

**Re-advertising
(Deadline is extended until 28 December 2017)**

Applications for Scholarships

**Scholarship Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production
Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand
Academic Year 2017/2018**

SWITCH-ASIA SCP NPSC SRI LANKA

MINISTRY OF MAHAWELI DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

Applications are invited from eligible candidates from the Government Ministries, Line Agencies and other not-for-profit service organizations including Chambers of Commerce or apex bodies of economic sectors and NGOs that are either currently involved or have a stake in the promotion of Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in Sri Lanka in association with the Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment (MoMDE).

1. Background

SWITCH-Asia Sustainable Consumption and Production National Policy Support Component for Sri Lanka project (NPSC) funded by European Union commenced in mid-January 2015 is a 4-year project to support the Sri Lankan Government in selecting, adapting and implementing suitable economic and regulatory policy instruments to promote sustainable consumption and production, thereby enhancing the long-term sustainability of consumption and production patterns.

2. Objective of the Scholarship Programme

It is important to develop a stock of human capital to promote SCP concepts and to undertake appropriate interventions during and beyond the project implementation period. As SCP is a cross cutting discipline, while MoMDE takes the lead, other stakeholder organizations could also play vital roles in propagating the SCP concept across the country. In order to achieve this objective, it is necessary to develop expertise and competencies of state as well as non-state sector officials who are being groomed to lead SCP activities in respective organizations through higher educational programmes.

Such educational programmes shall provide an in-depth scientific study and practical aspects of SCP policy formulation, policy tools, policy implementation, monitoring and evaluation. It shall also cover crosscutting issues on SCP, effects from financial instruments, climate change, poverty reduction, environment protection, energy efficiency, sustainable procurement, green employment, sustainable consumption and sustainable industries. These higher education programmes consist of standard regular programmes as well as tailor-made programmes to fulfil the above needs.

3. Higher Educational Programmes

Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand has been identified as the most suitable and cost effective educational establishment that could meet the educational requirements envisaged under the project.



The following scholarships are available;

1. **Five (5) months Postgraduate Certificate Programme – 01 placement**
(2017/2018 academic year for one State sector official to be commenced around June 2018)
2. **Two (2) weeks Postgraduate Group Professional Training Programme – 15 placements**
(2017/2018 academic year for 15 state sector and non-state sector officials from 5 -17 February 2018).

The above scholarships will cover the tuition fee of AIT, board and lodging expenses at AIT and economy class return airfare (Colombo – Bangkok – Colombo).

4. Prospective Candidates

Target group will be SCP champions emerged from various Ministries / Line Agencies / not-for-profit service organizations including Chambers of Commerce or apex bodies of economic sectors and NGOs who involved in formulating the SCP Policy. They will be trained as the policy makers and practitioners who would facilitate and provide the leadership for the propagating of SCP concepts and to undertake appropriate interventions during and beyond the project implementation period.

5 Selection Criteria

The selection criteria shall be based on the entry requirements of various programmes and the positive contribution made by prospective candidates for project activities.

Eligibility Requirements (Mandatory)

1. Graduate from any discipline from a recognized university
2. Proficiency in English
3. Computer literacy
4. Minimum of 5 years experience after graduation
5. Minimum of 2 years experience / exposure related to SCP after graduation
6. Be less than 55 years of age as at 1st January 2018
7. Organizational commitment to make the applicant as the Focal Point for SCP upon completion of the programme (Written confirmation from an authorised officer from the organization is required)

Selection Criteria

1. Master degree from any discipline from a recognized university (**Marks 15**)
2. Postgraduate diploma from any discipline from a recognized educational establishment (**Marks 10**)
3. Postgraduate certificate from any discipline from a recognized educational establishment (**Marks 5**)
4. Current position of the organizational hierarchy with the ability and authority to influence decision / policy making and implementation of SCP related activities (**Marks 20**) – Additional Secretary level – 20 marks, Director level – 15 marks, Assistant Director level – 10 marks, Staff officer level – 5 marks.
5. Number of consultative workshops of SWITCH-Asia SCP NPSC Sri Lanka Project attended (full attendance since January 2015) (**Marks 50**) – At the rate of 10 marks for one workshop (excluding training).

Note:

Qualifying threshold is 60 marks.

Please note that those who have applied for the first call for this scholarship programme need not reapply.



6. Applications

Eligible candidates should send their application through email (scp.npsc.sl@gmail.com) to reach the Project Management Office on or before **Thursday 28 December 2017** along with the following documents;

1. Specially prepared CV showing the fulfilment of 7 eligibility requirements and 5 selection criteria with self-marking of each selection criteria as per the marking system of Section 5 of this document in addition to the basic bio data.
2. Documentary proofs of above eligibility requirements.
3. Covering letter indicating the programme applied for (one application for one programme out of 2 programmes on offer), proposed methodology and timeline of “post-programme” contribution of the applicant to promote SCP within and out side of their organizations.
4. A letter of endorsement of the applicant and the willingness to grant official leave to follow the programme by an authorised officer of the organization if the applicant is selected (Eligibility Requirements No 7).

7. Post Programme Commitment

Upon successful completion of the programme, participants should submit a report including the plan to promote SCP within and outside of their organizations and the updated methodology, which was submitted at the time of applying for the scholarship programme.
