All Disciplines

Award Autogenerated Code
9790-CE

Region
South and Central Asia

Country
Sri Lanka

Number of Grants
Up To 3

Stipend
$2,400 per month, payable in U.S. dollars or local currency.

Living allowance: $750-$950 per month (paid in Sri Lankan Rupees), based on the number of accompanying dependents (up to two), will be provided.

Housing allowance: $850-$1,250 per month (paid in Sri Lankan Rupees), based on the number of accompanying dependents (up to two), will be provided. Grantees are responsible for arranging their own housing and may contact their host institution contact for assistance.

Estimated Travel and Relocation Allowance

Round-trip travel from the United States to Sri Lanka will be provided for the grantee and up to two dependents. Reimbursement of excess baggage expenses on return to the United States of up to $700, upon submission of receipts. Settling in allowance (in Sri Lanka) of up to $900, paid in Sri Lankan Rupees.

Estimated Book and Research Allowance

Language training and book allowance (reimbursement on submission of receipts) up to US $400 (paid in Sri Lankan Rupees) prorated based on duration of award.

Candidate Profile
Academics, all levels including early career

Activity
Research
Teaching
Teaching/Research

Application Deadline
Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Grant Activity

Teach undergraduate and/or graduate courses and/or conduct research in area of specialization. Assist in curriculum development and faculty training. Independent research may also be undertaken.

Grant Length
Four to nine months

Grant Dates

Grants may begin any time after October 2021, provided that they are concluded by September 30, 2022.

The U.S.-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission recommends a start date, usually in November, to coincide with the in-country
orientation program. Later start dates, agreed upon in consultation with the Commission, will be supported.

Locations

Any appropriate institution. When possible, some preference will be given to institutions that have not hosted a Fulbright grantee or are not engaged in collaborative projects with the U.S.

Flex Option

No

Discipline Type

Applications are sought in all disciplines

Areas of Interest

Archaeology, Commercial Agriculture, Data Sciences, Forensic Medicine, Marine Conservation, Nursing Education, Teaching English as a Second Language (TEFL), Technology, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and Psychological Counseling.

Special Features

South and Central Asia Fulbright Regional Travel Grant: During their grant period, Fulbright Scholars in the South and Central Asia (SCA) region may apply for a regional travel grant to engage in a variety of activities at academic institutions or non-profit organizations in eligible SCA countries (India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Nepal, Republic of the Maldives, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan). Activities that U.S. Scholars may engage in include: faculty and student lectures, graduate or faculty seminars, conferences, curriculum development, public lectures, panel presentations, needs assessment, or some combination thereof. Scholars in the arts may be invited to give master classes or recitals, participate in exhibitions or workshops, or consult with cultural institutions. Activities may not include research. This grant will cover travel to and from the destination and lodging may be offered by the hosting institution. Activities may not include research. This grant will cover travel to and from the destination and lodging may be offered by the hosting institution. Scholars may only apply for this grant once in country on their Fulbright grant. As funds are limited, Scholars are limited to one such travel grant.

South and Central Asia Fulbright Midyear Conference: With funding provided by the United States Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the U.S.-India Educational Foundation (the Fulbright Commission in India) invites eligible Fulbright Scholars in the South and Central Asia region to attend the annual South and Central Asia Fulbright Midyear Conference in India in 2021 (usually held in February or March). The conference is an opportunity for current Fulbright U.S. Scholars who are on their Fulbright grants in the SCA region at the time of the conference to gather to discuss each other’s work and educational exchange issues and to invite suggestions for the future development and enhancement of the Fulbright Program. Financial assistance to attend the conference is provided as an additional Fulbright grant benefit.

Degree Requirements

Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) not required

Additional Qualification Information

Non-academic professionals without terminal degrees but possessing relevant teaching experience and/or significant relevant research or professional experiences are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to scholars who have not had any previous professional or other experience in/with Sri Lanka. Individuals who have retired or are no longer actively engaged in teaching, research or professional activities, including faculty emeriti, will not be given preference.

Additional Language Requirement

All teaching will be in English. However, it would be best to discuss expectations of English language levels with the host; proficiency in another language is not required. For research applicants, the U.S.-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission recommends working with a competent local translator, whose services are available at reasonable rates and can be secured once in country. For an enriching cultural experience, grantees may take one-on-one language lessons once they are in Sri Lanka, and they are also welcome to join the language course that is conducted for the Fulbright English Teaching Assistants in Colombo in December.

Invitation Requirement

A letter of invitation is preferred

Additional Comments

Feasibility of research projects, impact of teaching/research to build capacity locally, and potential for continued future
collaborations will be considered prior to awards being granted.

Helpful Links

For details of all the higher educational institutions and the higher education system, see University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka [1]

For a list of Universities and Higher Educational Institutions recognized by the University Grants Commission – Sri Lanka, click here [2].

Possible academic host institutions/national universities:

- University of Colombo [3]
- University of Kelaniya [4]
- University of Moratuwa [5]
- University of Peradeniya [6]
- Open University [7]
- University of Ruhuna [8]
- University of Jaffna [9]
- Eastern University, Sri Lanka [10]
- South Eastern University of Sri Lanka [11]
- Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka [12]
- Rajarata University of Sri Lanka [13]
- Wayamba University of Sri Lanka [14]
- Uva Wellassa University [15]
- University of Visual & Performing Arts, Sri Lanka [16]

For a list of non-academic institutions, please refer to the National Secretariat for Non-Governmental Organizations [17]

For more information on applying, including alumni perspectives, please view our webinars on Fulbright Opportunities in South Asia [18].

Email the South and Central Asia Team [19] with questions about applying.

Multi-Country/Area Award

No

Grant Length Filter

Three to five months
Six to 10 months

Invitation Requirement Additional Information

The U.S.-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission encourages applicants to initiate contact with prospective hosts and local academicians during the application process and discuss the parameters of the teaching/research they are proposing. Prior contact and communication between the applicant and the host institution ensure greater buy-in by the host and create a more wholesome professional space that enables the grantee to function effectively once in-country. However, the letter of invitation or the absence of a letter of invitation will have no impact during the peer review process. If a prospective applicant would like information on host institutions that may match his/her field of study, the commission will be happy to offer suggestions. Please visit the United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission website [20] or contact Executive Director, Sandarshi Gunawardena [21] for assistance concerning possible host institutions.

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Language Proficiency Requirements
None, English is sufficient

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