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**Australia Awards Short Course on Bridging Research to Policy (Second Iteration)**

We are pleased to inform you that applications are now open for the second iteration of the **Australia Awards Short Course on "Bridging Research to Policy"**.

This Australian Government-funded training programme aims to strengthen evidence-based policy and decision-making, enhance service delivery, and amplify the voice and agency of marginalized groups. It provides participants with practical skills to:

- Accelerate economic growth through innovation and sectoral development;
- Promote inclusive, community-driven participation and equitable benefit sharing across regions;
- Align policies with key sectors such as digital, tourism, agriculture, energy, and finance;
- Advance governance and social policy, including anti-corruption and poverty reduction; and
- Strengthen institutional relevance and policy coordination.

The programme is designed for emerging leaders and mid-level professionals, particularly those in strategic and non-technical roles related to policy development within their respective organizations. It aims to strengthen the capacity of Sri Lankan professionals to lead change, foster innovation, and drive institutional improvement, thereby contributing to sustainable national development.

The programme will be conducted as outlined below:

Activity	Dates	Venue
Preliminary Activity	16 – 18 February 2026	Sri Lanka / Virtual
Core Learning Elements	2 – 13 March 2026	Australia
Applied Learning Activity	27 – 29 April 2026	Sri Lanka / Virtual

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In collaboration with the High Commission of Australia, the Department of External Resources invites nominations from all eligible government officials for this programme. Accordingly, you are kindly requested to circulate this information among the Departments, Divisions, Institutes, and Provincial/District administrations under your purview and encourage the most suitable officers to apply.

All applicants should apply online via the Australia Awards South Asia and Mongolia Short Course portal at <https://oscar.australiaawardssouthasiamongolia.org/>. Applications must be submitted **on or before 16 November 2025**. Applicants are encouraged to carefully review the programme guidelines and instructions prior to submission and may refer to the attached course details and the following webpage for further information: <https://australiaawardssrilanka.org/bridging-research-to-policy-2025>.

Upon completion of the online application process, applicants are kindly requested to submit the following documents to the Department of External Resources by email to [chandrika@erd.gov.lk](mailto:chandrika@erd.gov.lk) and [thilini@erd.gov.lk](mailto:thilini@erd.gov.lk):

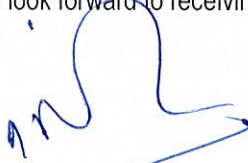
1. Nomination letter from the Ministry;
2. A copy of the duly filled online Application Form and other required documents (printouts); and
3. Duly filled ERD Form (available at [www.erd.gov.lk](http://www.erd.gov.lk)).

Please note that the number of placements available for Sri Lanka is limited, and participation is open to officials from the public, private, and non-governmental sectors. The final selection of participants will be undertaken by the Government of Australia, based on the relevance of applicants' professional relevance, their demonstrated competencies, and their potential to contribute effectively upon completion of the programme.

In view of the highly competitive nature of the programme with only 20 placements to Sri Lanka, your valued cooperation in identifying and nominating highly qualified and motivated officers who are well-positioned to derive maximum benefit from this training is kindly requested.

The Department of External Resources wishes to express its sincere appreciation for your continued support and collaboration in promoting this initiative, which represents yet another important contribution from the Government of Australia towards strengthening Sri Lanka's institutional and policy capacity.

We look forward to receiving your nominations at the earliest opportunity.



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