

Funded traineeship for young graduates at the EU Delegation to D

Are you a **young graduate** interested in international relations? Are you curious to learn more about work of a diplomatic mission and how the EU Delegation represents EU interests and values in Sri Lanka?

What we offer?

A **traineeship of up to 6 months** within the Political, Trade and Communication Section of the EU Delegation to Sri Lanka, starting in November 2020, **subject to respect to the local legislation as well as the national legislation of the candidate(s) if non-resident.**

The Section supports EU political and trade policy dialogues. It provides analysis of political and economic developments in Sri Lanka and the Maldives. The section is also responsible for press and information activities of the Delegation

Main tasks: The trainee should, under the guidance of a political officer, carry out the following tasks

- analyse and write reports about economic developments and policies in Sri Lanka, the Maldives and South Asia
- advise project officers and colleagues in the political and trade section on the above mentioned issues
- follow economic news in the local media and summarize these
- support monitoring and follow-up to the GSP+ process with Sri Lanka
- support other sections in the Delegation on economic issues
- carry out any other assignment as instructed by the Head of Section or proposed by the trainee and agreed by the Head of Section

Qualifications or special requirements:

- **In assessing the applications received, account will need to be taken of the COVID-19 situation and its possible effects on access possibilities to Sri Lanka and thus candidates currently residing in Sri Lanka might be preferred**
- **Bachelor, preferably Master degree (or higher) in a relevant field (economics, political science, law or similar)**
- Good knowledge of economic and trade policies; knowledge of the functioning and policies of the European Union;
- Excellent analytical, communication and drafting skills in English
- Excellent computer literacy and creative spirit
- Willingness and ability to work in a multicultural environment
- Self-motivation
- Knowledge of local languages and context would be an asset

How to apply?

Please send the following documents to the e-mail address DELEGATION-SRI-LANKA-COOPINTERNS@eeas.europa.eu :

- A detailed Europass curriculum vitae ([CV](#))
- a cover letter describing why you want to participate in a EU traineeship
- and an [application form](#)

Please mention in the subject of your e-mail: Funded Traineeship – Political and Trade Section

Important information

Before applying you are requested to examine the [dedicated website](#) as well as the [general eligibility criteria](#) for a paid traineeship (Article 8 of the Decision ADMIN(2017)28 – Paid traineeship)

Each selected trainee will receive a monthly grant to cover living expenses. All costs related to travel inside the country of residence, visa, insurance, accommodation must be borne by the trainee.

Applications from non-eligible candidates will not be considered. After the evaluation of all applications, shortlisted candidates will be contacted and invited for an interview. Unsuccessful candidates will be notified by email. In case the selected candidate is not able to present the required documents, his/her candidacy will be rejected.

Non-resident candidates must provide proof that they will be covered against the risk of a pandemic and the costs of repatriation.

The Delegation informs that even if our Headquarters confirm the eligibility of the selected application, traineeships could be postponed, suspended or even cancelled considering the very evolving context of the COVID-19 outbreak in the host country as well as in the country of origin.