

Saman Kelegama Memorial Research Grant 2018

Call for Proposals

The Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) is pleased to announce the first call for proposals for the **Saman Kelegama Memorial Research Grant**.

The Grant is established to honour Dr. Saman Kelegama's legacy of independent research and public policy engagement in the arena of socio-economic development in Sri Lanka and the wider South Asian region. He was the Executive Director of the IPS from 1995 until his unexpected demise on 23rd June, 2017. During his tenure, Dr. Kelegama transformed the IPS into a reputed regional center of research excellence, with a global outreach.

The IPS intends to honour his role as an eminent economist, policy advisor, and public policy advocate by fostering independent research nationally.

The Saman Kelegama Memorial Research Grant is an annual, merit-based grant awarded to an outstanding undergraduate studying in a university in Sri Lanka. The Grant aims to promote policy entrepreneurship among undergraduate students by encouraging policy relevant, rigorous, and innovative socio-economic research.

Who can apply?

The Grant is open to third and fourth year undergraduate students studying economics or a related subject in a University Grants Commission approved university or higher education institute in Sri Lanka.

How to apply?

The proposal must be written according to the guidelines provided and e-mailed to nilanthi@ips.lk by 30th April, 2018. The finalists for the Grant will be informed on 20th May, 2018. The winner will be announced on 20th June, 2018.

The guidelines for writing the proposal can be obtained by sending an e-mail with your name, university affiliation, and degree course to nilanthi@ips.lk.

How will the winner be chosen?

From the proposals received, three finalists will be chosen. The quality of the proposal will be judged for its relevance, feasibility, originality, and creativity. The finalists will be invited to present their proposals at a workshop at the IPS, where the award recipient will be chosen.

The outcomes of the Grant

The recipients of the Grant will be expected to produce a research report within nine months from receiving the Grant. This report can be written on their own or jointly with an IPS senior researcher.

Benefits of the Grant

The beneficiary will be awarded a one-time research grant of Rs. 150,000 to carry out the proposed research and a six-month internship at the IPS. The recipient will be able to seek guidance from senior researchers and benefit from IPS resources to complete the proposed study during the internship. To allow students from all over Sri Lanka to benefit from this opportunity, the terms of the internship will be flexible. The internship can either be a fully in-house internship at the IPS; or, it can be an in-house plus on-line internship. In the case of the second option, the in-house component of the internship should be at least six weeks. To encourage dissemination of the research, an additional subsidy will be provided for presenting the research findings at local conferences and workshops.

For more information on this please contact: Nilanthi (nilanthi@ips.lk)



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