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Administered by the Language Centre in collaboration with the [Centre of South Asian Studies](#), the Sri Lankan Languages Fund offers bursaries to support the study of Sri Lankan languages either in the UK or in Sri Lanka. Awards are likely to be made for a maximum of £2,000 for any one course of study, though individual circumstances and the merit of the application will be taken into account.

### Application Process

*There are two stages to the online application process, which works like this:*

- you complete an online application form;
- you submit your application; after this you may not make any changes yourself to the application;
- your named referee receives an email from the system asking them to log in to provide a supporting statement for your application;
- once your referee has provided their supporting statement you will receive an email to tell you that your application is complete.

### Eligibility

- Any current staff or student member of the University (excludes visiting students) whose academic work concerns Sri Lanka may apply for funds to support course fees, accommodation and travel as required. (If the language study is to be combined with fieldwork then only the language-learning component will be supported from this Fund.)

### Application Period

- Applications may be made on a rolling basis.

Bursaries are intended for the benefit of the applicant only and are not transferable.

Applications must be supported by a recommendation from your Tutor, Supervisor, Director of Studies, Mentor, PI or Head of Institution (as appropriate).

### Applicants should demonstrate that the following criteria are met:

*For all language training:*

- Demonstrable benefit to your studies / research

*For language training undertaken in Sri Lanka:*

- That you will be completing intensive language training (i.e. a minimum of 20 contact hours per week)
- That your chosen course will last for a minimum of one week and a maximum of four

*For language training undertaken in the UK:*

- That you will be completing at least 20 hours of training in total

**Applications can be made for:**

- course fees
- travel costs \*
- accommodation \*\*

\* Travel costs will be only partially met if you will be combining language training with fieldwork

\*\* Accommodation costs will only be met for the duration of the language-training component of any trip combining language training and fieldwork

Successful applicants will be required to submit a brief project report on completion of their language training, focusing primarily on their experience and whether they would recommend the institution / trainer with whom training was undertaken.

**Supporting Statements**

Please check that your referee (Tutor, Supervisor, DoS, Mentor, PI or Head of Institution) will not be on research leave / away from Cambridge, or otherwise unable to provide a statement of support for your application *before* you submit your application.

Your named referee will receive a system-generated email prompting them to log in to the system to provide their supporting statement (via upload or manually entering text into a box), and you will receive another system-generated email to let you know when they have done this. **If you have not received this notification after a week or so, please check with your referee that the email asking them to provide their supporting statement has not ended up in a spam / junk folder.**