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**Financial Assistance from AHEAD Operation to SLIATE academic staff for Masters Studies – Round 03**

World Bank Sponsored Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) Operation provides financial assistance to permanent teachers of the SLIATE ATIs, enabling them to read for recognized Master's Degree Programmes in national universities in Sri Lanka. Accordingly, applications are called by the AHEAD Operation from the SLIATE permanent academic staff members who do not already possess Master's Degree qualifications.

The eligibility criteria of the scholarship is as follows:

1. The Candidate should be a permanent member of the academic staff of SLIATE.
2. The Candidate should have obtained minimum IELTS score of 5.5 or equivalent at the time of commencement of training.
3. The Candidate should satisfy the minimum entry requirements of the proposed Masters Programme.
4. Age limit of the Candidate shall be less than 45 years.
5. The Candidate shall have a minimum service period of 1 year.
6. This Scholarship offer will be valid only for 6 months after awarding

Selected candidates will be entitled to the following under the scholarship

- 1) A total maximum amount of LKR 500,000 for course fees shall be provided for each Candidate of the Master's degree. In the event the awardee fails the first attempt and needs to repeat his/her exams, payments related to such repeat exams (e.g. exam fee, additional registration fees) will have to be borne by the awardee.
- 2) A stipend of LKR 16,000 per month, for the normal period of such Masters' Degree in the university. If the awardee fails the first attempt and needs to repeat his/her exams, he/she will not be eligible for payment during the repeat attempt.
- 3) Reimbursement of IELTS registration fees by the AHEAD operation if they obtain the minimum score of 5.5

Application forms and guidelines for the funding scheme can be downloaded from the AHEAD website: <http://www.ahead.lk>. The deadline for receiving applications is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Further information or any clarification in this connection can be obtained from the AHEAD Operation (011 2432980).

Please bring this to the notice of relevant staff.

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