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of knowledge for sustainable development**

Mission of the University

**To nurture intellectual citizens through creativity and innovation,
who contribute to the National development**

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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



The University of Kelaniya Vice-Chancellor's Awards are given at the beginning of January each year to recognize and reward those who have made exceptional contributions to our journey towards excellence over the past year. As one of the largest national Universities in Sri Lanka, we are firmly committed to offering opportunities for high quality higher education and the creation and dissemination of new knowledge through research and innovation. Our commitment to excellence in whatever we do must be backed by all our employees, both academic and non-academic.

The last year has been undoubtedly difficult for everyone, because of all the challenges imposed on us by the COVID19 pandemic. However, we have faced those challenges together, and now, although the pandemic is not quite over, we are in the fortunate position of being able to hold a physical, rather than virtual ceremony to give away the VC Awards in person.

The number of VC Awards and the criteria for the awards have evolved over the years. This year too, several changes were introduced on the recommendation of the Research Council. I thank the Research Council and the staff of the Research & Publications Division, the Deans, the Librarian and his staff, and the staff of the Academic Establishments division, as well as the Registrar and his staff, who all contributed immensely to setting up the application process, evaluating the applications and nominations received, and in organizing the awards ceremony.

I congratulate all those who receive awards today and hope that this token of recognition will encourage them further, to achieve even greater heights. I also hope that these awards will inspire everyone else to join our journey towards excellence.

Prof. Nilanthi de Silva
Vice-Chancellor

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS CEREMONY – 2021

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

The Long Service Awards and Vice-Chancellor's Awards Ceremony - 2021 is organized to appreciate the service of all the academic and non-academic staff members of the University of Kelaniya for the year 2021. This is an annual event organized by the University of Kelaniya since 2007 and presented annually on the 01st working day of the year. The intention of this ceremony is to recognize the contributions made in terms of outstanding contributions and dedication made for the university, receive of local and international awards won by the staff members, long service awards etc.

This awards ceremony recognizes the contribution of academic and non-academic staff members in the University of Kelaniya as well as of the 2 affiliated institutes namely: Postgraduate Institute of Archeology and Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies, thus alternative the entire community of the University of Kelaniya.

It is a pleasure to state that 27 academics have been selected to award medals for brought honour to the University by winning prestigious National and International Awards. Twenty-five (25) academics have been selected from the Faculties of Medicine and Science to receive Merit Awards in addition to the First and Second places for Early Career Researcher Award as well as for the Outstanding Senior Researcher Award. Five (05) Emeritus Professors are also recognized in this year.

These awards show that despite the challenges of the time, the staff of the University of Kelaniya and the affiliated institutes have continued to excel in their respective disciplines. Accordingly, with added uniqueness every year, this ceremony is an ideal ground for the university staff to reap the harvest of their talents, as well as commitments and contributions they have made.

1. LONG SERVICE AWARDS

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1.1. Award of a Bronze Medal and Certificate for 25 Years of Continuous and Meritorious Service

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Prof. N.P. Sunil Chandra
Department of Medical Microbiology
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. N.P Sunil Chandra joined University as Senior Lecturer Gr.11 on 10.04.1995. He was appointed to Professor of Microbiology on 05.09.1997 and currently serves as Senior Professor of Microbiology from 05.09.2005 in the Department of Medical Microbiology in the Faculty of Medicine.



Prof. (Ms.) B.M. Jayawardena
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Prof. (Mrs.) B.M. Jayawardene joined University as Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 20/09/1996. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 20/09/2002 and on 13/08/2009 she was then promoted to Professor and currently serves as Senior Professor on 13/08/2017 in the Department of Chemistry in the Faculty of Science.



Prof. A.S. Dassanayake
Department of Pharmacology
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. A.S. Dassanayake joined University as Lecturer on 01.01.1996. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. 11 on 03.03.2001 and serves as Professor from 05.12.2016 in the Department of Pharmacology in the Faculty of Medicine.



Prof. (Ms.) L.V.K. Jayathilake
Department of Commerce & Financial Management
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Prof. (Mrs.) L.V.K. Jayathilake joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/03/1996. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/01/2004 and on 01/01/2010 she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and currently serves as Professor on 27/02/2017 in the Department of Commerce & Financial Management in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies.



Prof. R.A.S. Weerasiri
Department of Marketing Management
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Prof. R.A.S. Weerasiri joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/03/1996. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/03/2001 and on 01/03/2007 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and currently serves as Professor on 21/06/2018 in the Department of Marketing Management in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies.



Prof. (Ms.) D.S.M. de Silva
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Prof. (Mrs.) D.S.M. de Silva joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 16/01/1996. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 10/07/2002 and on 10/07/2008 she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II and currently serves as Professor on 15/07/2019 in the Department of Chemistry in the Faculty of Science.



Prof. (Ms.) U.L.T.P. Gunasekera
Department of Accountancy
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Prof. (Mrs.) U.L.T.P. Gunasekera joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/03/1996. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/03/2001 and on 01/03/2007 she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and currently serves as Professor on 15/12/2019 in the Department of Accountancy in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies.



Prof. K.K. Thilakasiri
Department of Accountancy
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Prof. Thilakasiri joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/03/1996. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/01/2002 and on 01/01/2008 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and currently serves as Professor on 15/12/2019 in the Department of Accountancy in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies.



Prof. (Ms.) M.W. Madurapperuma
Department of Accountancy
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Prof. (Mrs.) M.W. Madurapperuma joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/03/1996. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 23/06/2003 and on 23/06/2009 she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and currently serves as Professor on 15/12/2019 in the Department of Accountancy in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies.



Dr. (Ms.) I. Welmilla
Department of Human Resource Management
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Dr. (Mrs.) I. Welmilla joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/03/1996. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/03/2001 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 01/03/2006 in the Department of Human Resource Management in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies.



Ms. S.D. Edirisinghe
Department of Commerce & Financial Management
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Ms. S.D. Edirisinghe joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/03/1996. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 30/08/2003 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 30/08/2009 in the Department of Commerce & Financial Management in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies.



Dr. G.W.J.S. Fernando
Department of Commerce & Financial Management
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Dr. G.W.J.S. Fernando joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/03/1996. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/10/2003 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 01/10/2009 in the Department of Commerce & Financial Management in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies.



Ms. G.K. Rathnayake
Department of Commerce & Financial Management
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Mrs. G.K. Rathnayake joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/03/1996. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/12/2003 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 01/12/2009 in the Department of Commerce & Financial Management in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies



Dr. (Ms.) D.D.M. Jayasundara
Department of Statistics and Computer Science
Faculty of Science

Dr. (Mrs.) D.D.M. Jayasundara joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 02/05/1996. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 25/02/2005 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 25/02/2011 in the Department of Statistics and Computer Science in the Faculty of Science.



Mr. M.D.P. Peiris
Department of Human Resource Management
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Mr. M.D.P. Peiris joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/03/1996. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 07/09/2005 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 07/09/2011 in the Department of Human Resource Management in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies.



Mr. H.M.T.B. Gunathilaka
Department of Library and Information Science
Faculty of Faculty of Social Sciences

Mr. H.M.T.B. Gunathilaka joined University as Lecturer (probationary) on 01.07.1996. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01.03.2004 and to Senior Lecturer I on 01.03.2012 in the Department of Library and Information Science in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Mr. R.M.M.L.B. Wewegama
Senior Assistant Registrar
Centre for Distance & Continuing Education

Mr. R.M.M.L.B. Wewegama joined University as Technical Officer Gr. II on 16.04.1996. He was promoted to Technical Officer Grade I on 16.04.1999 and on 02.08.2006 he was then promoted to Assistant Registrar and currently serves as Senior Assistant Registrar on 01.03.2012 in the Centre for Distance & Continuing Education.



Mr. G.G.U. Saman Kumara
Senior Instructor in Physical Education
Department of Physical Education

Mr. G.G.U. Saman Kumara joined University as Instructor in Physical Education Gr. II on 21.10.1996. He was promoted to Instructor in Physical Education Gr. I on 21.10.2003 and currently serves as Senior Instructor in Physical Education on 03.05.2010 in the Department of Physical Education.



Mrs. T.M.R.N.U. Thennakoon
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Department of Disability Studies
Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. T.M.R.N.U. Thennakoon joined University system as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1996.07.01. She was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 2006.07.01 and on 2009.07.01 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. T.M.R.N.U. Thennakoon was promoted to Staff Assistant on 2014.07.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2019.07.01 in the Department of Disability Studies



Mrs. K.G.C.S. Grero
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Mrs. K.G.C.S. Grero joined University system as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1996.08.01. She was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 2006.08.01 and on 2009.08.01 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. K.G.C.S. Grero was promoted to Staff Assistant on 2014.08.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2019.08.01 in the Department of Chemistry.



Mrs. H.G.S. Wasanthi
Senior Staff Management Assistant (Stenography)
Academic Branch

Mrs. H.G.S. Wasanthi joined University system as Stenographer (Grade 11) on 1996.10.15. She was promoted to Stenographer (Grade 1) on 2003.10.15 and on 2007.10.15 she was then promoted to Staff Management Assistant. Mrs. S.G.H. Wasanthi was promoted to Senior Staff Management Assistant on 2012.10.15 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant (Stenographer) in the Academic Division.



Mrs. K.M.G.L.D. Dias
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Department of Commerce and Financial Management
Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies

Mrs. K.M.G.L.D. Dias joined University system as Typist (Grade 111) on 1996.10.03. She was then promoted to Typist (Grade 11) on 2004.10.03 and on 2009.10.03 she was promoted to Typist (Grade 1). Mrs. K.M.G.L.D. Dias was promoted to Staff Assistant (Typist) on 2014.10.03 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2019.10.03 in the Department of Commerce and Financial Management.



Mrs. L.S.L. Silva
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Department of Medical Education
Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. L.S.L. Silva joined University system as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1996.09.02. She was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 2002.09.02 and on 2007.09.02 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. L.S.L. Silva was promoted to Staff Assistant on 2012.09.02 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2017.09.02 in the Department of Medical Education.



Mrs. J.A.D.S. Gunawardena
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Department of Human Resource Management
Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies

Mrs. J.A.D.S. Gunawardena joined University system as Typist (Grade 111) on 1996.10.02. She was then promoted to Typist (Grade 11) on 2004.10.02 and on 2009.10.02 she was promoted to Typist (Grade 1). Mrs. J.A.D.S. Gunawardena was promoted to Staff Assistant (Typist) on 2014.10.02 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2019.10.02 in the Department of Human Resource Management.



Ms. H.R.P. Ranasinghe
Staff Technical Officer (Grade 1)
Department of Pathology
Faculty of Medicine

Ms. H.R.P Ranasingha joined the University System as a Technical Officer (Grade II) Segment "B" on 01.04.1996. She was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II) Segment "A" on 01.01.2003 and on 01.04.2006 she was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I). Ms. H.R.P Ranasingha was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) on 01.04.2010 and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) since 01.04.2015 in the Department of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine.



H.A.U. Premalal

Staff Assistant (Library services)

Main Library

Mr. H.A.U. Premalal joined University system as Works Aide (Grade III) on 01.11.1994. He was then promoted to Library Information Assistant (Grade III) on 15.02.1999, Library Information Assistant (Grade II) on 15.02.2005. Library Information Assistant (Grade I) on 15.02.2010 and Staff Assistant (Library Service) on 15.02.2016. Currently serves in the Main Library.



Ms. Nilani Rajapaksha

Technical Officer (Grade I)

**Department of Zoology & Environmental Management
Faculty of Science**

Ms. Nilani Rajapaksha joined the University System as a Laboratory Ateendant (Lower grade) on 01.11.1993 and on 01.10.2003 she was promoted to Laboratory Ateendant (Lower grade). She was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II) Segment "B" on 02.02.2009. Ms. Nilani Rajapaksha was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II) Segment "A" on 02.02.2015 and Currently serves as Technical Officer (Grade I) since 02.02.2019 in the Department of Zoology & Environmental Management, Faculty of Science.



Mr. K.H.S. Samantha

Management Assistant (Store Keeper Gr (II))

Finance Department

Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies

Mr. K.H.S. Samantha joined University system as Labourer Gr (III) on 05/06/1996. He was promoted to Store Keeper Gr (III) on 19/09/2005 and on 19/09/2015. He was then promoted to Store Keeper Gr (II). Mr. K.H.S. Samantha was currently serves as Management Assistant (Store Keeper Gr (II)) (Designation) 19/09/2015 in the Department of Finance in the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies.



Mr. H.A.M.A. Chaminda
Laboratory Attendant (Special Grade)
Department of Physiology
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. H.M.A. Chaminda joined the University system as a Labourer on 01.11.1996. He was appointed as a Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade) on 03.05.2000. He was then promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Higher Grade) on 03.05.2009 and he was promoted Laboratory Attendant (Supra Grade) on 03.05.2014. Mr. Chaminda was promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Special Grade) on 03.05.2019 and currently he serves in the Department of Physiology of the Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. H.P.T. Shanthlal
Office Machine Operator
Examination Division

Mr. H.P.T. Shanthlal joined University system as Works Aide (Grade III) on 19.08.1996. He was promoted to Works Aide (Grade II) on 19.08.2006 and on 12.10.2007 he was then promoted to Office Machine Operator (Grade II). Mr. H.P.T. Shanthlal was promoted to Office Machine Operator (Grade I) on 10.12.2011 and was promoted to Office Machine Operator (Special Grade) on 10.12.2018. currently serves in the Examination Division.



