

It is also important to emphasize that acceptance of a nomination by the Department does not constitute selection for the programme. All nominations accepted by the Department will be subject to the final selection process conducted by KOICA/ the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Sri Lanka, and the respective host university. Ministries are therefore encouraged to forward only the most suitable and competitive candidates for consideration. In view of the limited nomination allocation, prospective applicants are strongly advised to submit their applications at the earliest opportunity rather than waiting until the closing date.

Applicants are further requested to carefully review the programme guidelines and eligibility requirements prior to submission.

The nomination(s), together with the following documents, should reach the Department of External Resources on or before **2.00 p.m. on 06th July 2026**:

- Nomination/ approval letter from the Line Ministry
- Completed application form and all supporting documents required under the programme guidelines
- Copy of the relevant pages of the passport
- Duly completed ERD Application Form (available at www.erd.gov.lk)

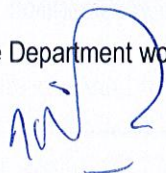
You are kindly informed that the above deadline will be strictly observed and that applications received after the stipulated closing time will not be considered. For the avoidance of doubt, applications will be considered in the order in which complete application dossiers are received by the Department. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the purpose of allocating the limited nomination slots until all required documents have been submitted.

However, once the Department receives and accepts four eligible nominations, the programme will be indicated as **“Closed for Applications”** on the Department’s website.

Please also note that all original application documents received by the Department will be forwarded to KOICA, and no copies will be retained by the Department. Applicants are therefore strongly advised to maintain copies of all submitted documents for their future reference.

Once selected, candidates are expected to honour their acceptance of the award and refrain from withdrawing their candidature except under exceptional and unavoidable circumstances. This training opportunity is extended for the benefit of the country, and withdrawals after selection not only adversely affect Sri Lanka’s standing with the donor agency but may also result in the loss of valuable training opportunities allocated to the country. Furthermore, such withdrawals deprive other deserving officers of the opportunity to benefit from the programme. Accordingly, Ministries and nominating organizations are kindly requested to ensure that applications are submitted only after confirming the nominee’s firm commitment and availability to participate in the programme, if selected.

The Department would greatly appreciate your kind cooperation and prompt action in this regard.



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