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Dear Sir/Madam

Bridging Research to Policy (Australian Awards South Asia & Mongolia)
 Preliminary Activity - 17th to 19th February 2025 (in Sri Lanka)
 Core Learning Elements - 17th to 28th March 2025 (In Australia)
 Applied Learning Activity (online or in the region) - 6th to 28th May 2025 (In Sri Lanka)

This refers to e-mail message dated 12th December 2024 sent by the Embassy of Australia on the above.

Accordingly, Embassy of Australia has requested us to submit nominations from eligible Government officials of Sri Lanka for the above programme.

The application form and the programme details can be downloaded from the following websites;

- <https://oscar.australiaawardssouthasiamongolia.org/>
 (for the detail of Scholar Program, please see attached.)
- ERD form: <http://www.erd.gov.lk/>

We would highly appreciate, if necessary action can be taken to send suitable nominations from the relevant institutions under the purview of your ministry for the above program with the following documents;

- Nomination letter of the line ministry
- Dully filled application and other required documents with an additional copy of each document (Printout of the online application)
- Copy of the relevant pages of the passport
- Duly filled ERD Form

Please note that duly completed applications should be submitted to ERD before 2.00 p.m. on 08th January 2024, with the line ministry covering letter and other relevant documents as stipulated above.

Your early response in this regard is highly appreciated

Yours faithfully

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Selection Criteria for Regional Short Course

Bridging Research to Policy: SRI LANKA

Purpose and Objectives

The Bridging Research to Policy Short Course seeks to align with Australia's goal for a stable, prosperous and resilient Sri Lanka and the Australia-Sri Lanka Development Partnership Plan objectives. This includes effective and accountable governance and economic growth that is both sustainable and inclusive and an increased institutional and community resilience to internal and external challenges. It will also compliment other key economic stabilization and growth enhancing governance reforms that Australia is supporting.

The overarching aim of this Short Course is to foster stronger links between research, evidence-based policy design, implementation and development outcomes. Additionally, it will look to build the capacity of Sri Lankan professionals to drive positive change within their organisations.

Learning Outcomes

By undertaking this course, participants will develop strategies to

- describe the optimal processes for good practice policy development
- interpret a range of research, identify research gaps and key findings for policy formulation
- utilise analytical and interpretative skills to better use evidence and research
- develop timelines, milestones and quality assurance processes for commissioned research to meet policy demands
- effectively engage and collaborate with researcher and knowledge procedures through a common agenda to inform sound research-based policy;
- utilise the action plan model and research products associated with the Medium-Term Development Plan to effectively feed into the creation of policy briefs across Sri Lanka focus areas
- draft a policy recommendation or brief

In addition, this course will increase the competency of participants to:

- implement and execute policy design.
- understand research for evidence-based policy making.
- translate research into policy.
- understand the language of policy.

Development of a Return-to-Work Plan (RWP) that applies the skills and knowledge gained in this Short Course is a key deliverable. The RWP will describe how Participants will apply their newly acquired skills to a specific project or set of activities.



Participant Profile & Eligibility Criteria

Up to 20 participants from Sri Lanka will be selected, particularly those who hold strategic roles in policy development (not technical roles) in their respective agencies and organizations.

The primary target group will be emerging leaders and middle management level officers from the public, private and the civil society sectors.

Women, people from diverse ethnic backgrounds and people with disabilities who are working in relevant areas are strongly encouraged to apply.

Selected participants for this Short Course should be able to meet the following criteria:

- Be a citizen of Sri Lanka and currently residing in Sri Lanka.
- Not be applying for or hold permanent residency in either Australia or New Zealand, or be married, engaged to, or a de facto of a person who holds, or is eligible to hold, Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency. This criterion applies at any stage of the application, selection or mobilisation phases of the course.
- Be able to provide attested documents for processing a visa application to enter Australia for the duration of the Australian component of the course and satisfy all requirements of the Department of Home Affairs for an Australian Student Visa (Subclass 500).
- Not be a currently serving military personnel.
- Obtain the necessary study and travel approvals from their employer and be available and committed to participate in the course based on the anticipated course schedule outlined below.
- Not have undertaken an Australia Awards Short Course in the last two years.
- Have access to the internet and be computer literate.

Specific Eligibility Criteria

Participants will have the following qualifications, skills and experience:

- Hold strategic roles (not technical roles) in their respective agencies.
- Have a minimum of 2 years relevant work experience in their current or a related role.
- Not planning/scheduled to retire in the next 12 months after completing the Short Course.
- Be assessed as having a strong level of English to be able to participate in this course.
- Be able to commit to completing a Return-to-Work Plan (RWP).

Time Commitment Required

Selected participants must be committed and available to participate in the activity both in-person and online (as required) and must obtain the necessary study leave approvals from their organizations.

- **Preliminary Activity:** 17-19 February 2025 Sri Lanka
- **Core Learning Elements (in-Australia):** 17-28 March 2025 Australia
- **Applied Learning Activity (Online or in the region):** 26-28 May 2025 Sri Lanka

All dates and locations are tentative, and more information will be provided at the time of selection.

Application Process

To apply for this Short Course, applicants must follow the subsequent procedure:

- All applicants are required to complete their applications online on the Australia Awards South Asia and Mongolia Short Course portal at: <https://oscar.australiaawardssouthasiamongolia.org/> and upload the required documentation by **10 January 2025**. Only completed applications submitted online will be considered.
- All applicants must highlight their motivation for joining the Short Course, upload a CV outlining roles and responsibilities with relevant experience and qualifications, a signed and endorsed Head of Agency Endorsement Letter and a Letter of Nomination from their Organization (both of which templates are available on the Australia Awards Short Course portal).
- For more inquiries, contact the Australia Awards Sri Lanka office by emailing inquiries@australiaawardssrilanka.org