THE COLOMBO PLAN
For Co-operative Economic and Social Development in Asia and the Pacific

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Merit-Based Postgraduate Scholarship Opportunities at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, for Academic Year 2027

The Colombo Plan Secretariat is pleased to inform Member Countries that the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), a professional graduate school of the National University of Singapore (NUS), has set aside two merit-based scholarship opportunities in total for eligible nominees from Colombo Plan Member Countries for the Academic Year 2027 intake. These opportunities aim to support future policy leaders and strengthen public sector capacity across the region.

The scholarships will be awarded on merit to outstanding candidates who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential and a commitment to public service. The following Master's programmes are included in the AY2027 scholarship information shared by LKYSPP:

• **Master in Public Policy (MPP):** develops analytical, quantitative and practical skills for the design, evaluation and implementation of effective public policies. Application deadline: 15 December 2026.

• **Master in International Affairs (MIA):** prepares students to engage with international relations, geopolitics, diplomacy and global governance. Application deadline: 15 December 2026.

• **Master in Public Administration (MPA):** is designed for experienced professionals seeking to strengthen leadership, management and strategic decision-making capabilities in public service. Application deadline: 31 December 2026.

Scholarship Coverage

Scholarship support typically includes full tuition fees, a monthly living stipend and other applicable allowances and benefits, subject to the terms and conditions of the award. The indicative scholarship coverage provided by LKYSPP also includes medical insurance, examination and other approved fees, a one-time book and settling-in allowance, and economy-class airfare between the recipient's home country and Singapore, including return travel upon completion of the programme. The precise coverage will be determined by LKYSPP in accordance with the applicable scholarship terms and conditions.

Nomination and Application Process

The Colombo Plan Secretariat will share nominated candidate details with LKYSPP by 22 November 2026. Member Countries are kindly requested to identify suitable prospective candidates and communicate their details to the Secretariat through their designated Colombo Plan focal points by this date, using the contact details below.

Nominations should be sent to Ms. Pulsara Goonewardena, Programme Manager – Capacity Building, Scholarships and Fundraising, at pulsara.goonewardena@colombo-plan.org

During late November and December 2026, LKYSPP will engage nominees through programme briefings and personalised pre-application guidance. All candidates must also submit a complete formal application through the School's admissions process by the relevant programme deadline stated above.

Admissions and scholarship assessments will take place from December 2026 to March 2027, with outcomes expected from April 2027 onwards. LKYSPP will maintain communication with the Colombo Plan Secretariat on the progress and outcomes of the nominated cohort.

Nomination does not guarantee admission or a scholarship award. All candidates will be assessed against the School's prevailing criteria, and all decisions remain merit-based and at the discretion of LKYSPP. The nomination pathway facilitates early identification and pre application support but does not replace the School's formal application and selection processes.

Further Information and Publicity Materials

The following OneDrive link provides publicity materials include the School's institutional profile, programme brochures, alumni stories and student and faculty perspectives. Programme Brochures The brochure package also contains a PhD in Public Policy brochure for general reference; the two scholarship opportunities in this circular relate to the three Master's programmes listed above. Further information is available at: LKYSPP website | Graduate Admissions.

Member Countries are kindly requested to circulate this information among relevant government institutions, public-sector agencies, universities and professional networks, and to encourage suitable candidates to apply.

Your cooperation in identifying prospective candidates and disseminating this information by the stipulated timeline would be much appreciated.

Colombo, 6 November 2026

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Enclosure:
Nomination and Application Timeline – Colombo Plan Partnership.

To: Council Representatives and All Member Governments