Mr. M.G. Prasanna
Three-wheeler Driver (Grade I)
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. M.G. Prasanna joined University system as Labourer (Grade III) on 01/04/1996. He was promoted to Three-wheeler Driver (Grade II) on 10/12/2007 and on 10/12/2017 he was then promoted to Three-wheeler Driver (Grade I) and currently serves as Three-wheeler Driver in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. M.D.T. Manoj
Generator Operator (Grade I)
Works Department

Mr. M.D.T. Manoj joined University system as Labourer (Garde III) on 01/07/1996. He was promoted to Generator Operator (Grade II) on 18/04/2005 and on 18/04/2014 he was then promoted to Generator Operator (Grade I) and currently serves as Generator Operator in the Works Department.



Mr. K.L.K.P. Perera
Works Aide (Special Grade)
Faculty of Graduate Studies

Mr. K.L.K.P. Perera joined University system as Works Aide (Grade III) on 15.01.1992. He was promoted to Works Aide (Grade II) on 15.01.2002 and on 15.01.2007 he was then promoted to Works Aide (Grade I). Mr. K.L.K.P. Perera was promoted to Works Aide (Special Grade) on 15.01.2014. And currently serves in the Faculty of Graduate Studies.



Mr. H.A.G. Wijesinghe
Works Aide (Special Grade)
Registrar's Office

Mr. H.A.G. Wijesinghe joined University system as Works Aide (Grade III) on 19.08.1996. He was promoted to Works Aide (Grade II) on 19.08.2006 and on 19.08.2011 he was then promoted to Works Aide (Grade I). Mr. H.A.G. Wijesinghe was promoted to Works Aide Special Grade on 19.08.2018 and currently serves in the Registrar's Office.



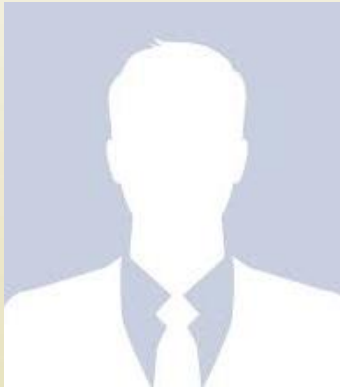
Mr. H.A. Sisira Kumara
Works Aide (Special Grade)
Department of Accountancy
Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies

Mr. H.A. Sisira Kumara joined University system as Works Aide (Grade III) on 01.07.1996. He was promoted to Works Aide (Grade II) on 01.07.2006 and on 01.07.2011 he was then promoted to Works Aide (Grade I). Mr. H.A. Sisira Kumara was promoted to Works Aide Special Grade on 01.07.2018 and currently serves in the Department of Accountancy in the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies.



Mr. B.P.A. Gunasekara
Works Aide (Special Grade)
Carrier Guidance Unit

Mr. B.P.A. Gunasekara joined University system as Works Aide (Grade III) on 01.07.1996. He was promoted to Works Aide (Grade II) on 01.07.2006 and on 01.07.2011 he was then promoted to Works Aide (Grade I). Mr. B.P.A. Gunasekara was promoted to Works Aide Special Grade on 01.07.2018 and currently serves in the Carrier Guidance Unit.



Mr. H.P. Chandrasiri
Works Aide (Special Grade)
Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies
Faculty of Humanities

Mr. H.P. Chandrasiri joined University system as Works Aide (Grade III) on 19.08.1996. He was then promoted to Works Aide (Grade II) on 19.08.2006, Works Aide (Grade I) on 19.08.2011 and Works Aide (Special Grade) on 19.08.2018. Currently serves in the Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies, Faculty of Humanities.



Mr. U. Lalith Kumara
Works Aide (Special Grade)
Faculty of Humanities

Mr. U. Lalith Kumara joined University system as Works Aide (Grade III) on 01.07.1996. He was then promoted to Works Aide (Grade II) on 01.07.2006, Works Aide (Grade I) on 01.07.2011 and Works Aide (Special Grade) on 01.07.2018. Currently he serves in the Faculty of Humanities.



Mr. H.M.G. Herath
Department of Sanskrit & Eastern Studies
Faculty of Humanities

Mr. H.M.G. Herath joined the University system as a Works Aide (Grade III) on 01.04.1996. He promoted to Works Aide (Grade II) on 01.04.2006, Works Aide (Grade I) on 01.04.2011 and Works Aide (Special Grade) on 01.04.2018. Currently he serves in the Department of Sanskrit & Eastern Studies, Faculty of Humanities.



Mr. M.A.A. Perera
Staff Technical Officer (Grade II)
Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology

Mr. M.A.A. Perera joined the University as a Cartographer (Lower Grade) on 11.03.1996 and promoted to Technical officer (Grade II Seg.A) on 11.03.2002. on 14.11.2013 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I) and on 14.11. 2017 he was promoted to Staff Technical Officer grade II. Currently he serves as a Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) in the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology.



Mr. W.A. Lesly
Works Aide (Special Grade)
Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology

Mr. W.A. Lesly joined University as Labourer (Grade III) on 20.08.1996. He was promoted to Labourer (Grade II) on 20.08.2006 and on 20.08.2011 he was promoted to Labourer (Grade I). Mr. Lesly was promoted to Labourer (Sp) on 20.08. 2018 and currently serves as Works Aide (Sp.) in the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology.

1.2. Award of a Silver Plated Medal for 30 Years of Continuous and Meritorious Service

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Ven.(Prof.) Nabiriththankadawara Gnanarathana Thero
Department of Pali Buddhist Studies
Faculty of Humanities.

Ven. (Prof.) Nabiriththankadawara Gnanarathana Thero joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 02/09/1991. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II and 14/03/1999 and on 14/03/2005 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I. He was promoted to Professor on 24.08.2009 and to Senior Professor on 24.08.2017 and currently serves as Senior Professor (Chair) on 15/03/2021 in the Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies in the Faculty of Humanities.



Prof. H.J. de Silva
Department of Medicine
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. H.J. de Silva joined University as Senior Lecturer on 02.04.1991. He was promoted to Associate Professor on 18.04.1994 and appointed to the post of Professor of Medicine on 17.06.1996 and currently serves as Senior Professor of Medicine from 17.06.2004 in the Department of Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine.



Prof.(Ms.) N.R. de Silva
Department of Parasitology
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. (Mrs.) N.R. de Silva joined University as Lecturer on 10.06.1991. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. 11 on 10.06.1996, Associate Professor on 25.07.2000 and appointed to the post of Professor of Parasitology 01.11.2003 and currently serves as Senior Professor of Parasitology from 01.11.2011 in the Department of Parasitology in the Faculty of Medicine.



Prof. (Ms.) J.A. Liyanage
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Prof. (Mrs.) J.A. Liyanage joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 16/12/1991. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 16/12/1996 and on 16/12/2002 she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and she was promoted to Professor on 26/12/2007 and currently serves as Senior Professor on 26/12/2017 in the Department of Chemistry in the Faculty of Science.



Prof. K. Karunathilaka
Department of Sociology
Faculty of Social Sciences

Prof. K. Karunathilaka joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 17.06.1991. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 25.08.1997. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 25.08.2003 and on 14.08.2009 he was then promoted to Professor and to Senior Professor (Chair) on 14.08.2017 in the Department of Sociology in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Prof. H.A. Gamini Kumara
Department of Philosophy
Faculty of Faculty of Social Sciences

Prof. H.A. Gamini Kumara joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 02.12.1991. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01.01.1999. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 01.01.2005 and to Professor on 27.11.2009 in the Department of Philosophy in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Prof. D.M. Semasinghe
Department of Commerce & Financial Management
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Prof. D.M. Semasinghe joined University as Assistant Lecturer on 04/01/1991. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/10/1998 and on 01/10/2004 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and currently serves as Professor on 11/01/2016 in the Department of Commerce & Financial Management in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies.



Prof. (Ms.) S. Chakrewarthy
Department of Biochemistry & Clinical Chemistry
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. (Mrs.) S. Chakrewarthy joined University as Lecturer on 30.08.1991. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. 11 30.08.1996 and promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer Gr. 1 on 30.08.2002 and currently serves as Professor of Biochemistry from 15.06.2017 in the Department of Biochemistry & Clinical Chemistry in the Faculty of Medicine.



Prof. (Mrs.) H.R. Anulawathi Manike
Department of Economics
Faculty of Faculty of Social Sciences

Prof. (Mrs.) H.R. Anulawathi Manike joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 02.12.1991. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 27.07.1998. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 27.07.2004 and to Professor on 12.06.2018 in the Department of Economics in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Prof. D.M.A. Dissanayaka
Department of Economics
Faculty of Faculty of Social Sciences

Prof. D.M.A. Dissanayaka joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 03.12.1991. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 10.03.1997. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 10.03.2003 and to Professor on 12.12.2019 in the Department of Economics in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Prof. H.M. Nawarathna Banda
Department of Economics
Faculty of Faculty of Social Sciences

Prof. H.M. Nawarathna Banda joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 17.06.1991. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 18.03.1998. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 18.03.2004 and to Associate Professor on 12.11.2009 in the Department of Economics in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Prof. (Ms.) T.M.D. Subashini
Department of Sociology
Faculty of Faculty of Social Sciences

Prof. T.M.D. Subashini joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 02.12.1991. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 28.11.1997. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 28.11.2003 and to Associate Professor on 12.11.2009 in the Department of Sociology in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Prof. M.A. Punyasena
Department of Physics and Electronics
Faculty of Science

Prof. M.A. Punyasena joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/08/1990. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 03/09/1996 and on 03/09/2002 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and currently serves as Associate Professor on 06/05/2013 in the Department of Physics and Electronics in the Faculty of Science.



Mr. M.M. Gunawardena
Department of Microbiology
Faculty of Science

Mr. M.M. Gunawardena joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 05/02/1991. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 08/05/1998 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 05/08/2004 in the Department of Microbiology in the Faculty of Science.



Mr. W.M. Karunaratne
Registrar (Retired)

Mr. W.M. Karunaratne joined University as Assistant Registrar on 23.05.1991. He was promoted to Senior Assistant Registrar on 16.10.1997 and on 15.03.2006 he was then promoted to Registrar in the University. He retired from the University on 01.07.2021.



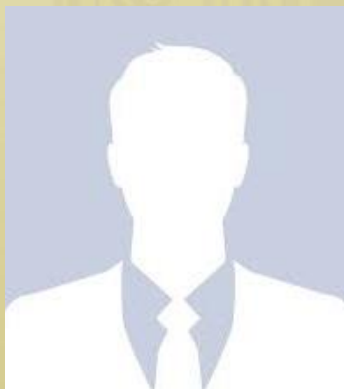
Mrs. A. Samaraweera
Programmer Cum Systems Analyst Gr. II
Information & Communication Technology Centre

Mrs. A. Samaraweera joined University as Computer Programmer on 02.09.1991 and currently serves as Programmer Cum Systems Analyst Gr. II on 16.04.1997 in the Information & Communication Technology Centre.



Mrs. K.P.R. Priyadarshani
Senior Staff Technical Officer
Department of Microbiology
Faculty of Science

Mrs. K.P.R. Priyadarshani joined University as Trainee Technical Officer on 02.11.1991. She was promoted to Technical Officer Grade I on 01.11.2001 and on 01.11.2005 she was then promoted to Staff Technical Officer Gr. II and she was promoted to Staff Technical Officer Gr. I on 01.11.2010 and currently serves as Senior Staff Technical Officer on 13.06.2011 in the Department of Microbiology in the Faculty of Science



Mr. K. B. S. K. Weerawardhana
Senior Staff Management Assistant
(Book Keeping Grade I)
Accounts Branch
Finance Division

Mr. K. B. S. K. Weerawardhana joined University system as Labourer (Grade III) on 18/ 11/ 1991. He was promoted to Book Keeper (Grade III) Seg B on 01/10/1992 and on 01/01/1999 he was then promoted to Book Keeper (Grade II) Seg A and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant (Book Keeping Grade I) 01/10/2002 in the Accounts Branch in the Finance Division.



Mrs. H.P.W. Chandrani
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Academic Establishment

Mrs. H.P.W. Chandrani joined University Systems as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1991.11.22. She was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 2000.11.22 and on 2003.11.22 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. H.P.W. Chandrani was promoted to Staff Assistant on 2008.11.22 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant from 2013.11.22 in the Academic Establishment Division.



Mrs. M.I. Hareerah
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Research & Publication Branch

Mrs. M.I. Hareerah joined University system as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1991.03.04. She was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 1997.03.04 and on 2002.03.04 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. M.I. Hareerah was promoted to Staff Assistant on 2007.03.04 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant from 2012.03.04 in the Research & Publication Division.



Mr. M.G.N. Chandrasiri
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Centre for Distance & Continuing Education

Mr. M.G.N. Chandrasiri joined University system as Labourer (Grade 111) on 1991.09.02. He was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 111) on 1996.01.01 and on 2006.01.01 he was promoted to Clerk (Grade 11). Mr. M.G.N. Chandrasiri was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1) on 2009.01.01 and on 2014.01.01 he was promoted to Staff Assistant and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2019.01.01 in the Centre for Distance & Continuing Education.



Mrs. M.L.A. Priyangika Kanthi
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies

Mrs. M.L.A. Priyangika Kanthi joined University system as Clerk Gr (III) on 07/10/1991. She was promoted to Clerk Gr (II) on 07/10/1999 and on 01/01/2003 she was then promoted to Clerk Gr (I). Mrs. M.L.A. Priyangika Kanthi was promoted to Staff Assistant on 01/01/2008 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant from 2013.01.01 in the Department of Finance in the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies.



