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Dated 21st August, 2013

To

The Secretary,
University Grants Commission (UGC)
2, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,
New Delhi-110002.

Subject: **Publishing the offer of Government of Sri Lanka Presidential Scholarships for Foreign Students for the academic year 2013 on the UGC website – regd.**

Sir,

I am directed to enclose text of the advertisement for Government of Sri Lanka Presidential Scholarships for Foreign Students for the academic year 2013 offered by Government of Sri Lanka.

2. It is requested to put it on your departmental website as early as possible so that adequate time may be available to the applicants. The last date for receipt of applications of this Scholarship has been fixed for **13th September 2013**.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(M.D. Meena)

Under Secretary to the Government of India
Tele. No. 26172491

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**GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
FOREIGN STUDENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR-2013**

Last Date: 13th September, 2013 to receive the application in the Ministry.

1. Applications are invited from Indian nationals either on line or on plain paper in the **FORMAT GIVEN BELOW** for nominations from India for the award of Scholarships in Sri Lanka tenable from **December 2013 for Undergraduate and Postgraduate studies** at Universities in Sri Lanka.

I. LEVEL OF COURSE : (a) Undergraduate (b) Postgraduate

SUBJECT FIELDS: (for Undergraduate)

1. B.Sc. Agriculture, 2. Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) and 3. BSc. in Environment Science.

SUBJECT FIELDS: (for Postgraduate)

1. M.Sc. Agriculture, 2. Master of Business Administration (MBA), 3. Food Science & Technology and 4. MSc. in Molecular Life Sciences

**TENURE OF AWARDS : Four year Degree Programme (for Undergraduate)
: Two year Degree Programme (for Postgraduate)**

II. ELIGIBILITY (UNDERGRADUATE APPLICANTS)

(1) Candidates with impressive results of an examination deemed equivalent to G.C.E. (Advance Level) Examination of Sri Lanka are eligible to apply for admission to universities in Sri Lanka **with minimum 60% marks.**

(i) Applicants are advised to attached to their applications the original letter obtained from the Examinations Board concerned, to prove that their educational qualifications are equivalent to the G.C.E(A/L) examination conducted in Sri Lanka or G.C.E A/L examination of University of Landon or qualifications required for admission to a university in their own country to follow an undergraduate course of study leading to a Bachelor degree.

(ii) Applicants should ensure that all required passes should be obtained in one and the same sitting under a recognized Board of Examination.

(2) . Age: Be less than 25 years of age on 15.10.2013.

III. ELIGIBILITY (POSTGRADUATE APPLICANTS)

(1) Applicants should **possess a first 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 15.10.2013.

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 a minimum score of 525 on TOEFL or 6.0 on IELTS for undergraduate studies, for Masers of Ph.d the required marks should be minimum score of 550 on TOEFL or 6.5 on IELTS.

3. **VALUE OF AWARD:**

Each scholarship provides: -

- I. Provide free of charge tuition and registration.
- II. Free of charge visa for studies.
- 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. Reimburse the 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: Free of charge medical benefits will be provided 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.

4. **Required documents:**

- i. Certified copy of Birth Certificate
- ii. Certified copy of official evidence of any name change
- iii. Certified copy of the personal page of applicant's passport
- iv. Certified copies of the graduation/post-graduation certificates
- v. Certified copies of the academic transcripts as given below:
 - G.C.E A/L and G.C.E O/L transcripts or their equivalent (For undergraduate students)
 - Graduation and post-graduation transcripts (if any) (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 13.09.2013.
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 attested 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). Self attested certificates will not be accepted
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 Organisation 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. Employed candidates must send their application through their employers with a "**No Objection Certificate**". They will not be called for interview unless the certificate is forwarded with the application.
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.**

6. LAST DATE

Candidates should apply for the above scholarship on thick plain paper (preferably typewritten) with recent passport size photograph duly affixed, furnishing the details/particulars in the given format to the **Section Officer (ES.4 Section), External Scholarship Division, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, West Block-I, Wing-6, 2nd Floor, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066** latest by 13.09.2013, (Telephone No. 26172492). Application received thereafter will not be considered. **On line applications may be accepted provided hard copy of the application alongwith enclosures (attested copies of certificates, mark sheet etc.) reach the Ministry within 7 days after the last date.**

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED LATE WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED