



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, HIGHER EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Indian (ICCR) Postgraduate (PhD) Scholarships offered under Nehru Memorial and Commonwealth (Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam) Scholarship Schemes -2026/27

Applications are invited from eligible Sri Lankans for the award of **15** Postgraduate (PhD) scholarships offered by the Government of India under the Nehru Memorial Scholarship Scheme and Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme for the academic year 2026/27

01. General Eligibility Requirements:

- (a) Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- (b) Age limit - Between **18-40** years as at **16.03.2026**.
- (c) Should possess a Bachelor's Degree with a class and a Master's degree in the relevant field of study from a recognized university, by University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka.
- (d) The government sector employees, should submit their applications through the Head of the institute.

02. Fields of study:

Serial No:	Scholarship Scheme	Fields of Study	Number of Scholarships
01	Nehru Memorial Scholarship Scheme	Engineering, Science, Business, Economics, Commerce, Humanities and Arts	10
02	Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme		05

The ICCR scholarship council does not arrange admission in Medical/Paramedical (Nursing/Physiotherapy/Anesthesia etc.) Fashion Designing and Law.

Candidates are informed to select only one scholarship program either Nehru Memorial Scholarship Scheme or Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme.

03. Medium of Instructions: English

04. Terms of Award:

- The Scholarship schemes cover full tuition fees for the entire duration of the course, monthly sustenance allowance, and annual grant for books and stationery. In addition, air fare to the nearest destination in India and an annual grant for educational tours to various parts of the country will be provided. Apart from these, several other auxiliary benefits are also offered. Selected candidates would also be provided hostel facility inside the respective campus.

05. Special Notes:

- (a) Award of the scholarship conditions laid down in this notification may vary as per the criteria imposed by the Government of India without prior notice.
- (b) Candidates who received scholarships would select the Higher Educational institutes recognized by the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka.
- (c) If any student declines the offer after the selection process, he/she shall not be considered for any of the scholarships in the future, that offers by Ministry of Education.
- (d) Candidates who have already been nominated for a scholarship offered by the Ministry of Education, will not be considered for the same level of study, under this scholarship scheme.
- (e) Extension of the period of the scholarship will not be recommended by this Ministry
- (f) **Selected candidates must have passport as the passport is mandatory for applying for the scholarship in to a2a portal.**

06. Applications:

- a) Online application is available at: <https://foreignscholarships.mohe.gov.lk/>
- b) The deadline of the submission of the application is 16th March 2026**
- c) Applicants should submit only one application via aforementioned online portal and not required to send by post.**
- d) No application from permanent employee of government sector, University or a state Corporation will be entertained unless channeled through the Head of the Institution concerned.**
- e) Any statement in the application, which is found to be incorrect/false will liable to disqualification at any time and will lead to the withdrawal of the award. Incomplete in any respect or received late, will be rejected

07. Nominations & Selections:

- Candidates will be shortlisted based on their **Academic Merit order** and will be called for a structured interview by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education, **with a short notice** via email in due course.
- The Nomination will be forwarded to the ICCR scholarship awarding authority through High Commission of India in Colombo. No candidate should treat his/her nomination for this Scholarship as the confirmation of award is a matter entirely within the discretion of the awarding authority.
- Any form of canvassing either written or verbal will be considered as a disqualification for a scholarship.

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