Mr. S.K. Senevirathne
Staff Technical Officer (Grade 1)
Department of Pathology
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. S.K. Senavirathne joined the University System as a Works Aide (Grade III) on 02.12.1991. He was promoted as a Laboratory Attendant (Lower grade) on 01.04.1999 and on 30.06.1995 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II) Segment "B". Mr. S.K. Senavirathne was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II) Segment "A" on 30.06.2001 and on 30.06.2005 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I). On 30.06.2009, Mr. S.K. Senavirathne was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) since 30.06.2014, in the Department of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine.



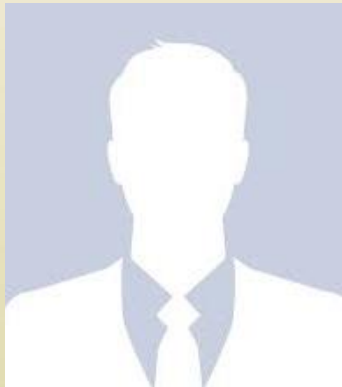
Mrs. H.K. Wickramathanthre
Staff Technical Officer (Grade 1)
Medical Center

Mrs. H.K. Wickramathanthre joined the University System as a Clerk (Grade III) on 11.11.1991. She was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II) Segment "B" on 02.03.1999. Mrs. H.K. Wickramathanthre was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II) Segment "A" on 02.03.2005 and on 02.03.2010 she was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I). On 02.03.2014 Mrs. H.K. Wickramathanthre was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) since 02.03.2019 in the Medical Centre.



Mr. D.W.A. Samaraweera
Technical Officer (Grade 1)
Faculty of Humanities

Mr. D.W.A. Samaraweera joined the University System as a Works Aide (Grade III) on 02.09.1991. He was promoted as a Laboratory Ateendant (Lower grade) on 01.11.1993 and on 01.10.2003 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II) Segment "B". Mr. D.W.A. Samaraweera was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II) Segment "A" on 10.01.2010 and on 01.10.2013 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I). Currently Mr. D.W.A. Samaraweera serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) since 01.10.2017, in the Faculty of Humanities.



Mr. K.A.M.L. Gunatilaka
Works Aide (Special Grade)
Department of Linguistics
Faculty of Humanities

Mr K.A.M.L. Gunatilaka joined University system as Works Aide (Grade III) on 02.05.1989. He was then promoted to Works Aide (Grade II) on 01.01.2001, Works Aide (Grade I) on 01.01.2007 and Works Aide (Special Grade) on 01.01.2014. Currently serves in the Department of Linguistics, Faculty of Humanities.



Mr. T.A. Chandrasiri
Works Aide (Special Grade)
Department of Surgery
Faculty of Medicine

Mr T.A. Chandrasiri joined University system as Works Aide (Grade III) on 02.01.1989. He was then promoted to Works Aide (Grade II) on 01.01.2004, Works Aide (Grade I) on 01.01.2011 and Works Aide (Special Grade) on 01.01.2019. Currently serves in the Department of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine.

1.3. Award of a Gold Plated Medal for 35 Years Continuous and Meritorious Service

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Prof. A.K. Manatunga
Department of Archaeology
Faculty of Faculty of Social Sciences

Prof. A.K. Manatunga joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01.08.1986. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01.01.1993. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 01.01.1999 and on 21.08.2006 he was then promoted to Professor. He was promoted to Senior Professor on 21.08.2014 in the Department of Archaeology in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Prof. W.K.M.M.K. Weerasinghe
Department of Library and Information Science
Faculty of Faculty of Social Sciences

Prof. W.K.M.M.K. Weerasinghe joined University as Lecturer (probationary) on 01.07.1986. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 15.07.1993. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 15.07.1999 and on 27.11.2009 he was then promoted to Professor and to Senior Professor on 27.11.2017 in the Department of Library and Information Science in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Prof. (Ms.) R.K.S. Dias
Department of Zoology and Environmental Management
Faculty of Science

Prof. (Mrs.) R.K.S. Dias joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/07/1986. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 13/02/1995 and on 13/02/2001 she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and currently serves as Professor on 11/02/2008 in the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management in the Faculty of Science.



Prof. H.H. Sumathipala
Department of Physics and Electronics
Faculty of Science

Prof. H.H. Sumathipala joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/09/1986. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 27/11/1996 and on 27/11/2002 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and he was promoted to Professor on 15/03/2012 and currently serves as Senior Professor on 15/03/2020 in the Department of Physics and Electronics in the Faculty of Science.



Dr. (Ms.) M.C. Wijegunasekara
Department of Software Engineering
Faculty of Computing and Technology

Dr. (Mrs.) M.C. Wijegunasekara joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/07/1986. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 28/06/1993 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 28/06/1999 in the Department of Software Engineering in the Faculty of Computing and Technology.



Dr. (Ms.) U.K. Abeywarnna
Department of Physics and Electronics
Faculty of Science

Dr. (Ms.) U.K. Abeywarnna joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/09/1986. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/02/1999 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 01/02/2005 in the Department of Physics and Electronics in the Faculty of Science.



Mrs. H.H.N. Gunawardena
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Non Academic Establishment Division

Mrs. H.H.N. Gunawardena joined University system as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1986.03.18. She was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 1997.01.01 and on 2000.01.01 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. H.H.N. Gunawardena was promoted to Staff Assistant on 2005.01.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2010.01.01 in the Academic Establishment Division.



Mrs. R.C. Withanaarachchi
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Department of Sinhala
Faculty of Humanities

Mrs. R.C. Withanaarachchi joined University system as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1986.01.22. She was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 1997.01.01 and on 2000.01.01 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. R.C. Withanaarachchi was promoted to Staff Assistant on 2005.01.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant from 2010.01.01 in the Department of Sinhala.



Mrs. H.G.D. Priyadarshani
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Faculty of Science

Mrs. H.G.D. Priyadarshani joined University system as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1986.11.03. She was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 1997.01.01 and on 2001.01.01 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. H.G.D. Priyadarshani was promoted to Staff Assistant on 2006.01.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant from 2011.01.01 in the Faculty of Science.



Mr. B.N.W.M.P.K. Boragolla
Staff Technical Officer (Grade 1)
Department of Linguistics
Faculty of Faculty of Humanities.

Mr. B.N.W.M.P.K Boragolla joined the University System as a Technical Officer (Grade II) Segment "B" on 01.10.1996. He was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II) Segment "A" on 01.03.1995 and on 01.01.1997 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I). Mr. B.N.W.M.P.K Boragolla was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) on 01.01.2001 and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) since 01.01.2006, in the Department of Linguistics, Faculty of Faculty of Humanities.



1.4. Award of a Wall Plaque for 40 Years of Continuous and Meritorious Service

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Mr. N.L. Chandrathilaka
Laboratory Attendant (Special Grade)
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Mr. N.L. Chandrathilaka joined the University system as a Labourer on 11.05.1981. He was appointed as a Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade) on 01.12.1982. He was then promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Higher Grade) on 09.02.1994 and he was promoted Laboratory Attendant (Supra Grade) on 01.01.2000. Mr. Chandrathilaka was promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Special Grade) on 01.01.2007 and currently he serves in the Department Chemistry of the Faculty of Science. He was retired from the University service with effect from 30.12.2021.

2. EMERITUS PROFESSORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA



Professor Rohana Luxman Piyadasa



Professor D.D.S. Kulathunga



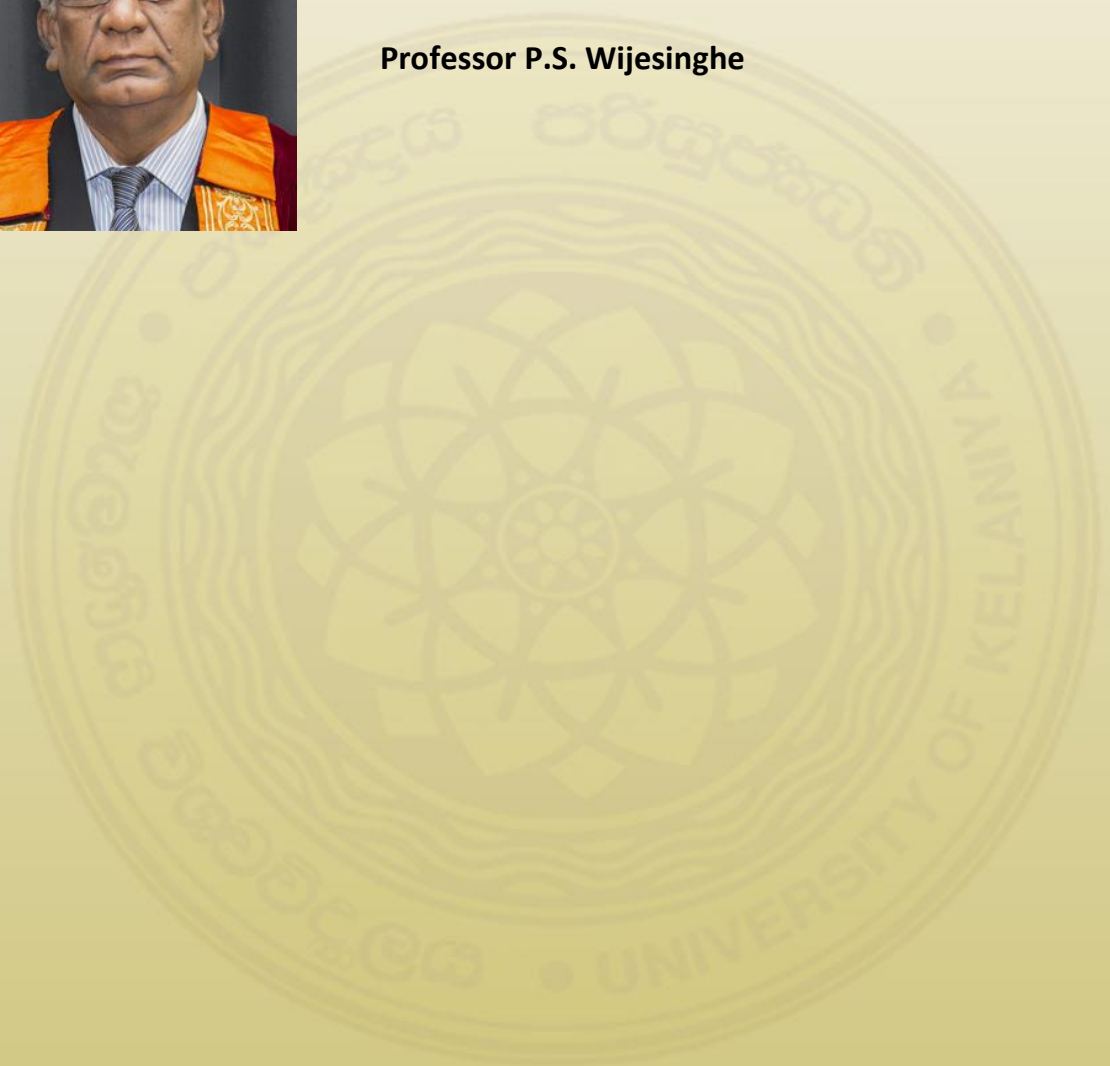
Professor Jagath Weerasinghe



Professor Sujatha Senadeera Salgado



Professor P.S. Wijesinghe



3. VICE CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS

3.1. Medals for The Vice Chancellor's Award for Brought Honor to the University by Winning Prestigious National or International Awards



Prof. H. J. de Silva
Senior Professor
Department of Medicine
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. N. R. de Silva
Senior Professor
Department of Parasitology
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. H. A. de Silva
Senior Professor
Department of Parasitology
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. A. Pathmeswaran
Senior Professor
Department of Public Health
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. M. D. Amarasinghe
Senior Professor
Department of Plant & Molecular Biology
Faculty of Science



Prof. B.A.H.R. Premaratna
Senior Professor
Department of Medicine
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. A. P. de Silva
Senior Professor
Department of Medicine
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. A.A.P.S. Manamperi
Senior Professor
Molecular Medicine Unit
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. N. K. Gunawardena
Senior Professor
Department of Parasitology
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. Y.I.N.S. Gunawardene
Senior Professor
Molecular Medicine Unit
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. M. M. M. Najim
Senior Professor
Department of Zoology & Environmental Management
Faculty of Science



Prof. N. M. Devanarayana
Professor
Department of Physiology
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. U.K. Ranawaka
Professor
Department of Medicine
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. T.G.A.N. Chandrasena
Professor
Department of Parasitology
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. K. T. A. A. Kasturiratne
Professor
Department of Public Health
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. M. D. Hapugoda
Professor
Molecular Medicine Unit
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. D. S. G. Mettananda
Professor
Department of Paediatrics
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. P.A.D.H.N. Gunathilaka
Professor
Department of Parasitology
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. S. F. Jayamanne
Professor
Department of Medicine
Faculty of Medicine



Dr. P.G. Wijayarathna
Senior Lecturer. Gr.I
Department of Software Engineering
Faculty of Computing and Technology



Dr. M.R.K.N. Yatigammana
Senior Lecturer Gr.I
Department of Commerce & Financial Management
Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies



Dr. W. P. T. Hansameenu
Senior Lecturer Gr. II
Department of Mathematics
Faculty of Science



Dr. E. P. D. S. Ediriweera
Senior Lecturer Gr. II
Department of Medical Education
Faculty of Medicine



Dr. P.W. Samarasekere
Senior Lecturer Gr. II
Department of Applied Computing
Faculty of Computing and Technology



Dr. K.H.W.L. de Silva
Senior Lecturer Gr. II
Department of Plant & Molecular Biology
Faculty of Science



Dr. G. Gunarathna
Lecturer (Probationary)
Department of Parasitology
Faculty of Medicine



Dr. T. R. Premathilake
Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology

