



**Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies
University of Kelaniya
Colombo, Sri Lanka**

About the assignment

We're looking for a Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies who can live and volunteer in Sri Lanka for up to four months in 2026 to:

- Review the Peace and Conflict Resolution Degree Program and recommend revisions to strengthen the curriculum;
- Support the development of a research program focussed on contemporary peace and conflict issues in South Asia;
- Support the development of international academic collaborations with universities internationally, particularly in Australia; and
- support the professional development of the academic staff.

About the University of Kelaniya

The University of Kelaniya is one of Sri Lanka's most prestigious public universities. Located just outside Colombo, the University offers a wide range of programs across the humanities, sciences, social sciences and medicine. The Department of Philosophy offers traditional philosophical studies as well as Psychology and Peace and Conflict Resolution. The Peace and Conflict Resolution Degree Program is the only undergraduate program of its kind in South Asia taught entirely in English. In 2017, the program was upgraded to a special degree, attracting students from various ethnic and cultural backgrounds through the University Grants Commission.

About Australian Academic Volunteers Abroad

Australian Academic Volunteers Abroad (AAVA) is a nonprofit organisation that supports the strategic development goals of universities in the Indo-Pacific region by matching their teaching and research priorities with suitably qualified and motivated volunteers who are current or recently retired senior academic staff from accredited universities.

About the Australian Volunteers Program

The Australian Volunteers Program is an Australian government-funded initiative which supports partner organisations across the Indo-Pacific region to achieve locally led change. Volunteers mobilised under this program receive well-being support, travel costs, insurances and a modest stipend. This is a safe and affordable way to make a difference.

Requirements

- Extensive experience at a senior academic level in peace and conflict studies, including curriculum development.
- Program volunteers must be Australian citizens, or holders of a Permanent Residency Visa of Australia, or New Zealand residents in Australia with a Special Category Visa.

Application

Submit an expression of interest with a brief CV to graham.schaffer@academicvolunteers.org.au. Further information at <https://www.academicvolunteers.org.au>.