

Terms of Reference

Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development Operation (AHEAD)

Activity 5.2: Summer Camps for students

Department of Export Agriculture
Faculty of Agricultural Sciences
Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

1. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Accelerating Higher Education and Development (AHEAD) will focus on expanding, diversifying and developing the higher education sector in Sri Lanka to drive economic growth through knowledge-based industrial and service sector activity and on producing graduates of global quality.

Under the activity 5.2; focus is given to the idea of developing more interactive work between same age group of native English speaking foreign students and our undergraduates to enhance the English language proficiency, the summer camp concept is implement here. Invited volunteer foreign students and other local university students would be participating in this event.

All the subjects offered by the Department of Export Agriculture throughout the degree program are being conducted in English medium. Hence, the students must be well equipped with English language skills particularly when they start specialization in Export Agriculture in the third year onwards. It is expected to improve all four language skills simultaneously, paying more attention in improving oral skills at the beginning to writing skills at the end. Focus is given to improvement of both English Language knowledge and abilities which will be useful for the students to follow the degree program successfully and to engage in their further studies and their career enhancement as well. As the undergraduates are adult students more activities will be in offer aiming to uplift the language acquisition enriching their language environment providing much needed exposure.

Objective of the program

- The Department of Export Agriculture focuses on improving the English language knowledge of undergraduate students to follow the degree program successfully and to engage in their further studies and career enhancement. It also aims to developing more interactive work between same age group of native English speaking foreign students and our undergraduates to enhance the English language proficiency

2. PROJECT: Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development Operation (AHEAD), Department of Export Agriculture, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

3. KEY TASK

English language camps with the participation of foreign students and other participants for uplifting the language acquisition enriching their language environment interactions providing much needed exposure for a certain period of time

4. REMUNERATION

An allowance (out of the allocated amount) of Rs.300,000.00 will be paid for the resource person on request. Payments will be made upon submission of the time sheet and attendance with the approval of Project Coordinator.

- Programs will be conducted at the faculty and payments will be paid to the resource person upon request

5. REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

- Registered consultancy or trained non-native speakers or native speakers

6. TARGET

- Participation of 15 or more non-native expertise in the programme

7. REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES

- ability to carry out the key tasks effectively and efficiently
- ability to communicate with students in the university
- strong communication and good interpersonal relations

8. REPORTING THE DELIVERABLES

The resource person shall closely coordinate and report to the Project Coordinator/ Activity Coordinator

Note: Person in Charge:

1. Mr. GAH Galahitigama (Activity Coordinator) - hgalahitigama@gmail.com
2. Dr. WMUAKM Wijesekara (Senior Lecturer) - wijesekara@agri.sab.ac.lk

9. OWNERSHIP OF THE ASSIGNMENT

This workshop is funded by the Ministry of Higher Education via ELTA ELSE Department Development Project – AHEAD. Any reports/data/information produced as a part of this workshop shall be handed over to the client (Head/ Department of Export Agriculture) in soft and hard forms

10. BUDGET

Item	Total
Curriculum and training material development	80,000.00
Trainer fees	300,000.00
Monitoring , evaluation and reporting	75,000.00
Transport costs for trainers	90,000.00
Miscellaneous	54,500.00
Total	599,500.00