3.2. The Outstanding Early Career Researchers

3.2.1. Faculty of Medicine

a. First Place



Dr. A. K. A. B. Baminiwatta
Department of Psychiatry

Dr. Anuradha Baminiwatta is working as a Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Psychiatry at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. He graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya in 2017 with First Class Honours. He won the Bobby Somasundaram Gold Medal for the best performance at the selection examination for MD Psychiatry in 2020, and is currently pursuing his postgraduate training as a Registrar in psychiatry. Since joining the University of Kelaniya in 2020, Dr. Baminiwatta has conducted many research projects in the field of psychiatry, and authored 13 publications in indexed journals and 15 conference abstracts. He has presented several research papers at international conferences and was awarded the Trainee researcher of the year – 2nd place (Education & training category) by the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 2021, and won a Fellowship from the World Psychiatry Association for the 21st WPA World Congress of Psychiatry. He was also awarded the Peter and Mable Cooray Gold Medal for the best scientific presentation at the academic sessions of the Sri Lanka College of Psychiatrists, 2021 (as co-author) and the award for the best oral presentation at the Sri Lanka College of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists, 2021 (as presenter). His main research interests are mindfulness-based interventions, undergraduate psychiatric education, neuropsychological testing, and stigma towards mental illness.

b. Second Place



Prof. P. A. D. H. N. Gunatilake
Department of Parasitology

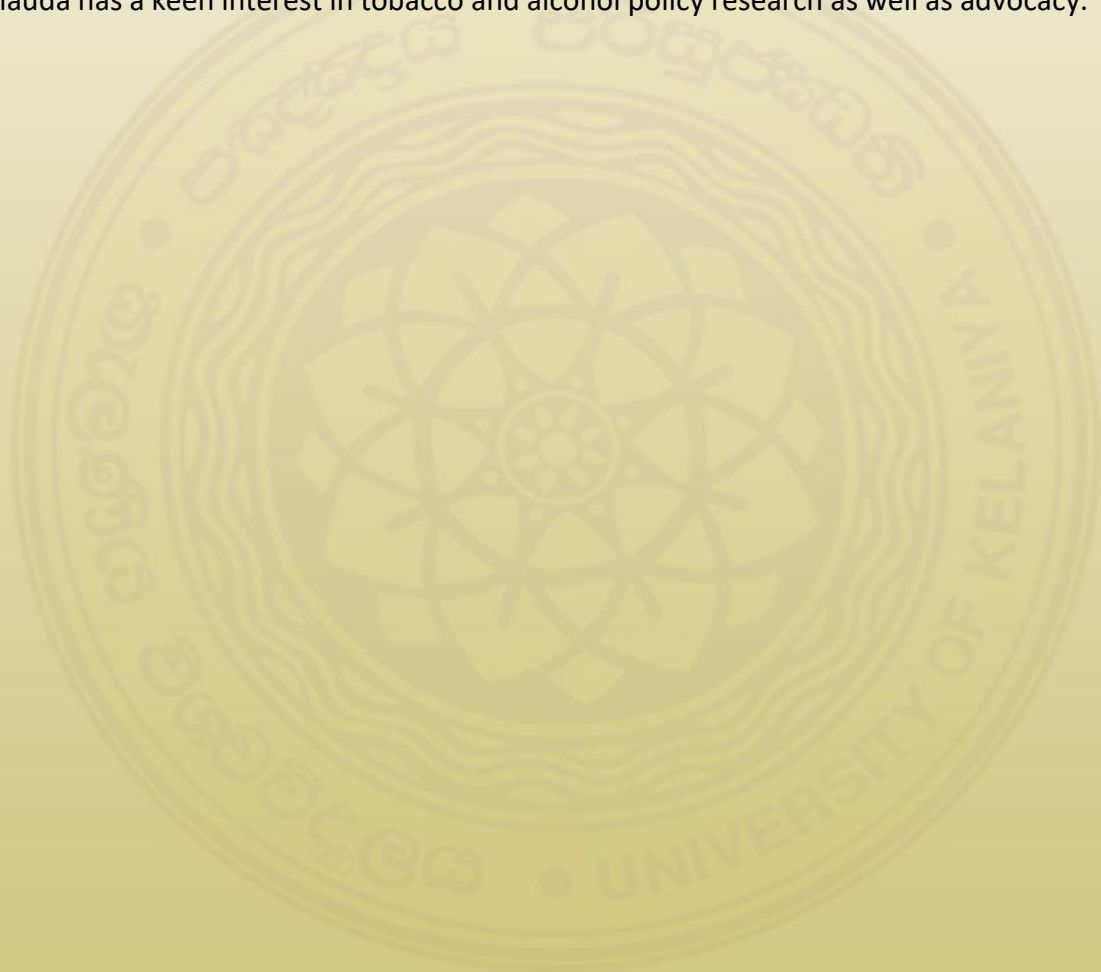
Prof. P.A.D.H. Nayana Gunahilaka is a Professor at the Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. His research interests include Parasitological and Molecular biological aspects of vector borne disease pathogens. He has over 190 publications under his name, including 60 full papers in indexed journals and 130 abstracts at national and international symposia and 3 book chapters. He has over 550 citations with a h- index of 14 and i-10 index of 22 in the Google Scholar. During the year of consideration, Prof. Gunathilaka had 06 full papers in peer-reviewed journals, 05 abstracts at scientific conferences, 21 Genbank submissions and 1 book chapter. During this period, he has reached over 150 google scholar citations, 2 Presidential awards for Scientific Publications, 10 Senate honors for Scientific publications published in the Science Citation Indexed journals in 2020/2021 and produced 2 Ph.D graduates as the supervisor. He received the University of Kelaniya Vice Chancellors Award 2020 for the Researcher with the Highest number of Publications in Indexed Journals in the Faculty of Medicine and the Outstanding Senior Researcher- 1st Place in the Faculty of Medicine in the year 2020. He has served as the Editorial member, Associate editor and reviewer in 5 international journals in 2021.

c. Merit Awards



Dr. (Ms.) A. A. L. K. Athauda
Department of Public Health

Dr. Lathika Athauda joined the Department of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine as a lecturer probationary in 2014 and completed her Master of Public Health in Epidemiology at the University of Kelaniya in 2016. Her PhD in Health Sciences was obtained in 2021 from the University of Auckland, New Zealand where she studied the influence of policy and marketing on alcohol use among adolescents in Sri Lanka. Dr. Athauda has a keen interest in tobacco and alcohol policy research as well as advocacy.



3.2.2. Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies



Ms. S. I. Wijenayake
Department of Marketing Management

Ms. Shanika Wijenayake, a Senior Lecturer attached to the Department of Marketing Management, has completed many outstanding publications in internationally recognized, indexed journals including Services Marketing Quarterly International Journal of Sports Marketing and Sponsorship and Management Science Letters. She has conducted collaborative and multi-disciplinary research with many international scholars where she has contributed with her expertise in quantitative data analysis; specifically, in Structural Equation Modeling. Wijenayake has won many awards for her outstanding research publications including the senate awards from the university. She has been recognized as a best reviewer several times for her contribution to the academia and she serves as a reviewer to the esteemed journals such as Asia Pacific Journal of Marketing and Logistics, Management Research Review and Journal of Islamic Accounting and Business Research.

3.2.3. Faculty of Science

a. First Place



Dr. (Ms.) R. P. Wanigatunge
Department of Plant and Molecular Biology

Dr. Rasika Wanigatunge obtained her BSc (Special) Degree in Botany from the University of Ruhuna in 2005. After obtaining her Ph.D. from the University of Colombo, she joined to the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya as a Senior Lecturer in 2017. She has published 12 research papers in peer-reviewed, international and local journals, two book chapters and over 40 abstracts in international and national scientific sessions. She has received Senate Awards and Cash Prizes for scientific publications in the year 2021. Further, she received Sri Lanka-China collaborative research grant awarded by the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka and Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development -Development Oriented Research (AHED-DOR) grant. She served as the secretary of the Section for Agriculture and Forestry of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science, Sri Lanka in 2021.

b. Second Place



Dr. (Ms.) D. A. D. A. Daranagama
Department of Plant and Molecular Biology

Dr. Daranagama obtained her first degree, BSc. honours degree in Botany with a first class from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. Subsequently she joined the Mycology and bioinformatics group at Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand, in collaboration with Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China. There she obtained her Ph.D. degree in Bioinformatics. She joined the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya in 2017, and currently working as a senior Lecturer G II at the same department. Her research interests lie in the fields of Mycology and Bioinformatics. She is engaging in several research projects related to plant and seed pathology. She won the Vice-Chancellor's award for the Top Ten researchers in years 2020 and 2021. She has authored more than fifty (50) peer-reviewed journal articles in SCI journals with an H-index of 22.

c. Merit Awards



Mr. T. D. Kodituwakku
Department of Plant and Molecular Biology

Mr. Thenuka Kodituwakku obtained his B.Sc. (Honours) Degree in Botany from the University of Kelaniya in 2019. He served as a teaching assistant and a temporary lecturer attached to the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya from 2019-2021. Currently, he is serving as a Probationary Lecturer at the same department since March 2021. His research interests are in the fields of Horticulture, Postharvest Biology and Technology. He also received Senate Honours and Cash Prizes for publishing papers in journals indexed in Science Citation Index and Scopus in 2020 and 2021.

3.3. The Outstanding Senior Researchers

3.3.1. Faculty of Medicine

a. First Place



Prof. D. S. G. Mettananda
Department of Paediatrics

Professor Sachith Mettananda graduated MBBS from University of Colombo in 2004 with First Class Honours, nine distinctions and the Sir Andrew Caldecott Gold Medal for the best performance in final MBBS. He qualified MD Paediatrics from University of Colombo and was Board Certified as a Specialist in Paediatrics in 2013. In 2012, he won the Commonwealth Scholarship UK to read for a DPhil in Clinical Laboratory Sciences at the University of Oxford which he completed in 2015. In 2020, he was elected as a Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health and Royal College of Physicians Edinburgh in the UK. Professor Mettananda joined the University of Kelaniya in 2006 as a Lecturer (Probationary) and was promoted to the post of Professor in 2019. Currently he is the Professor of Paediatrics and the Head of the Department of Paediatrics of University of Kelaniya. In 2021, he authored 14 scientific publications in peer-reviewed indexed journals that include *Lancet Global Health* (IF-26.7), *Free Radical Biology & Medicine* (IF-7.3), *Orphanet Journal of Rare Diseases* (IF- 4.1), *BMC Endocrine Disorders* (IF-2.7), *Acta Hematologica* (IF- 2.1) and *BMC Pediatrics* (IF-2.1). Additionally, he authored the textbook titled *A Guide to Paediatric Red Blood Cell Disorders*. He has an h-index of 17 and is currently an editorial board member of BMC Pediatrics, Ceylon Medical Journal and Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health.

b. Second Place



Dr. E. P. D. S. Ediriweera
Health Data Science Unit

Dr Dileepa Ediriweera is a Senior Lecturer (Grade II) and the Head of the Health Data Science Unit, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. He was awarded the Vice Chancellor's Awards for "The researcher with the highest number of publications in the indexed journals in the Faculty of Medicine", "The outstanding senior researcher in the Faculty of Medicine 2nd place", and "Vice- Chancellor's awards for bringing honour to the university by winning prestigious national or international award" for the year 2021.

Dileepa graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Medical Informatics, Master of Science degree in Biostatistics, a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Informatics and a Diploma in Computer System Designing.

Dileepa won the Commonwealth Split-site PhD Scholarship to continue his PhD research at Lancaster University, United Kingdom. His PhD research involves evaluating the spatiotemporal dynamics and the effects of global climate change on neglected tropical diseases and through this, he developed snakebite and soil-transmitted helminths risk maps for Sri Lanka. His PhD research on snakebite has been awarded three President's Awards for Scientific Publications, and his work on soil-transmitted helminths contributed to changing the national deworming guidelines in Sri Lanka and was recognized as a highly commended article at the Taylor & Francis Commonwealth Scholar Best Journal Article Prize 2020.

Dileepa has co-authored more than 50 scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals. In recognition of his contribution to research, he has been awarded four President's Awards for Scientific Publications, Sir Nicholas Attygalle Award, S Ramachandran Award, Dr E. M. Wijerama award, Dr S. E. Seneviratna award, Wilson Peiris Prize and Kumaradasa Rajasuriya award by the Sri Lanka Medical Association, Dr Henry Rajaratnam award by the Ceylon College of Physician, best overall oral paper award and A.E. Senevirathne award by the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka, Best oral presentation award by the Sri Lanka College of Internal Medicine and best research paper prize by the College of Pathologists of Sri Lanka, Senate honours for carrying out high-quality research and many Vice-Chancellor's Awards for bringing honour to the university by winning prestigious national or international awards by the University of Kelaniya. Dileepa was the "Outstanding Early Career Researcher in the Faculty of Medicine" in 2020.

c. Merit Awards



Prof. H.T.C.S. Abeysena
Department of Public Health

Prof. Chrishantha Abeysena is a Senior Professor in Community Medicine, in the Department of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. He served in the Ministry of Health for 4 years till he joined the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya in January 1997.

He obtained MBBS from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo in 1992 and completed MSc in Community Medicine in 1995, MD in community Medicine in 2000 from the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM) and Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Statistics from the Faculty of Science, University of Sri Jayawardenepura in 2000. He completed his post MD training at the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine in the Monash University, Australia. He was Board certified as a specialist in Community Medicine in 2003. He obtained his MA in International Relations, from the University of Colombo in 1998. He also obtained MA in Buddhist Studies from the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, in 1994, He also obtained BA in Christian Studies from the Pontifical Urbaniana University in 2003. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Public Health and fellow of College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka.

