**
- f) Should possess a Bachelor's Degree with First or Second Class Upper Division in the relevant field of study from a recognized university and a relevant Master's degree for PhD studies.
- g) Possess a high proficiency in English. To prove this it is required to send the **IELTS** or **TOEFL** results sheet with the form of application (IELTS score of 6.5 and no band 6.00 is the minimum required (test results must be not more than 24 months old at the time the application closing date).
- h) Be employed in the Public Sector, University, State Corporation or a Statutory Body (not currently serving in the military), please see Notes (i), (ii) and (iii) below.
- i) All candidates applying for doctoral study must provide an evidence of support from a prospective supervisor at least from one of following institutions at the time of application:

S/N	Name of University	Website & Email
1	Auckland University of Technology (AUT University)	www.aut.ac.nz scholarships@aut.ac.nz
2	Canterbury University	www.canterbury.ac.nz international@canterbury.ac.nz
3	Lincoln University (Christchurch)	www.lincoln.ac.nz scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz
4	Massey University	www.massey.ac.nz international@massey.ac.nz
5	Otago University	www.otago.ac.nz international.admissions@otago.ac.nz
6	Unitec Institute of Technology	www.unitec.ac.nz international@unitec.ac.nz
7	University of Auckland	www.auckland.ac.nz int-questions@auckland.ac.nz
8	Victoria University of Wellington	www.victoria.ac.nz VUW-NZAID@vuw.ac.nz
9	University of Waikato	www.waikato.ac int.centre@waikato.ac.nz

10	Southern Institute of Technology	www.sit.ac.nz/International
11	Waikato Institute of Technology	www.wintec.ac.nz/international

Applicants cannot:

- Concurrently hold another scholarship;
- Hold or have held, a New Zealand or Australian Government scholarship in the 24 months preceding the scholarship start date;
- Be studying full-time at post-secondary level;
- Have completed a qualification in a similar field of study at the same level or another qualification at the same level. The proposed level of study should be at a higher level than qualifications already received:

Notes;

- (i) No application will be entertained from a person holding a temporary/ casual/ contractual appointment or a person who is unemployed. Only permanent and confirmed employees will be considered for the scholarship.
- (ii) An employee on probation may apply provided that his/her confirmation is conditional upon acquiring a specified postgraduate qualification. In such a case a statement to that effect should be included in cage 10 of the application.

e.g. A lecturer on probation is eligible to apply when he/she has been in continuous service for a period of one year from the date of his/her appointment by **31.03.2020** (As per the UGC-ECODE Chapter X. Division II, 27:3)

05. Applications:

- **Scanned copy of the application (Please send PDF as a one document)** should be reached to the following email address on or before the closing date.
- The deadline of the submission of the application is **31st March 2020 to reach us by 4.15 pm** to the email: applications-ovse@mohe.gov.lk

Subject of the email should be mentioned as follows;

Name with initial-NEWZELANDPG20-PG	MR.A.B.C.PERERA- NEWZELANDPG20-PG
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- Each applicant should submit only one application.
- No application from permanent employee of government sector, University or a state Corporation will be entertained unless channeled through the Head of the Institution concerned. He/She should in forwarding the application appropriately complete the certificate in cage 16 of the application.

- Applications which are not sent according to the above requirements or incomplete in any respect or received late will be rejected.

06. Selections:

- (a) Gender balance will also be a consideration in final selection decisions.
- (b) No candidate should treat his/her nomination for a Scholarship by the authorities of Sri Lanka as his/her acceptance for an award. Acceptance is a matter entirely within the discretion of the respective awarding agency to whom the nomination is made. Selected candidates who decline to accept the award after nomination will not be considered for any other award during the year.
- (c) Any form of canvassing either written or verbal will be considered as a disqualification for scholarship.

Secretary

Ministry of Higher Education, Technology and Innovations
Higher Education Division
No.18, Ward Place,
Colombo 07

18.03.2020

SPECIMEN OF THE APPLICATION

Ministry of Higher Education, Technology and Innovations
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2020**

- (01) (a) Name with initials
(Mr./Mrs.Miss./Rev.)
(in block letters)
(b) Names denoted by initials :
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- (02) (a) Postal Address :
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(b) Telephone No: Res.: Office:
Mobile:.....(important) Email:.....
- (03) Date of birth :
Year : Month : Date :
- (04) Exact age on **31.03.2020**:
Years : Months : Days :
- (05) N.I.C Number :
- (06) Are you a citizen of Sri Lanka?
- (07) Whether Married / Single / Widowed :
- (08) Academic / Professional / Technical qualifications :

Name of examination / certificates	Year & month	Institutions	Subjects	Grade /GPA

(09) Present Employment : Government Semi Government

Name of the Institution	Department	Designation	Date of the appointment

(10) (a) Is your appointment permanent, probationary or temporary?

(b) If permanent, have you been confirmed in the appointment?

(c) Ref. No. and date of letter of confirmation:.....

(b) Authority who has issued
(Please attach a copy of letter of confirmation)

(11) (a) Desired course or field of study :

(b) Whether Masters or PhD:

(c) Attached the evidence for PhD supervisor : Yes No

(d) Have you ever been nominated for a scholarship by the Ministry of Higher Education:

Yes No

(e) If yes; Scholarship Programme:

Year:

(12) If you have been abroad earlier on a scholarship, study tour, training etc. state full particulars:
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(13) Highest examination passed in English :

(a) IELTS/ TOEFLScore: Year:
(Please attach a copy)

(b) Other :

(14) Particulars of research and publications if any :.....
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(15) Any other particulars:.....

I hereby certify that the particulars furnished by me in this application are true and accurate, and that I have not suppressed any essential information. I am also aware that if any particulars contained herein are found to be false or incorrect I am liable to disqualification if the inaccuracy is discovered before selection and withdrawal of the award if discovered after selection.

Date :-

Signature applicant

(16) Certificate of the Head of the Institution

(i) I certify that ;

(a) The training provided under this scholarship is *essential / not essential for this institution.

(b) Details declared by the applicant in **cages 8, 9 & 10** of the application were verified by me with the personal record of the officer and are *correct / should be corrected as indicated here.

(c) The applicant has been confirmed in the post * (Yes / No)

If No, Please give reasons

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(d) The applicant *will/ will not be released to take up this scholarship if selected.

(ii) Full name of the

applicant :

(iii) Any other special reason/

reasons :

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Name of the

Institution :

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Date

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Signature of Head of the Institution
with the official frank

This section should be signed personally by the Head of the Institution

* Delete words inapplicable