

# IPS GRADUATE STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME



The Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) is inviting applications for internships from students following a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees.

## About the IPS

The Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) is the apex economic policy research organization 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 (2018-2021) 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 urbanization; 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. Through collaborative research with IPS, the programme is expected to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, insights and expertise and strengthen the economic policy discourse in the country. This is an unpaid position. Scholars are expected to finance their own travel/ accommodation related costs.

## Eligibility

Interested applicants must be working on socio-economic development issues of relevance to Sri Lanka, registered for a Masters or PhD degree at a recognized university in Sri Lanka.

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 organized by the IPS and network with the Institute's researchers. Graduate interns will be expected to present their research at IPS seminars, and contribute in other ways to disseminate their research.

## 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 a graduate 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.