Professor Abeysena was the President of the College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka in 2016/2017. He is the coordinator of the South Asian Cochrane Network, and pioneered the practice of promoting evidence based medicine in Sri Lanka. He is also a member of the International Guidelines Network. He had been awarded the Outstanding Senior Researcher of the Faculty of Medicine in 2018, 2019 and 2020 as well.



Prof. U. K. Ranawaka
Department of Medicine

Professor Udaya Ranawaka is Professor in Neurology at the University of Kelaniya, and Honorary Consultant Neurologist and Head of the Stroke Unit at the Colombo North Teaching Hospital, Ragama. He is a Fellow of the Ceylon College of Physicians, Royal College of Physicians of London, American Stroke Association and the American Academy of Neurology.

He is a Past President of the Ceylon College of Physicians, Association of Sri Lankan Neurologists and the National Stroke Association of Sri Lanka. He is the Administrator of the Sri Lanka Clinical Trials Registry and is a Member of the Advisory Group of the International Clinical Trials Registry Platform, World Health Organisation.

His main research interests include stroke, CNS infections, tropical neurology and clinical trial registration. He has been a National Coordinator/Principal Investigator in several international clinical trials and research collaborations on stroke. He has won over 30 national and international research awards.

He has delivered eight named orations and over 100 invited lectures at national and international scientific meetings. He has several book chapters, over 80 journal publications and over 90 research abstracts to his credit.



Prof. (Ms.) K. C. D. Mettananda
Department of Pharmacology

Professor Chamila Mettananda graduated MBBS from University of Peradeniya with 8 distinctions and the University Gold Medal for the best performance in Final MBBS in 2004. She obtained MD Medicine in 2010, MRCP(UK) in 2013 and PhD in 2017. She was trained in Acute General Medicine at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, UK and Stroke research at the Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Oxford. She is a board-certified specialist in General Medicine and is currently a Professor in the Department of Pharmacology, University of Kelaniya. She has numerous publications with over 1200 citations from her research on stroke and cardiovascular epidemiology. She was elected as a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh in 2019, and of the American College of Physicians in 2020. She was the joint- Secretary of the Sri Lankan Society of Internal Medicine in 2018. She is currently the Secretary of the Speciality Board in Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics at the PGIM, Secretary of the Sri Lankan Association of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics and joint-Secretary of the Ceylon College of Physicians.



Dr. (Ms.) A. Hapangama
Department of Psychiatry

3.3.2. Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

a. *First Place*



Dr. (Ms.) M. P. N. Janadari
Department of Human Resource Management

Dr. M P N Janadari, Senior Lectuere (Grade 1), attached to the Department of Human Resource Management one of the contributory academics in Sri Lanka who has done many researches in the disciplines of Management, Human Resource Management, Economics and Organizational Behavior. Dr. Janadari is currently serving as the Head of the Department of Human Resource Management of Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies and the Deputy Director Centre for Distance and Continuing Education, University of Kelaniya. She obtained her Ph.D from the University Utara, Malaysia and her Masters of Science in Management from the University of Sri Jayawardhanapura, and her Bachelor's degree in the field of Human Resource Management from the University of Kelaniya Sri Lanka. She is also one of the members of Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri Lanka.

Dr. Janadari's teaching and research experience in the disciplins of Human Resource Management, Organizational Behavior, Economics, and Management spans over 20 years and she has published several reseach papers in national and international indexed journals. Contributing herself as a Chair for many national and International Conferences and Summits and and an indispensable key note speaker making herself as an extraordinary value creator.

Concerning national development, undoubtedly she is an exemplar to the external society and to the nation. Thus, she always strives to demonstrate academic professionalism and integrity by living on the values. Accordingly, she always tries to help the nation in every possible way by providing her ideas, advice, consultations, and expertise extend to both international and national stems. Hence, in wrapping up, she is an academic who likes to prioritize academic excellence to improve education standards that will benefit the university and the nation at large.

b. Second Place



Dr. A. M. I. Lakshan
Department of Accountancy

Dr. A.M.I. Lakshan is a senior lecturer (Grade I) attached to the Department of Accountancy, University of Kelaniya. He has graduated with a Bachelor of Business Management (Accountancy) Special Degree from University of Kelaniya in 2002. In 2002 he joined the academic staff of the department of Accountancy as a temporary assistant lecturer and entered into the permanent carder in 2004. In 2007, he successfully completed his Master of Business Administration degree from the Postgraduate Institute of Management, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. And subsequently in 2018 he obtained his Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Waikato, New Zealand.

Over the years, he served as the Coordinator – Master of Accounting and Finance, University of Kelaniya and Senior Students' Counsellor – Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies. During 2017 and 2018, he served as an academic staff member in Centre for Business, Information Technology & Enterprise at Waikato Institute of Technology, New Zealand. He has several publications in refereed journals. Currently, he is serving as the Coordinator of the Master of Business Administration Programme of the University of Kelaniya and Associate Editor of International Journal of Accountancy.

3.3.3. Faculty of Science

a. First Place



Prof.(Ms.) B.T. S. D.P. Kannangara
Department of Plant and Molecular Biology

Prof. B T S D P Kannangara is attached to the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya. Professor Kannangara was appointed as a probationary lecturer at the same Department in 1994. She conducted her post graduate research on soil microbial ecology under the supervision of Prof. Dennis Parkinson and earned her PhD in 2002. Her PhD work was part of a project between University of Calgary, Canada and the University of Kelaniya. This was the first systematic study on the identification and characterizations of litter degradation microbiota in the montane forest ecosystems in Sri Lanka. Her current research interests and publications are in the fields of Soil Biology, Bio remediation, Biotechnology and Applied Mycology. At present, she is conducting research in formulating organic fertilizer and fungal bio control agents for sustainable agriculture. Prof. Kannangara has contributed for the Department development of research by securing research grants from NSF, NRC, HETC and Ministry of Higher Education (multidisciplinary, multi-grantee project - SLR 12.6 million). Prof. Kannangara has supervised 10 post graduate (PhD and Mphil) students. She has published her research findings widely in indexed journals (47 full papers up to date) and presented her research nationally and internationally covering a broad range of topics including litter decomposition and forest soil nutrient dynamics, fungi (especially *Trichoderma* spp.) as bio control agents of pests, use of microorganisms in remediating environment pollutants (especially aromatic hydrocarbons) and formulation of organic fertilizer. She has won a president's award for scientific publications in international scientific journals cited in the science citation index in 2009 and a VC award for the same in 2014. Apart from that she has obtained many senate awards for national and international publications in indexed journals. Prof. Kannangara received two SUSRED awards for the year 2017 in recognition of the supervision of two PhD Degrees. Prof. Kannangara has rendered her service to the centre for Gender Studies, University of Kelaniya as the Director during the period from 10.09.2014 to 10.09.2017. She has served as the Head of the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya from November 2018 to November 2021. Once (25.11. 2019 – 29.11.2019) Prof. Kannangara rendered her service as the acting Dean to the Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. She has served at Environment Committee of SLAAS as the secretary for the years 2009 and 2010 and as the chair-person in the year 2012. During the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 Prof. Kannangara served as one of the secretaries to the Alumni Association of Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. During the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 she was the President of the same Association.

b. Second Place



Prof. (Ms.) W. M. D. N. Wijeyaratne
Department of Zoology and Environmental Management

Prof. W.M. Dimuthu N. Wijeyaratne of the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management obtained the BSc Special degree in Zoology in 2005 from the University of Kelaniya, with First Class Honours, winning the Gold Medal for the most outstanding student and Prof. H.H. Costa memorial Gold Medal for the best research project. She obtained her PhD in Environmental Conservation Sciences from North Dakota State University, USA in 2011.

Upon resuming duties in the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management as a Senior lecturer, she extended her research areas to wetland ecology, wetland management and water resources management. She was promoted as a Professor in 2019 on merit.

Prof. Wijeyaratne has secured research grants from the National Research Council, Sri Lanka and the International Foundation for Science, Sweden to conduct research in wetland ecology and environmental management.

She has published over 15 research publications in peer reviewed journals indexed in Science Citation Index, Scopus, Clarivate Analytics Web of Science, SCiMago Master and Elsevier and more than 45 abstracts in national and international conference proceedings. Prof. Wijeyaratne has more than 150 citations and has won the prestigious Presidential awards, Vice- Chancellors awards and Senate honours for conducting high quality research. In addition, she has served as a reviewer for several international indexed journals, and national and international research conferences.

She has served as a student counsellor and currently serves as the senior academic advisor of the Environmental Conservation and Management degree programme at the Faculty of Science.

She has contributed for curriculum development in several other national universities and served as a visiting academic as well.

She is a member of several professional associations and has served as the President of the Sri Lanka Association for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

c. Merit Awards



Prof. (Ms.) P. A. Paranagama
Department of Chemistry

Professor Priyani Ashoka Paranagama graduated from the University of Kelaniya in 1986 with an honors degree in Chemistry. She joined the University of Kelaniya in 1990 as an Assistant Lecturer and proceeded to Industrial and Technological Institute to obtain her M.Phil degree in Organic Chemistry in 1991. She obtained her Ph.D. from University of Glasgow in 1994 in the area of Bio Organic Chemistry. In 2003 she was promoted as a Professor and subsequently in 2011 as Senior Professor, and in 2012 to Chair of Chemistry. Currently she serves as the Director, Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo from 10th February 2018 to date. She served as the Dean, College of Chemical Sciences, and Institute of Chemistry Ceylon from June 2016 to October 2017. From 2009 to 2012 she served as the Head of the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya. She is a fellow of Institute of Chemistry, Ceylon and a Chartered Chemist (CChem), Royal Society of Chemistry. Her H index is 19 with 1927 Google scholar citations up to date. She is a member of several professional bodies in Sri Lanka. She is a member of the Executive Board of the Federation of Commonwealth Chemistry, she is a Fellow of IUPAC Fellow Program, she is an associate member of Organic & Biochemistry Division of IUPAC for the term 2022 – 2023. She is the Chairperson of the Formulary Committee of the Department of Ayurveda, Ministry of Health. She participated in the conference organized by The World Academy of Science (TWAS) on shaping careers in Science in 2016 to represent Sri Lanka. Moreover, she was awarded the Dr. C.L de Silva Gold medal for outstanding research in Chemical Sciences in 2015 and Prof M U S Sultanbawa gold medal for achievements in her research career in 2008. She is a recipient of several national and international research grants and awards. She has published over 60 research papers in indexed journals, written or edited 11 books / book chapters and published over 150 communications. She has successfully supervised over 21 postgraduate students and is currently supervising eight postgraduate students in many different areas of chemistry ranging from isolation and characterization of natural products, analysis of spices and essential oils, value addition of natural products and toxicity of trace metals. Her research interests are isolation and characterization of bioactive natural products from plants and endolichenic fungi, development of biopesticides, value addition of natural products. She is involved in teaching spectroscopic methods in Organic Chemistry, Natural Product Chemistry, Heterocyclic molecules, Applied Organic Chemistry and basic principles in Organic and Biochemistry.



Prof. N. A. K. P. J. Seneviratne
Department of Chemistry

Professor Kapila Seneviratne received his Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry from University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka in 1990. He graduated with a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Wayne State University, USA in 1997 and did his Postdoctoral studies in the Department of Chemistry, University of British Columbia, Canada. Prof. Seneviratne is also a Commonwealth Fellow at University of Leeds, UK and a Fulbright Fellow at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA. His research interests are chemical and nutritional properties of edible oils and bioavailability of phenolic antioxidants. He is the Chairman of the Research Council and the Chairman of the Ethics Review Committee of university of Kelaniya. Currently, he serves as a Senior Professor in the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya.



Prof. (Ms.) B. M. Jayawardena
Department of Chemistry

Prof. Bimali Jayawardena is currently serving as a Senior Professor at the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science.

Professor Jayawardena received BSc (Special) Degree in Chemistry from the University of Colombo and her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago, USA. Since joining the Department of Chemistry, she has been actively engaged in research related to food science and in developing environmentally friendly techniques to control plant pathogens. Her research publications have been cited many times. Professor Jayawardena has developed a novel nutraceutical for the management of diabetes and a patent has been filed for the innovation. The innovation also qualified for a patent corporation treaty (PCT) and if a PCT is accepted to her innovation this will be the first PCT secured by the University. She was awarded presidential awards for conducting research in Sri Lanka. She was also the recipient of the Vice chancellor award for securing the highest amount of external funding for research in 2016. Prof. Jayawardena has served as the head of the department of chemistry, and as the dean of the faculty of science, acting dean of the faculty of graduate studies, and acting vice chancellor of the university.



Prof. L. B. D. R. P. Wijesundera
Department of Physics and Electronics



Prof. M. M. M. Najim
Department of Zoology & Environmental Management

Prof. M.M.M. Najim is a Professor in the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management, University of Kelaniya. He obtained his B.Sc. Honors degree in Agriculture from the University of Peradeniya in 1994. He earned his M.Eng. in Irrigation Engineering and Management in 2000 from the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand and earned his Ph.D. in Water Resources Engineering in 2004 from University Putra Malaysia.

His research interests are mainly in the area of Environmental Impacts of Water Resources Management. He was awarded with many prestigious awards for research and popularization of science. He has published 59 full research papers out of which many are published in reputed journals that are indexed by reputed indexing systems and authored 7 book chapters in relation to different themes in water resources management.

