ISLE Program Faculty Residencies in Sri Lanka

The Intercollegiate Sri Lanka Education (ISLE) Program consortium of Amherst, Bates, Bowdoin, Carleton, Gustavus Adolphus, Holy Cross and Swarthmore colleges is pleased to announce a Faculty Residency Program at the ISLE Program Study Center, located in the scenic hills of Kandy, Sri Lanka. We invite faculty members, whose students are eligible to enroll in the ISLE Program, to submit proposals for either research or curriculum developments projects. Residencies can be for 2 to 8 weeks in length during the period from June 1st to August 1st.

Summer Residencies at the ISLE Program Study Center include:

- Full access to the ISLE Program Center library containing over 4,000 titles; the library is especially strong in the fields of history, literature, politics, environmental studies, developmental studies, Buddhism, and cultural studies, but has holdings in many other fields as well. Wireless access to the Internet is provided.
- Support from ISLE’s research coordinator and librarian; consultations with relevant University of Peradeniya faculty and other scholars in Sri Lanka can be arranged.
- Comfortable lodging in private rooms with attached baths; three meals per day provided.
- Advice and opportunity to travel to other parts of the island; ISLE maintains a car, a 15 passenger van and a driver available for hire below commercial rates.

Costs: $300 per week or $45 per day. Interested applicants acquire funding through summer research grants available through their home colleges.

Proposals for research or curriculum development should be sent as an attachment to isle@bowdoin.edu by May 15, 2016, and include: 1), a brief description (~500-750 words) regarding the focus and anticipated outcome of the project; 2) a 2 page CV; and 3) the projected dates of the residency. The center can accommodate up to four scholars at any one time. Priority is given to faculty from ISLE consortium schools, but other faculty from colleges where ISLE is an approved off-campus study program are also invited to apply. Questions or inquiries can be addressed to Sree Padma Holt, Executive Director, at spadma@bowdoin.edu or 207-725-3874. Visit www.bowdoin.edu/isle for further information.

L to R: ISLE Center library, outdoor pavilion & garden, lounge area inside ISLE Center

“The ISLE Program Center is located in the beautiful hills of Kandy, a town steeped with Sri Lanka’s living history. The Center provides all hospitality amenities plus an excellent library for scholarly study. Scholars in residence have the opportunity to interact with the vibrant Kandy academic community, including faculty at the ISLE Program, Peradeniya University, and the International Center for Ethnic Studies, among other educational organizations. A research residence at the ISLE Program Center is the perfect combination of study, community and culture!”

– Prof. Karen Pechilis, Drew University