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To
The Dean, CEG, MIT, Regional campus, Constituent Campus
The Principals of Government / Government – Aided Engineering Colleges

Ref: R.C. No. 256/SDC-NM/2024. Dated 31.01.2024 from MD, TNSDC

Sub: TNSDC - Naan Mudhalvan - British Council - Request for nomination of meritorious pre-final/final year students for SCOUT Program- British Council and TNSDC Collaboration - Regarding .

Dear Sir

Greetings to you!

The British Council and the Government of Tamil Nadu are launching the SCOUT (GREAT Scholarships for Outstanding Undergraduate Talent in Tamil Nadu) program, offering a unique opportunity for 100 talented undergraduate students from Tamil Nadu. The initiative involves a 24-hour online course (related to AI&ML and/ or Data analytics), followed by a one-week face-to-face program in the UK for the top 25 performers. The purpose is to provide exposure and skills to students who may not have access to international education, fostering collaboration between UK Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and the Tamil Nadu Government. The complete details about the program are enclosed herewith.

The criteria for students' nomination are as follows:

1. Aggregate CGPA greater than 8.0.
2. Equal gender representation.
3. Currently holding/eligible to hold a valid Indian passport.
4. Students should be from STEM background in their higher secondary education and currently enrolled in circuit branches of study.
5. Preference may be given to the students from Government schools admitted under the 7.5% reservation quota.

In light of this, we request the interested III year / IV year students to fill their nomination form as per the criteria prescribed above for the SCOUT program on or before Monday, 05 February 2024, 5.00 PM. TNSDC will shortlist 50 students among the nominated students

Students' nomination link : <https://forms.gle/SVGGrDu7PV6FEAHjs6>

Your kind cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you

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SCOUT TAMIL NADU
(GREAT SCHOLARS FOR OUT STANDING UNDERGRADUATE TALENT IN TAMIL NADU)

Project Overview:

Collaboration with Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation for SCOUT (Great Scholars for Out Standing Undergraduate Talent in Tamil Nadu) Tamil Nadu - Opportunities for undergraduate students for 64 hours program on below themes :

1. Data Science - Foundation on Data Analysis
OR
2. Artificial Intelligence - A Practical Introduction

Key Objectives:

- To provide exposure and skills to talented young people without means to access international education.
- To give them an experience of UK education to develop professional and academic skills.
- Impact local community, educational institutions, and workplace through the learning they gain during the short course.
- To enable UK HE is to collaborate with the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Proposed Model of Delivery:

SCOUT Tamil Nadu to be delivered in two phases on a hybrid model to ensure the state provides an international online education experience to 100 students of Tamil Nadu and an equal opportunity to 25 selected candidates to visit a UK higher education institution for a week for an on-site classroom module (approx. 40 hours).

Phase 1:

- The state nominates 100 students from Tamil Nadu as per the agreed criteria .
- A UK higher education institution delivers a 24-hour online module on an agreed theme - to be completed by Mid -February 2024.
- UK higher education institution conducts an online assessment and shortlist 25 students - to be submitted by third week of February 2024.
- Certificate of participation to be issued to all students who completes the final assessment.

Phase 2:

- The 25 students visit UK for a 40-hour course on an agreed Subject theme.
- The state will identify and support the travel of two accompanying staff with the students. The state will choose and identify them .
- Accommodation in a UK higher education residency within or outside the campus arranged by the Host UK HEI (Higher Education Institutions).
- Cultural immersions in terms of tours, visits, dinners etc. in the city to experience the city they are visiting.
- Post visit event to be organised by Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation for students to share their experience, which would motivate other students to dream big - within 60 days of return.
- Social media and press campaigns with the students in India and the UK.

Proposed Outcomes:

- Students will be able to make connections and friends during the programme.
- They would have gained skills and confidence at par with students who have greater access to international experiences and exposure.
- They would have gained some subject specific skills and experienced new pedagogical methods.
- They will have to present a report on their visit experience and skills they have learnt during the visit
- Social media and press campaigns with the students in India and the UK.

Students' nomination link : <https://forms.gle/SVGrDu7PV6FEAHjs6>