He served as the Vice Chancellor of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka from 2015 to

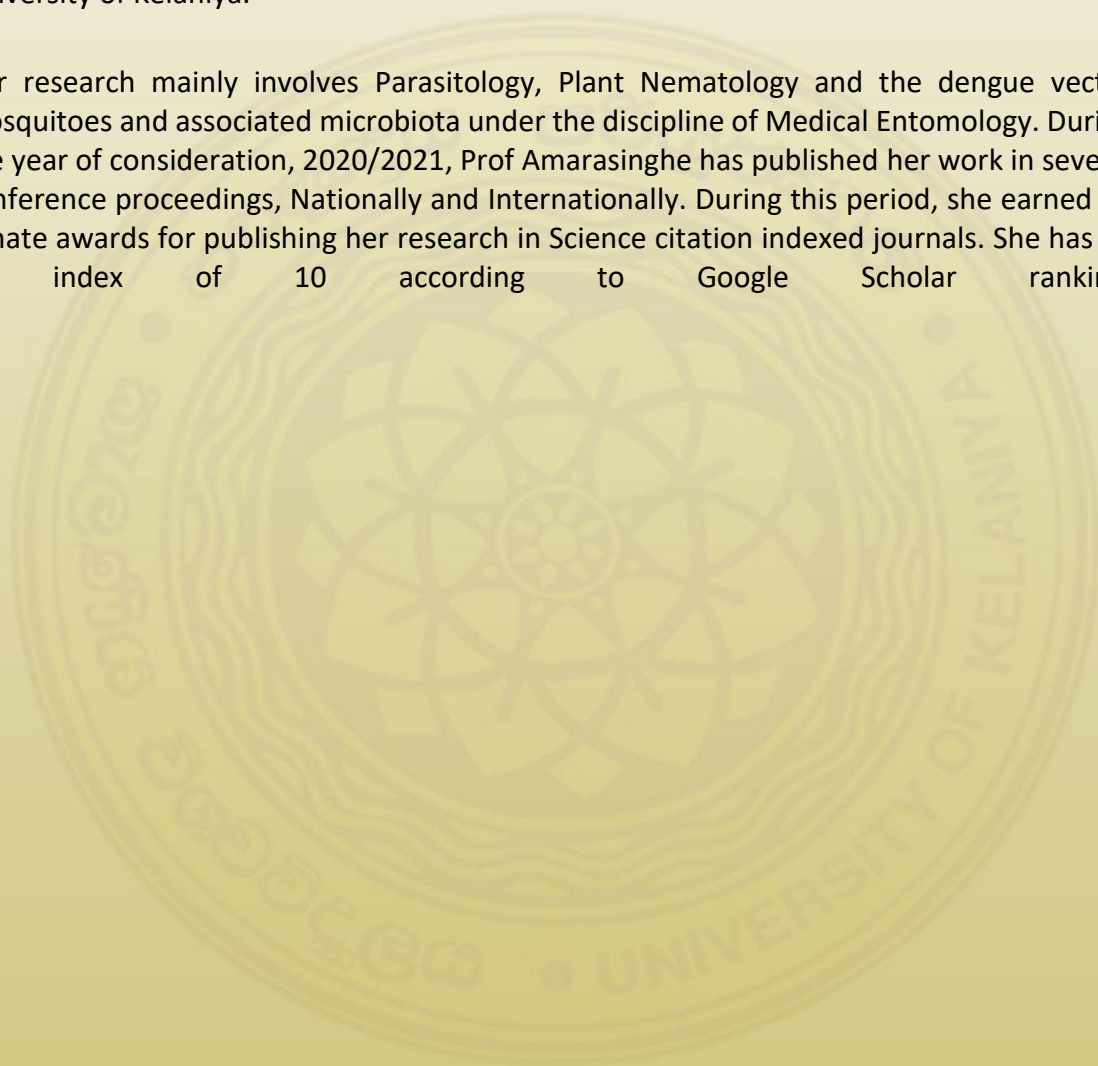
2021. According to Google scholar rankings his H-index is 9. Currently, he serves as a Senior Professor in the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management, University of Kelaniya.



Prof. (Ms.) L. D. Amarasinghe
Department of Zoology & Environmental Management

Professor Deepika Amarasinghe earned her BSc (Special) Degree in Zoology from the University of Kelaniya in 1986 and earned her PhD from the University of London, Imperial College in 1993. She is a Fellow Biologist of the Institute of Biology, Sri Lanka. Currently she serves as a Professor in the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management, University of Kelaniya.

Her research mainly involves Parasitology, Plant Nematology and the dengue vector mosquitoes and associated microbiota under the discipline of Medical Entomology. During the year of consideration, 2020/2021, Prof Amarasinghe has published her work in several conference proceedings, Nationally and Internationally. During this period, she earned 11 senate awards for publishing her research in Science citation indexed journals. She has an H index of 10 according to Google Scholar ranking.





Prof. G.A.S.M Ganeshiarachchi

Department of Zoology and Environmental Management

Professor G.A.S.M Ganeshiarachchi is a Professor in the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management, University of Kelaniya. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Zoology in 1991 and MPhil degree in Entomology in 1997 from the University of Kelaniya in 1991. In 2009, he earned his Ph.D in Entomology from North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota USA. For his outstanding findings during his PhD research, he was credited with the Frank Bain Scholarship for outstanding Ph.D. Student, Department of Entomology, North Dakota State University, USA in 2009. Professor Ganeshiarachchi's research and research interests include the Oviposition behaviour of medically important mosquitoes, insect plant interactions, insect biology and insect behavior. His keen interest in the respective areas are demonstrated by his numerous publications indexed in Science Citation Index, Scopus, Clarivate Analytics Web of Science, SCiMago Master and Elsevier. In addition, he has more than 35 abstracts in national and international conference proceedings. Furthermore, Professor Ganeshiarachchi has been the recipient of several research grants including the GFATM PROJECT ROUND 8 PHASE 1 as well as the National Science Foundation Grant. In recognition of his dedication and efforts in his field of study, he has received awards both in Sri Lanka and internationally. He was awarded the NRC Merit Award for Scientific Publications in both 2011 and University Senate honours for conducting high quality research in several occasions. Currently he is serving as a principal supervisor for two PhD students and one MPhil student in the University of Kelaniya. In addition to his research endeavors, Professor Ganeshiarachchi has authored several books for university entrance exam. He has served as a visiting lecturer at several institutions and universities in Sri Lanka, including Rajarata University. He is a life member of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS), Sri Lanka Association for the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (SLAFAR) and Member of Institute of Biology in Sri Lanka. He served as a joint secretary in SLAFAR for three consecutive years and one year for SLAAS section D. At present he is serving his second term as the Head of the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management, University of Kelaniya.



Prof. (Ms.) N. Jayathilaka
Department of Chemistry

Prof. Nimanthi Jayathilaka earned her B.Sc. (Honors) degree in Cell and Molecular Biology from University of Wisconsin, Superior, U.S.A in 2003 and earned her Ph. D. degree from the University of Southern California, U.S.A in Genetics, Molecular and Cell Biology in 2011. In December 2012, she joined University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka as a senior lecturer in Chemistry and was promoted to the position of Professor in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry in 2016. Currently, she is investigating early molecular markers of disease severity in dengue, as well as the absorption of phenolic antioxidants by coconut oil in cellular and animal model systems.

During 2020-2021, Prof. Jayathilaka published three full papers including two research articles published in journals indexed in Science Citation Index. She has an H Index of 11 with 1105 citations according to Google Scholar rankings. Her work has been cited over 100 times in 2020-2021. During 2020-2021, she was awarded the rights to three local patents for her work related to early prognosis of severe dengue.



Prof. (Ms.) D. S. M. de Silva
Department of Chemistry

Prof. D.S.M. De Silva, BSc (Kelaniya), earned her PhD in Engineering Materials from the University of Sheffield, UK. She has been serving in the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya since 1996. Her current research focuses on development of photovoltaic materials & devices for solar energy applications, manufacture of biochar for water purification and analysis of microplastics in water & sediments.



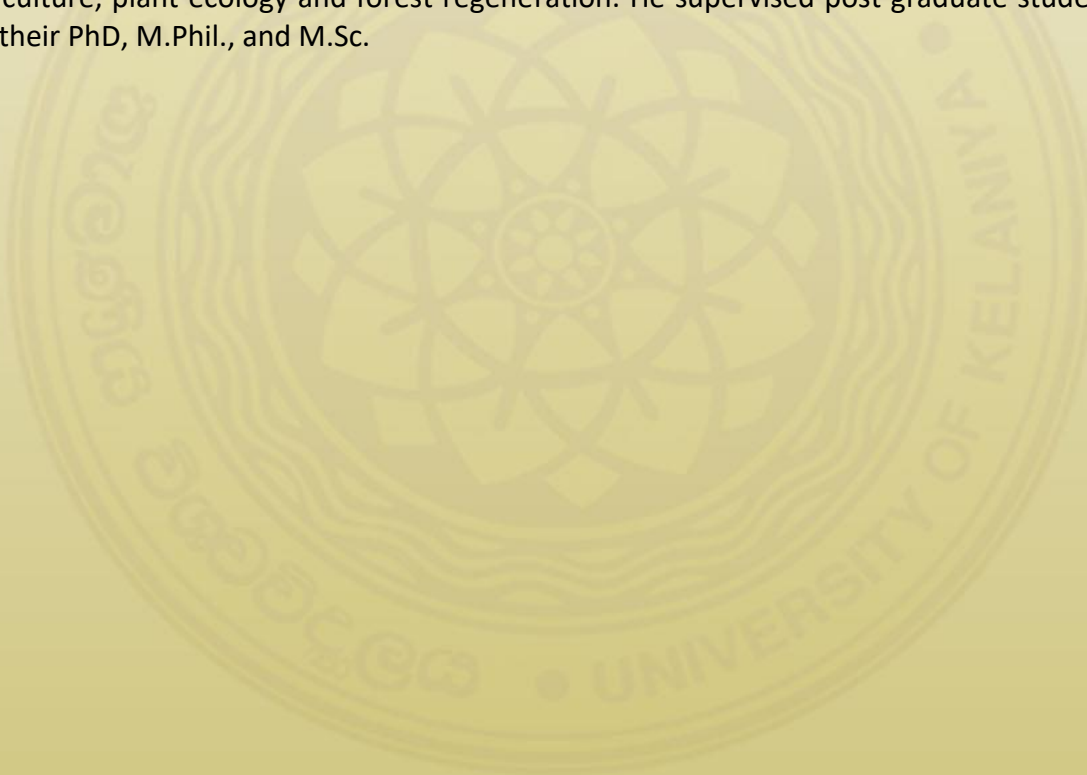
Prof. (Ms.) P. A. S. R. Wickramarachchi
Department of Chemistry

Prof. P. A. S. R. Wickramarachchi is a Professor in the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya. She obtained her B.Sc. (Chemistry) Honors degree from the University of Kelaniya. She earned her PhD in 2006 from the Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield, UK. Her PhD was on vibrational spectroscopic studies of long chain alkanes. For her outstanding findings during her PhD research she was declared as the winner of the Jeremy J Laskowski Prize for Excellence in PhD Research in 2006 by the Sheffield Hallam University. She has served as a Visiting Academic at the Lincoln University, New Zealand. Her expertise is in Organic Spectroscopy and Natural Products. She has authored two text books titled Structure Elucidation of Organic Compounds Using Spectroscopy: A work book with Problems and Answers and Fundamentals of Heterocyclic Synthesis for university students. Her research interests include synthesis, applications and toxic potential of silver nanoparticles, isolation/identification of novel bioactive compounds from endolichenic fungi and development of controlled release formulations to prolong the bioavailability of bioactive compounds. In recognition of her research work she was awarded the SUSRED Award (Support Scheme for Supervision of Research Degrees) in 2016 by the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka. She was among the top 500 scholars of the University of Kelaniya during the period 2014-2019. According to Google scholar rankings her H-index is 7.



Prof. R. M. C. S. Ratnayake
Department of Plant and Molecular Biology

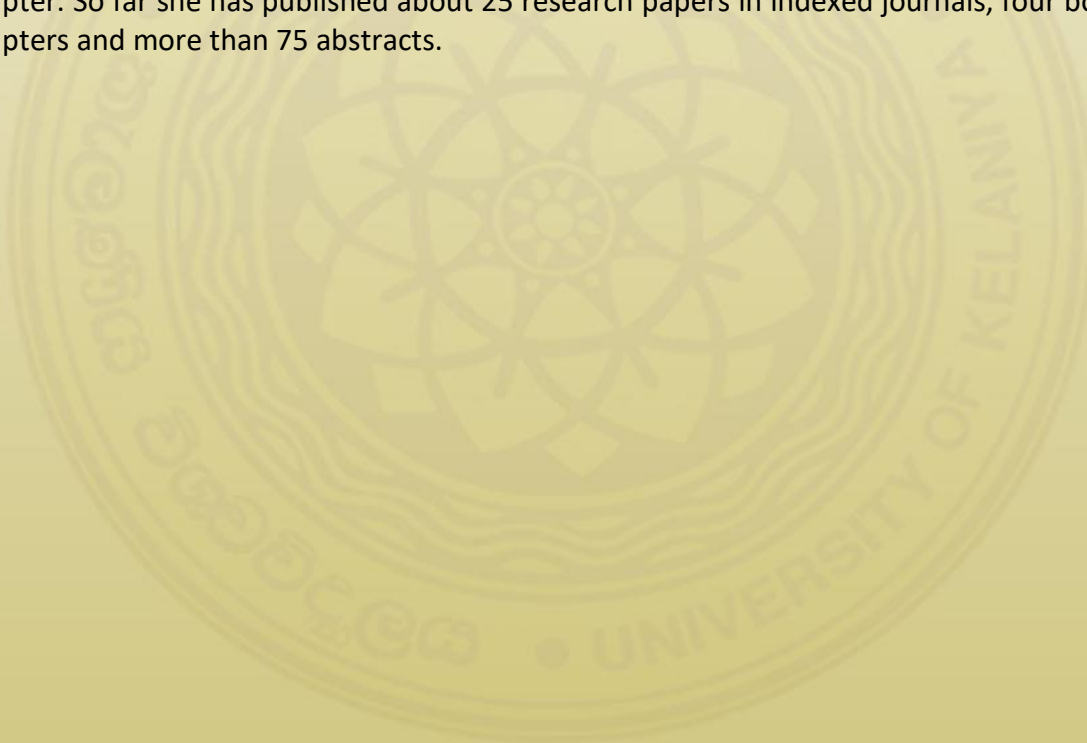
Professor R. M. C. S. Ratnayake obtained his BSc (special) degree in Botany from University of Peradeniya and M. Phil from Post Graduate Institute of Science, Peradeniya. He received his PhD from the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong with Scholarship from Hong Kong SAR. He joined the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya in 1995 as lecturer. In his research carrier, he was able to secure funding from National Science Foundation (NSF) Sri Lanka, Nagoa foundation, Japan, Biodiversity secretariate, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Higher education. University research grants and AHEAD grants. He published full papers published in peer reviewed indexed journals, several abstracts and one textbook. His research areas are diverse including, Plant reproductive Biology, pollinators and pollination ecology, Plant phenology, Alien invasive plants, Organic agriculture, plant ecology and forest regeneration. He supervised post graduate students for their PhD, M.Phil., and M.Sc.





