

Colloquium in Academic Preparation for Sri Lankan Educators (CAPSLE)

January 11-14, 2026

Summary

Sri Lanka's first **Colloquium in Academic Preparation for Sri Lankan Educators (CAPSLE)** will build the teaching, research, publication, collaboration, and fundraising skills of junior faculty members and senior doctoral students in **engineering and business**. The CAPSLE will utilize **active, hands-on learning** in a series of panels, lectures, and workshops focused on specific topics to assist young, promising academics to better identify research problems, utilize innovative methodologies, build teaching skills, attract research grants, collaborate with others, and launch their careers on strong foundations. In particular, the CAPSLE will encapsulate identifying **relevant** and **impactful** research in the Sri Lanka context.

Sponsoring Organization

United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission

Collaborators

The University of Peradeniya

The University of Jaffna

The University of Kelaniya

Organizer

Bopaya Bidanda (Ernest Roth Professor of Industrial Engineering, University of Pittsburgh; Former President, Institute of Industrial & Systems Engineers (IISE); Fulbright-Nehru Senior Scholar in India 2023-2024; Fulbright Specialist in Sri Lanka 2026)

Participants

Competitively selected group of 30-40 young, promising academics in engineering and business

Schedule

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Morning Sessions

Opening Reception and Dinner

Monday, January 12, 2026

Opening Plenary

Monday, January 12, 2026 –

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Sessions with International Professors, Business Leaders, and Government Officials

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Closing Plenary

*This is an opportunity for the U.S. to benefit from **stronger ties** with Sri Lankan academics and business leaders. With some guidance, **the quality of papers to international journals from Sri Lankan authors can be jumpstarted so that acceptance rates begin to approach those from the US, Europe, and Australia.***