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Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
(IES Cadre)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Inviting applications for Indian Economic Service - UK Government Economic Service Exchange programme, 2025

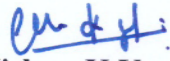
The Indian Economic Service (IES) Cadre invites applications from IES Officers belonging to the 2016-2022 batches to be a part of the Indian Economic Service (IES) - UK Government Economic Service (GES) Exchange Programme, 2025, scheduled to commence in August 2025.

2. The programme aims at capacity building, knowledge transfer, and collaborative working between India and the UK, thereby adding value to economic policy-making in both countries. The programme will pair 8 IES and UK-GES officers, with four from India and four from the UK, to work jointly on economic and policy questions that is of relevance to both countries, such as trade uncertainties, multilateralism, innovation ecosystem, gig economy, and climate finance.

3. Selected officers will visit the UK for two weeks to initiate the project. Following this, participants will collaborate online in pairs on their projects over the next two months. The program will also involve a two-week visit of GES officers to India, during which participants will present their findings to senior officials from India and the UK. During the visits, participants will have the opportunity to meet with a range of government and external stakeholders to discuss their research topics. The programme will conclude with a presentation and submission of reports prepared by the officers.

4. Eligibility criteria for selection of officers for the Programme and a tentative calendar are at **Annexure-I**. Screening of applications and final selection will be made by a Selection Committee chaired by the Chief Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance. The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding.

5. Eligible and willing officers who wish to apply for the Programme may forward their applications in the enclosed proforma (**Annexure-II**), through proper channel, (i.e. through the concerned administrative Ministry/Department where the officers are posted) accompanied with vigilance clearance, to the undersigned (Room No. 59, North Block, New Delhi; email: ad-iescadre@gov.in), latest by **04.07.2025**.


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To:

All IES Officers via e-mail

Eligibility criteria for selection of the officers for the Indian Economic Service - UK Government Economic Service Exchange programme, 2025

1. Minimum Service: Officers of batches 2016 (9 years) to 2022 (2 years), holding Cadre Posts (not on Deputation of any type) at the time of submission of application and for the duration of the Exchange Programme are eligible.

2. Foreign Training/ Conferences/Workshops/Seminars: The Officer should not have attended any Foreign Training/Conferences/Workshops/Seminars abroad of duration of more than or equal to two weeks (excluding travel time) during the last two years.

3. Performance: The officer should have Outstanding/Very Good grading in their previous year's APARs, with no adverse entries.

4. Departmental proceedings: The Officer should not have any Departmental proceedings/Vigilance cases pending or contemplated against him/her.

5. Desirable skills and knowledge:

1. In-depth knowledge and understanding of the Indian Economy, with clarity on economic theories and applied aspects.
2. Experience of working on MS Excel and use of econometric software.

Tentative Calendar for Indian Economic Service (IES) - UK Government Economic Service (GES) Exchange Programme, 2025

S. No.	Scheduled item	Tentative date
1	Inviting applications	Mid-June
2	Selection process and approvals	Mid-June – Mid-August
3	Start of programme	Mid - August
4	IES officers visiting UK	First fortnight of September
5	Officers to work remotely on project proposal	Second fortnight of September
6	UK officers visiting India	First fortnight of October
7	Officers to work remotely on their projects	Second fortnight of October
8	Presentation of projects	First fortnight of November
9	Report submission	Second fortnight of November

Application Form

1. Name of the applicant (Dr/ Mr/Miss/Mrs):
2. Batch Year of entry into IES:
3. Date of superannuation:
4. Ministry/Department where currently working:
5. Designation:
6. Official Passport No.:
7. Mailing Address:
8. Telephone No.:
 - i. Office:
 - ii. Mobile:
9. Details of previously published research papers, if any. Please attach a separate sheet.
10. Whether attended any long-term/short-term training programs abroad in the last 2 years? If yes, give details.
11. Whether attended any Conferences/Workshops/Seminars abroad during the last 2 years? If yes, give details.
12. Why do you think you should be nominated for the programme (maximum 200 words). Please attach a separate sheet.
13. Write an essay of not more than 1500 words on one of the following topics:
 - a) Trade uncertainties, changing global value chains and impact.
 - b) Gig economy: Balancing flexibility and formalisation.
 - c) The role of WTO and multilateralism under uncertainty.
 - d) Innovation ecosystems and digital platform regulation.
 - e) Climate-resilient debt clauses within climate financing and implications for fiscal stability.
 - f) UK-India growth strategy synergies.

Justify your answer with data-based, clearly written and cogent arguments. Please attach a separate sheet. You are requested to submit an undertaking, along with your write-up, stating that no artificial intelligence (AI) tools or automated content generation software were used in the preparation of the submission, and that the work is entirely original and authored by you.

I hereby declare that all particulars given by me in this application are correct.

Name

(Signature of Applicant)

Enclosures:

Date:

Place:

Recommendation of IES Cadre

Name

Date

Signature of Cadre Controlling Authority