

# IPS VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAMME



The Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) is inviting applications for its Visiting Scholars Programme.

## 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 Visiting Scholars Programme

The programme is intended to connect both newly qualified overseas based MPhil/PhD scholars as well as experienced local scholars from different disciplines to the socio-economic development

policy landscape in Sri Lanka. Through collaborative research with the IPS, the programme is expected to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, insights and expertise, and strengthen the economic policy discourse in the country.

## Eligibility

Interested applicants must be working on socio-economic development issues of relevance to Sri Lanka. They should have a minimum three years of research experience and have at least an MPhil/PhD from a recognised university, or an extensive track record of publications with reputed international publishers.

Visiting scholars are expected to stay at least one month and up to a maximum of 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 wide range of stakeholders. Visiting scholars will be expected to present their research at seminars, mentor young scholars and publish their research output. Scholars who are able to secure a funded project through a collaboration with IPS can stay for the duration of that project.

## How to Apply

Applicants are expected to submit a research proposal to be conducted in collaboration with IPS, along with an introductory letter setting out what they expect to gain and how they will contribute from being a visiting scholar. Applications are processed all year and can be e-mailed to [nisha@ips.lk](mailto:nisha@ips.lk).

