

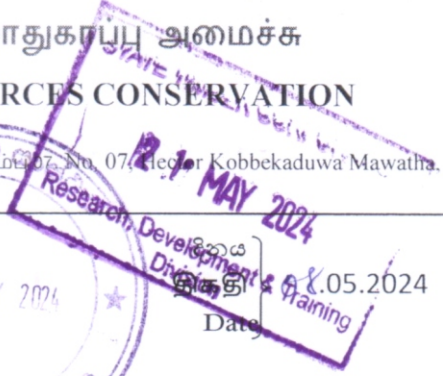
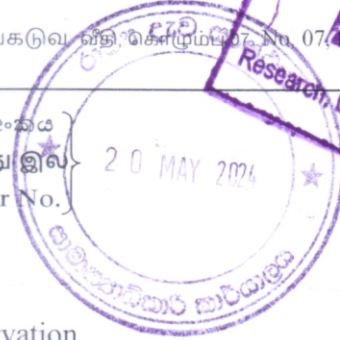


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**International Blue Carbon Institute Fellowship Programme – Call for Applications**

This is in reference to the e-mail dated 07.05.2024 received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the above subject. A copy of the aforesaid e-mail is enclosed herewith for your information and necessary action please.

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# Fwd: Opportunity: International Blue Carbon Institute Fellowship Program - Call for Applications

Director General Ocean Affairs & Climate Change <dgoascp@mfa.gov.lk>

Tue 5/7/2024 10:12 AM

To: B.K.P. Chandrakeerthi <sec@env.gov.lk>; Gunadasa Samarasinghe <secretary@mwfc.gov.lk>; secretary.education@moe.gov.lk  
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Cc: Ocean Affairs, Environment & Climate Change Division <oaecc@mfa.gov.lk>

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IBCI Fellowship Program Overview.pdf;

File Ref. – MFA/OAECC/OA/03/01/01

To: 01. Secretary, Ministry of Environment  
02. Secretary, Ministry of Wildlife & Forest Resources Conservation,  
03. Secretary Ministry of Education (to share the Universities)

From: Director General / Ocean Affairs, Environment & Climate Change

Please find below email received from the Commonwealth Blue Charter team regarding the Opportunity: International Blue Carbon Institute Fellowship program - Call for Applications. Forward for your kind attention and necessary action.(ENDS)

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From: BlueCharter <[bluecharter@commonwealth.int](mailto:bluecharter@commonwealth.int)>

Date: Thu, May 2, 2024 at 6:25 PM

Subject: Opportunity: International Blue Carbon Institute Fellowship Program - Call for Applications

To: BlueCharter <[bluecharter@commonwealth.int](mailto:bluecharter@commonwealth.int)>

Dear Commonwealth Blue Charter members,

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We hope this email finds you well. Kindly see below details for a call for applications from the IBCI Fellowship we think may be of interest.

The International Blue Carbon Institute (IBCI) has officially opened the call for applications for the IBCI Fellowship Program from **May 1 to June 15, 2024**. The program supports research and projects focused on conserving and restoring blue carbon ecosystems for climate mitigation. It aims to advance blue carbon science, build capacity, and foster collaboration. The program offers a two-year fellowship to professionals committed to blue carbon ecosystem protection. Fellows will engage in multidisciplinary projects and receive support for various activities such as supplementing current research projects, travel for laboratory studies, purchase of equipment, and other additional research costs (e.g., publication fees, field assistants).

Kindly find attached and linked here the details for the IBCI fellowship program, including how to apply: [International Blue Carbon Institute Fellowship Program \(conservancy.org\)](https://www.conservancy.org/ibci-fellowship-program).

If you are interested in learning more about the IBCI Fellowship Program, please contact [IBCI@conservancy.org](mailto:IBCI@conservancy.org).

Please share with your networks.

Kind regards,

The Blue Charter team

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## IBCI Fellowship Program

The International Blue Carbon Institute (IBCI) Fellowship program advances conservation, restoration, and protection of blue carbon ecosystems for their climate mitigation and adaptation benefits. The program is a cornerstone of the IBCI's mission to scale global blue carbon action through innovative research, capacity-building and collaboration to maximize climate impact. The goals of the fellowship are threefold: 1) To advance blue carbon science and innovation in the implementation of blue carbon solutions; 2) To build capacity that contributes to the protection, restoration and conservation of blue carbon ecosystems; 3) To scale up blue carbon solutions through multi-disciplinary collaboration, knowledge building and sharing.

The program provides fellowships to outstanding experts and professionals working across diverse disciplines in blue carbon, who demonstrate a commitment to research and/or application of natural and social sciences, and are committed to the protection, conservation, and restoration of blue carbon ecosystems. In 2024 the IBCI Fellowship Program will select one fellow for a two-year program. In future years the number of fellows selected annually may increase.

### Program Description

Each fellow will receive a grant of USD \$60,000 to support either new programs and projects or existing research endeavors. Supported activities may include supplementing current research projects, travel for laboratory studies, purchase of equipment, and other additional research costs (e.g., publication fees, field assistants).

The fellowship program encourages multidisciplinary projects encompassing diverse disciplines, including:

- Scientific research
- Social sciences
- Community engagement and collaboration
- Communications
- Policy and law
- Conservation Finance

Learning opportunities for fellows may include:

- Joining a network of blue carbon professionals with current fellows and alumni
- Opportunities for laboratory exchange and research collaborations
- Skill enhancement training, including science communications
- Network access to the Blue Carbon Initiative scientific working group, and beyond
- Participation in the annual Blue Carbon Initiative scientific working group meeting or other scientific fora

### Application & Selection Process

The application review process will be overseen by a selection committee of global and regional blue carbon experts. Candidate applications will undergo a thorough evaluation, considering proposal materials, including program content and purpose statements. Candidates will be



selected based on technical content, alignment with IBCI priorities, potential impact at the local and regional level, and geographic representation.

To ensure geographical representation we encourage applicants from all regions to apply, including from South and Southeast Asia, the Pacific Islands, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Africa. Fellowship applicants are strongly encouraged to demonstrate how the work supported by the IBCI Fellowship will be impactful for on-the-ground activities and local communities in these regions.

### **About the International Blue Carbon Institute**

The [International Blue Carbon Institute \(IBCI\)](#) is advancing the science and support systems needed to unlock the full potential of blue carbon to address climate change, protect biodiversity and support threatened coastal communities. Partnering with governments, scientists, organizations and local communities, the IBCI will develop and inform effective policy, finance and implementation strategies for blue carbon ecosystems.

The IBCI serves as a crucial global hub for exchanging expertise, knowledge and learning in blue carbon research and implementation. It plays a vital role in effectively translating cutting-edge science into practical tools and methodologies that are harnessing the potential of blue carbon for climate action.

### **Timeline for applications**

The call for applications for the IBCI Fellowship Program will be open from May 1 to June 15, 2024. Fellows selected will be announced in July 2024.

### **For more information:**

View the website: [International Blue Carbon Institute Fellowship Program](#)

If you are interested in learning more or supporting the IBCI Fellowship Program, please contact: [IBCI@conservation.org](mailto:IBCI@conservation.org)