



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FUNDAMENTAL STUDIES



VACANCIES

The National Institute of Fundamental Studies is the only Institute of its kind, established by an Act of Sri Lankan Parliament. Some of its aims and objectives, amongst others, are to initiate, promote and conduct research and original investigation into fundamental studies in general, with particular emphasis on mathematics, physical and chemical sciences, life sciences, social sciences and philosophy, taken in the broadest sense.

Post of Director

The Institute invites applications from Sri Lankan citizens for the Post of Director from eminent scientists, with a proven track record in basic scientific research in any of the above disciplines and is currently active in such Research and Development activities. The Director will function as the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Accounting Officer of the Institute and therefore needs to have good interpersonal skills coupled with strong administrative ability. He/ She should therefore uphold the principles of Academic excellence, transparency, accountability, democratic management and effective non-partisan and administrative leadership.

Each applicant is expected to have a

1. First Degree with a First Class or a Second Class Upper Division,
2. A Postgraduate Degree preferably a PhD from a recognized University

Age: No Age Limit

The applicant should provide substantial evidence of continuing high-caliber research and that he/she is physically and mentally fit to hold the position.

In addition to the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Act of the Parliament, the Director should have a proven ability to lead and direct multi-disciplinary research teams and experience in proper deployment and efficient management of human and other resources. In the broadest sense, as applicable to the NIFS, fundamental research in science and technology may be understood to be such as what maintains a reasonable balance between curiosity driven research and what is generally accepted as being applicable to the understanding of local problems.

The appointment will be on contract for a period of three years.

Salary Scale and Code:

[According to UGC Circular No. 17/2016 and 17/2016(v)] Salary Code: UAC 05(I)

Salary Scale: Rs. 139,175 - 11 x 2,925 - 171,350 p.m.

He/she will also be entitled to Cost of Living Allowance, Contract Allowance, Research Allowance, Academic Allowance, Transport and Fuel Allowance, and Entertainment Allowance. If he/she is not appointed as a Research Professor/ Senior Research Professor, the salary and allowances will be determined by the Board of Governors.

Successful applicants will contribute 10% of their remuneration to the E.P.F., while the Institute's contribution will be 15% to E.P.F. and 3% to E.T.F.

Selection Process: Through an evaluation and an interview conducted by the Selection Committee.

Application Submission: Applications with full name, certified copies of relevant educational certificates, Valid ID/passport and birth certificates, Curriculum Vitae, details as per the evaluation scheme given in the website and the names of two non-related referees should be sent under registered cover to the undersigned to be received not later than at the expiry of 21 days from the date of this notice. A copy may also be sent by e-mail to secretary@nifs.ac.lk. Incomplete applications will be rejected and the decision of the Governing Board will be the final. More details are available at www.nifs.ac.lk.

Deadline: 3.00 p.m. on June 16, 2024.

Applicants who are already working in government organizations should forward their applications through the Head of the Institution.

Secretary to the Governing Board
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Date: May 26, 2024