



Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development Program (AHEAD)
Ministry of Higher Education and Cultural Affairs



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Financial Assistance from AHEAD Operation to University Teachers for Doctoral Studies

World Bank Sponsored Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) Project provides financial assistance to permanent teachers (probationary and senior lecturers) of the HEI's coming within the UGC's purview, enabling them to read for PhD degree programmes. Accordingly, applications are called by the AHEAD Operation from eligible candidates for the second round of the scholarship program.

The criteria of the scholarship program are as follows:

- Entitled only for Foreign Doctoral (PhD) studies in English Medium including split site PhDs.
- Maximum grant limit per year per candidate is Rs.3,000,000 up to a maximum period of three years. This includes a maximum living stipend of Rs.1,500,000 per year for the period spent abroad.
- Maximum age limit of the candidate to the closing date of applications should be below 40 years.
- Achieve an IELTS overall score of 7.0 before release of the Grant.

Application forms and guidelines for the funding scheme can be down loaded from the AHEAD website: <http://www.ahead.lk> and also the UGC Website: <http://www.ugc.ac.lk>. The deadline for receiving applications is 15th September 2018.

Further information or any clarification in this connection can be obtained from the AHEAD Operation - Tel: 011 2329660.

Please bring this to the notice of relevant staff.

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