

# i need deep research about internships shis in Sri Lanka

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What are the having categories and also categories and available companies for those categories? what are common issues in those fields How to be feminist in that field: What are the needed skills? Where can they get knowledge for it? What are the available universities to get a degree for related fields? What is the road map to do it? like, etc.

i need vert deep research in 50 pages, include all details descriptively (in )

Here's a structured research overview on internships in Sri Lanka, focusing on your requested elements:

## **Internship Categories & Companies**

### 1. Technology & Engineering

- Companies: IFS, Apium Innovations, Octopus BI, Konekt
- Roles: Software Engineering, DevOps, QA Testing, Data Science
- **Feminist Angle:** Only 15-20% female representation in tech roles [1]. Companies like IFS offer gender-inclusive policies [2].

#### 2. Business & Management

- Companies: LSEG, Dialog Axiata, MAS Holdings, Daraz
- Roles: HR, Marketing, Finance, Supply Chain
- **Feminist Angle:** MAS Kreeda's Lean Enterprise internships emphasize gender-balanced teams [2] [3].

#### 3. Social Sciences & NGOs

- Organizations: Women & Media Collective, CREA, Greenpeace
- Roles: Gender justice advocacy, community development, sustainability
- **Feminist Focus:** CREA requires feminist theory knowledge and intersectional analysis skills [4] [3].

#### 4. Creative Industries

- Companies: LAMC Productions, Aerial View Pvt Ltd, The Web Sushi
- Roles: Graphic design, video editing, social media content
- **Gender Gap:** 70% of creative interns are male [2] [1].

## **Common Issues in Sri Lankan Internships**

#### 1. Structural Challenges

- Unclear expectations from employers [5] [6].
- Limited mentorship and feedback mechanisms [7].
- Mismatch between academic curricula and industry needs [8].

## 2. Gender-Specific Barriers

- Sexual harassment in male-dominated fields (e.g., 90% of women face harassment in public transport sectors) [1].
- Lack of childcare support for female interns [3].

#### 3. Economic Factors

- Unpaid internships in NGOs  $^{[9]}$ , while tech firms offer stipends as low as LKR 15,000/month  $^{[10]}$ .
- "Pay-to-intern" scams targeting IT students [10].

## **Feminist Approaches in Internships**

### **Required Skills:**

- Critical Analysis: Understanding systemic patriarchy in corporate structures [11].
- **Advocacy:** Drafting gender-sensitive policies (e.g., Shangri-La's anti-harassment frameworks) [12].
- Intersectionality: Addressing caste/ethnic disparities in plantation sector internships [13].

#### **Knowledge Sources:**

- Courses: Gender Studies at University of Kelaniya [14], HRM at Sri Jayewardenepura [15].
- NGO Training: Women & Media Collective's workshops on feminist leadership [9].
- Online Resources: Sonke Gender Justice's feminist curriculum materials [4].

## **Academic Pathways**

## 1. Technology Degrees

- **Universities:** Informatics Institute of Technology (BSc in SE) [16], University of Moratuwa (CS).
- Feminist Tech Initiatives: "Women in FOSS" coding workshops at SLIIT [17].

## 2. Business Programs

- **Degrees:** BCom at University of Sri Jayewardenepura  $\frac{[15]}{}$ , BBA at Eastern University  $\frac{[8]}{}$ .
- **Gender-Integrated Courses:** UoC's "Gender & Development" elective [18].

#### 3. Social Science Degrees

- Programs: BA in Gender Studies (Colombo), MSc in Human Rights (Pera).
- **Fieldwork:** Volunteer Solutions' rural women's empowerment projects [13].

## **Roadmap for Feminist-Centric Internships**

#### 1. Year 1-2: Academic Foundation

- Take courses in gender economics or feminist theory [11] [15].
- Join campus societies like "Feminist Collective Colombo" [3].

#### 2. Year 3: Skill Development

- Certifications: UN Women's "Gender Mainstreaming" MOOC.
- Volunteer: CREA's grassroots campaigns [3].

## 3. Pre-Internship

- Target employers with Gender Equality Certifications (e.g., LSEG) [2].
- Negotiate clear anti-harassment clauses in internship agreements [1].

## 4. During Internship

- Document gender disparities in workflows (e.g., meeting participation) [11].
- Propose inclusive policies (e.g., lactation rooms) [12].

## 5. Post-Internship

- Publish findings in journals like *HRM Journal of Sri Jayewardenepura* [7].
- $\circ$  Mentor future interns through platforms like InternHub [17].

## **Key Feminist Internship Opportunities**

Organization	Focus Area	Requirements
CREA [3]	Gender Justice Advocacy	Feminist research experience
Women & Media <sup>[9]</sup>	Policy Analysis	Sinhala/Tamil fluency
Greenpeace [2]	Environmental Justice	Data visualization skills

This synthesis integrates data from 20 sources, highlighting systemic challenges and feminist strategies. For a 50-page study, expand each section with case studies (e.g., Shangri-La's HR policies  $^{[12]}$ ), legislative analysis (Women Empowerment Act 2024  $^{[1]}$ ), and longitudinal data on intern outcomes  $^{[8]}$ .



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