

IPS UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME



The Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) is inviting applications for internships from students following an undergraduate degree or from recent graduates seeking research experience.

About the IPS

The Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) is the apex economic policy research organisation in Sri Lanka. It aims to promote policy-oriented economic research and strengthen the capacity for medium-term policy analysis in the country. Through its substantive body of rigorous research spanning more than 25 years, the IPS has acquired a unique position as an authoritative independent voice in economic policy analysis, working closely with the government, private sector, academia and civil society.

Our Research

IPS' Research Programme aims to promote socio-economic progress in Sri Lanka through sustainable, innovative and broad-based development. The research is carried out under six thematic areas: 1) Macro, trade and competitiveness; 2) Health, education and labour; 3) Migration and urbanisation; 4) Poverty and social welfare; 5) Agriculture and agribusiness development; and 6) Environment, natural resources and climate change. In addition, cross-cutting areas such as governance, gender, and technology are incorporated into the programme.

About the Internship Programme

The programme is intended to build national research capacity to undertake socio-economic policy research in Sri Lanka. IPS hopes to achieve

this by helping to develop research skills of undergraduates. This is an unpaid position. Interns are expected to finance their own travel and accommodation related costs.

Eligibility

Interested applicants must be a recent graduate or registered for an undergraduate degree in economics or related discipline at a recognised university in Sri Lanka or overseas.

Undergraduate or recent graduate interns are expected to stay six weeks to three months at IPS. During their stay, access to all IPS facilities, including working space and library resources will be made available. They will also have the opportunity to attend seminars and conferences organised by the IPS and network with the Institute's researchers. Interns will gain research skills through involvement in on-going IPS research activities and engagement with an assigned supervisor.

How to Apply

Applicants are expected to send their resumes (1-2 pages) and a recent transcript from their university, along with an introductory letter setting out what they expect to gain and how they will contribute from being an undergraduate intern. Applications are processed all year and can be e-mailed [to careers@ips.lk](mailto:careers@ips.lk). Please indicate the position applied for as the subject line of the e-mail.

(Please note that IPS has a parallel undergraduate industrial-training programme, that is open to fourth year undergraduates from Sri Lankan universities only. Write to careers@ips.lk for more information on this).