Prof.(Ms.) K. P. R. N. Attanayake
Department of Plant and Molecular Biology

Prof. Renuka Attanayake obtained her BSc (special) degree in Botany (Department of Plant and Molecular Biology) from University of Kelaniya. After obtaining her MSc and the PhD from Washington State University, WA, USA she joined the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya in 2013 as a senior lecturer. In 2014, American Phytopathological Society (APS) awarded her JANE award for returning scientists to start her research carrier in a developing country. Since then she was able to secure funding from National Science Foundation (NSF) Sri Lanka, National Research Council (NRC), Ministry of Science Technology and Research, The World Academy of Science (TWAS), International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), Italy and from TRANSFORM-2018, UK for her research. She is a recipient of several awards including travel awards from APS, USA and SUSRED in 2021 from NSF, Sri Lanka. In the year 2021, she published seven full papers published in peer reviewed indexed journals, seven abstracts and one book chapter. So far she has published about 25 research papers in indexed journals, four book chapters and more than 75 abstracts.





Prof. (Ms.) C. S. K. Rajapakse
Department of Chemistry

Prof. C. S. K. Rajapakse is a Professor attached to the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. She graduated with BSc (Honours) in Chemistry in 2003 from the University of Peradeniya and obtained her PhD in 2010 from the City University of New York, USA.

Her research interests are the exploration of novel bioactive compounds from natural sources and novel sorbents from low-cost materials for water treatment. She has authored 19 peer reviewed research papers, two text books and presented more than 40 abstracts at national and international conferences. Her publications have been cited by more than 630 times by other researchers and has the h-index of 7.



Dr. M. P. Deeyamulla
Department of Chemistry

Dr. M. P. Deeyamulla obtained his B.Sc. in Chemistry from the University of Kelaniya with a First Class. He received his Ph.D. in Atmospheric Chemistry from the University of Cambridge and his specialization area is Atmospheric Chemistry. His research interests include Air pollution monitoring and remediation. He is a Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) UK.



Dr. (Ms.) I. V. N. Rathnayake
Department of Microbiology

Dr.(Mrs.) I.V.N. Rathnayake obtained her B.Sc. (Hons.) in Microbiology from the University of Kelaniya with a First Class Honours. She received her M.Sc. in Environmental Engineering from the National University of Singapore, and Ph.D. in Environmental Remediation and Public Health from the University of South Australia.

Her research interests include environmental risk assessment, bioremediation, aeromicrobiology and microbial technology.

During the course of the year 2021, she has co-authored 5 full papers published in peer reviewed scientific journals, been a co- author for 06 international conference presentations, a book chapter and has 50 citations for her published work.



Dr. K. M. D. C. Jayathilaka
Department of Physics and Electronics

Dr. K.M.D.C. Jayathilaka is currently a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Physics and Electronics, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. His research findings have contributed to improve the efficiency of solar cells in a low cost manner as they can be used practically in a more efficient way. His current focus is on photovoltaic and gas sensing semiconductor thin films. His work so far has contributed to 30 publications in indexed and other prestigious international journals. In addition, he has published several research papers in peer reviewed international and local journals and presented his research findings at over 80 international and local conferences.



Ms. A. M. C. H. Attanayake
Department of Statistics & Computer Science

Mrs. A.M.C.H. Attanayake is a Senior Lecturer attached to the Department of Statistics & Computer Science, University of Kelaniya. She obtained her B.Sc.(Hons) in Statistics & Computer Science from the University of Kelaniya with a first class honors. She obtained her M.Sc. from University of Moratuwa. She is currently reading for her PhD. Her main research interest is mathematical and statistical modelling of infectious diseases. She has awarded in the best post-graduate research projects in 2016 organized by the Institute of Applied Statistics, Sri Lanka and awarded the first place in the most outstanding early career researcher in the faculty of science, University of Kelaniya in VC awards 2020. She won senate honours and monetary prizes several times for conducting high quality researches. She has more than 10 research publications in reputed journals. She has presented her work in abstract form in over 15 scientific conferences. She supervised more than 10 research theses of BSc (Hons) degree students. She serves as a reviewer in many national and international conferences. Further, Mrs. Attanayake has served as a resource person in several workshops. Currently she is an active member of Mathematical Modelling Research Group of Research & Development Centre for Mathematical Modeling, University of Colombo.



Dr. (Ms.) N. V. Chandrasekara
Department of Statistics & Computer Science

Dr. Vasana Chandrasekara is a Senior Lecture in the Department of Statistics & Computer Science, at the Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. She graduated from the Faculty of Science, University of Colombo in 2009 with a B.Sc. (Hons.) special degree in Statistics with Computer Science. Further she obtained a B.Sc. (Hons.) in Computer Science from British Computer Society in 2009 and holds MBCS. She completed Master of Financial Economics from the University of Colombo in 2011. She pursued her doctoral degree with one supervisor from Department of Statistics, University of Colombo and another supervisor from Federation University Australia. She had a chance to work with the foreign supervisor in Australia for some time period and finally she obtained the Ph.D. from the University of Colombo in the year 2018.

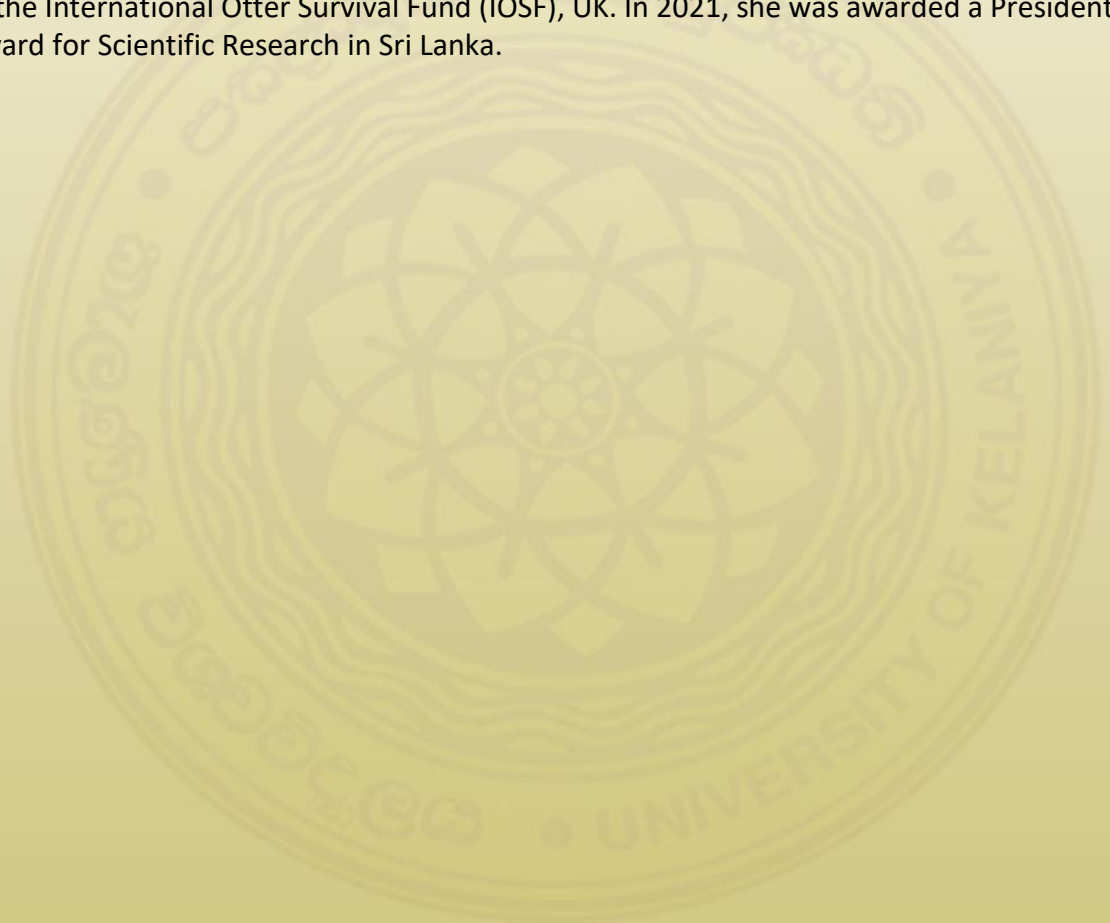
Her research interests include data mining in the field of data science, time series analysis, econometrics and statistical modelling. She has published around 65 research articles including abstracts, extended abstracts and full papers at national and international level conference proceedings and in national and international journals with a H index of 4 and 7.91 score in ResearchGate. She has published 35 abstracts and 34 full papers in conference proceedings and peer-reviewed indexed journals including science citation index expanded, clarivate analytics, scopus, etc.

She has won several awards including SLAAS GRC Postgraduate Research Award 2018 Section E1 (Merit) awarded by the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science, Vice Chancellors award for outstanding early carrier researcher of the Faculty of Science 2nd place in 2019 and Senate Honours for conducting high quality research in the years 2016, 2017 (twice), 2019 (twice), 2020 and 2021 by the University of Kelaniya. She served as a scientific reviewer and co-chaired several national and international research conferences and journals.



Dr. (Ms.) K. H. W. L. de Silva
Department of Plant and Molecular Biology

Dr. K.H.W.L. de Silva is a Senior lecturer, at the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, Faculty of Science. She holds a B.Sc. (Hons) degree in Botany from the University of Kelaniya and MPhil in Botany from the same University. Then she earned her Ph.D. in Hydrobiology from the Institute of Hydrobiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China. In 2021, she joined the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya as a senior lecturer. She worked as an Assistant Editor at the Institute of Biology, Sri Lanka from 2013 to 2015. Currently, she is a member of the Ethics Review Committee of the Medical Research Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka and a member of the Asian Otter network of the International Otter Survival Fund (IOSF), UK. In 2021, she was awarded a President's Award for Scientific Research in Sri Lanka.



3.3.4. Library



Dr. C.C. Jayasundara

Dr. C.C. Jayasundara obtained his bachelor's degree in Statistics with first-class honours from the University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka, MSc in Information Management from the University of Sheffield, the U.K., in 2003 and Doctor of Literature and Philosophy in Information Science from the University of South Africa in 2010. He has gained experience as a Deputy University Librarian of the University of Colombo and the University Librarian of the Fiji National University, and as the Librarian of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University. From 2007 to 2012, he worked as the Sri Lanka Country Coordinator of the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (I.N.A.S.P.) in the U.K. He has been functioning as a research article reviewer for a number of peer-reviewed journals published in the U.S.A., South Africa, Venezuela, India and Sri Lanka. In 2006, he worked as a consultant to the Maldives Law Library, at the request of the Maldivian government, and Project Leader of the SLIDA/SAREC library support programme in Sri Lanka.

He has also functioned as co-chairs of different international conferences, including the 6th International Conference on Academic Librarianship held in 2010, 7th International Conference on Contribution of the Academic Librarians towards a knowledge Society held in 2011, local organising committee co-chairship for the 3rd International Conference on Holistic Medicine, organised by University of Ballarat, Queensland University of technology and the University of Colombo in 2012. He was the Country Coordinator of Fiji for the Electronic Information for Libraries (E.I.F.L.) based in Europe until 2017 and was also a Certified Professional Member of the Australian Library & Information Association. He also acted as a visiting lecturer of the MPhil and PhD programmes of the University of Colombo and as a visiting lecturer at the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration. He has authored few books and has provided many research articles and write-ups for numerous scholarly publications.

Dr. Jayasundara is a member of the Board of Management at NILIS, University of Colombo. He also serves as a member of the Academic Committee of the same institute as a nominee of the Standing Committee of LIS of the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka (UGC).

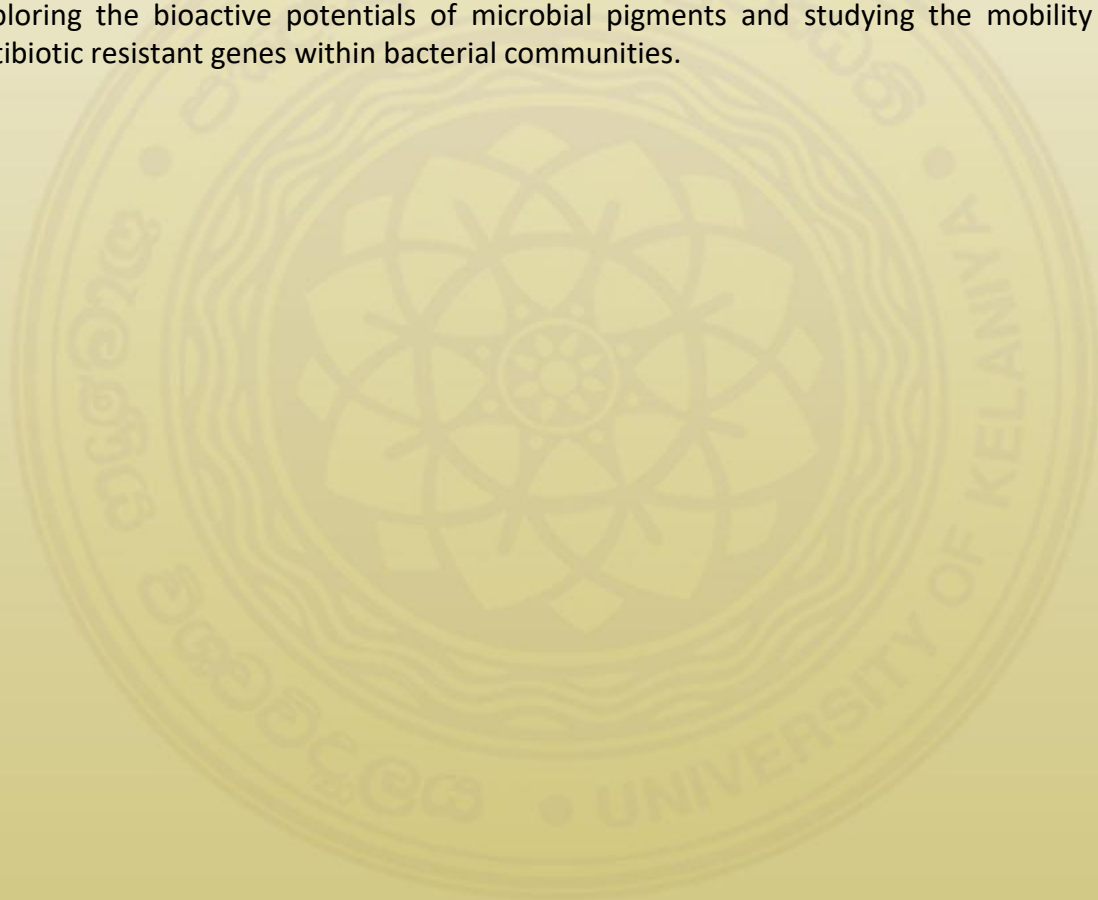
3.4. The Most Outstanding Recipient of External Research Grants

3.4.1. Faculty of Science



Dr. (Ms.) A. P. Halmillawewa
Department of Microbiology

Dr. Anupama P. Halmilawewa is a Senior Lecturer attached to the Department of Microbiology, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. She has obtained her Ph.D. in Molecular Microbiology from University of Calgary, Canada. Her research interests include studying the agriculturally important bacteria, use of biological control agents in agriculture, exploring the bioactive potentials of microbial pigments and studying the mobility of antibiotic resistant genes within bacterial communities.



3.4.2. Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology



Dr. T. R. Premathilake

Dr. Rathnasiri Premathilake graduated with a PhD in Quaternary Palaeoecology at the School of Geoscience, Stockholm University, Sweden, in 2003. Premathilake has held several postdoctoral positions and postdoctoral visiting research fellowships at the Queen's University, Belfast, UK, French Institute of Pondicherry and Sharma Centre for Heritage Education in India. Broadly, Premathilake involved research and education in Quaternary Science (past vegetation, climate and human activities) using radiocarbon-dated palynological and bio-silicate microfossils stratigraphy from palaeoecological and archaeological sites in South and Southeast Asia.



3.5. The Researcher with the Highest Number of Publications in indexed Journals

3.5.1. Faculty of Medicine



Dr. E. P. D. S. Ediriweera

Dr. Dileepa Ediriweera is a Senior Lecturer (Grade II) and the Head of the Health Data Science Unit, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. He was awarded the Vice Chancellor's Awards for "The researcher with the highest number of publications in the indexed journals in the Faculty of Medicine", "The outstanding senior researcher in the Faculty of Medicine 2nd place", and "Vice- Chancellor's awards for bringing honour to the university by winning prestigious national or international award" for the year 2021.

Dileepa graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Medical Informatics, Master of Science degree in Biostatistics, a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Informatics and a Diploma in Computer System Designing.

Dileepa won the Commonwealth Split-site PhD Scholarship to continue his PhD research at Lancaster University, United Kingdom. His PhD research involves evaluating the spatiotemporal dynamics and the effects of global climate change on neglected tropical diseases and through this, he developed snakebite and soil-transmitted helminths risk maps for Sri Lanka. His PhD research on snakebite has been awarded three President's Awards for Scientific Publications, and his work on soil-transmitted helminths contributed to changing the national deworming guidelines in Sri Lanka and was recognized as a highly commended article at the Taylor & Francis Commonwealth Scholar Best Journal Article Prize 2020.

Dileepa has co-authored more than 50 scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals. In recognition of his contribution to research, he has been awarded four President's Awards for Scientific Publications, Sir Nicholas Attygalle Award, S Ramachandran Award, Dr E. M. Wijerama award, Dr S. E. Seneviratna award, Wilson Peiris Prize and Kumaradasa Rajasuriya award by the Sri Lanka Medical Association, Dr Henry Rajaratnam award by the Ceylon College of Physician, best overall oral paper award and A.E. Senevirathne award by the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka, Best oral presentation award by the Sri Lanka College of Internal Medicine and best research paper prize by the College of Pathologists of Sri Lanka, Senate honours for carrying out high-quality research and many Vice-Chancellor's Awards for bringing honour to the university by winning prestigious national or international awards by the University of Kelaniya. Dileepa was the "Outstanding Early Career Researcher in the Faculty of Medicine" in 2020.

3.5.2. Faculty of Science



Prof. (Ms.) L. D. Amarasinghe
Department of Zoology & Environmental
Management

Professor Deepika Amarasinghe earned her BSc (Special) Degree in Zoology from the University of Kelaniya in 1986 and earned her PhD from the University of London, Imperial College in 1993. She is a Fellow Biologist of the Institute of Biology, Sri Lanka. Currently she serves as a Professor in the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management, University of Kelaniya.

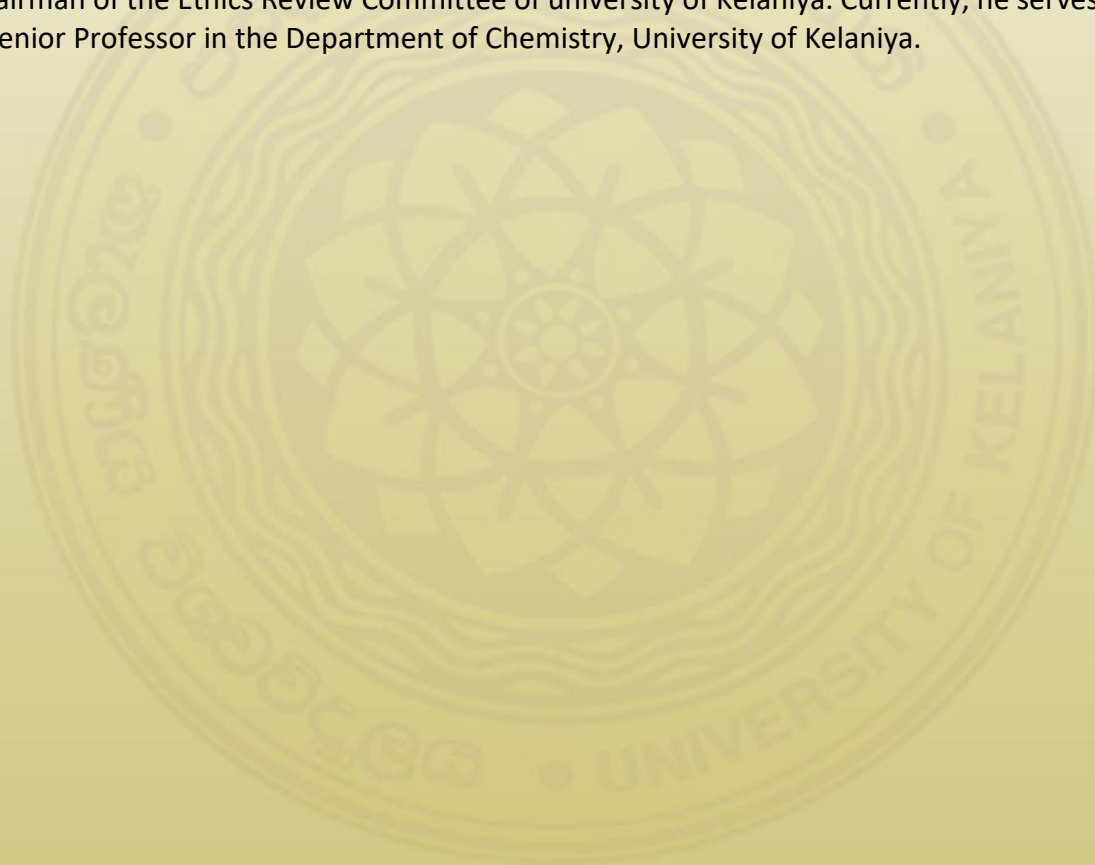
Her research mainly involves Parasitology, Plant Nematology and the dengue vector mosquitoes and associated microbiota under the discipline of Medical Entomology. During the year of consideration, 2020/2021, Prof Amarasinghe has published her work in several conference proceedings, Nationally and Internationally. During this period, she earned 11 senate awards for publishing her research in Science citation indexed journals. She has an H index of 10 according to Google Scholar ranking.

3.6. The Researcher with the Most Publications from University (Internal) Research Grants in the University



Prof. N. A. K. P. J. Seneviratne
Department of Chemistry

Professor Kapila Seneviratne received his Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry from University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka in 1990. He graduated with a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Wayne State University, USA in 1997 and did his Postdoctoral studies in the Department of Chemistry, University of British Columbia, Canada. Prof. Seneviratne is also a Commonwealth Fellow at University of Leeds, UK and a Fulbright Fellow at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA. His research interests are chemical and nutritional properties of edible oils and bioavailability of phenolic antioxidants. He is the Chairman of the Research Council and the Chairman of the Ethics Review Committee of university of Kelaniya. Currently, he serves as a Senior Professor in the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya.

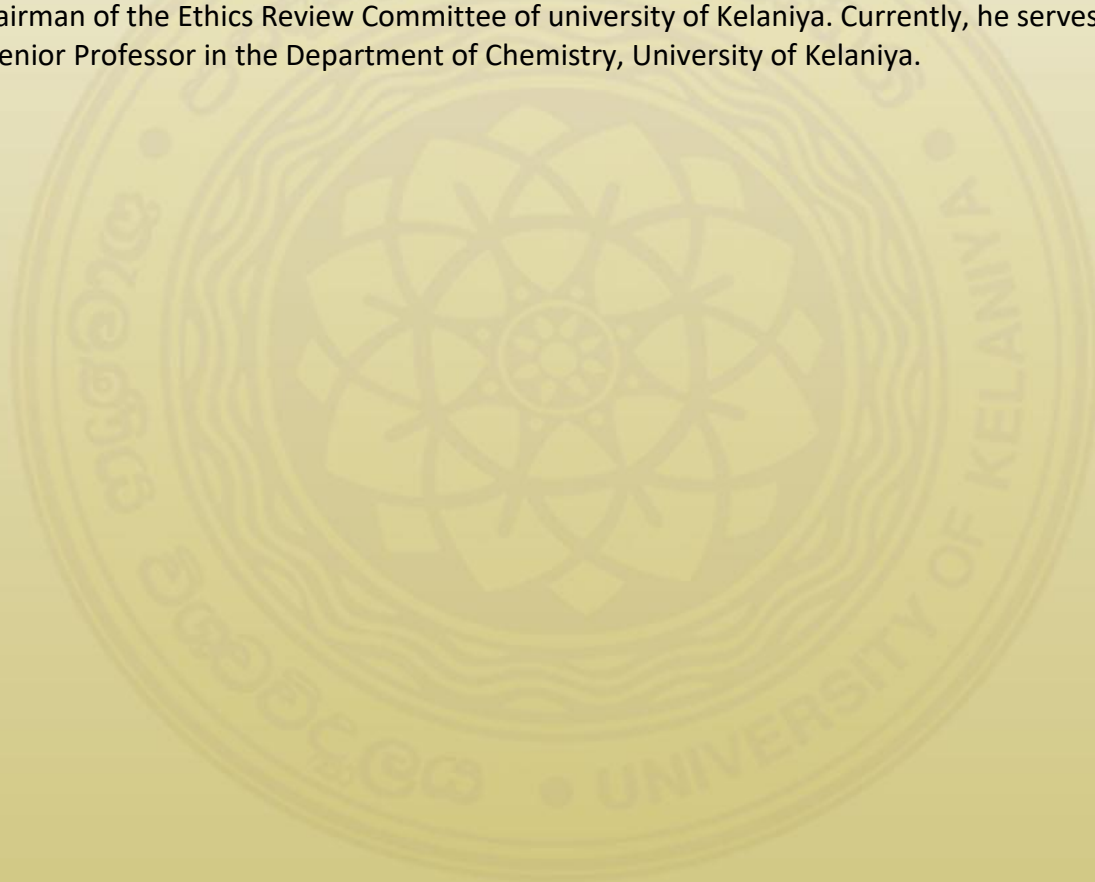


3.7. The Best Innovators/Inventors in the University



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Prof. (Ms.) N. Jayathilaka
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Prof. Nimanthi Jayathilaka earned her B.Sc. (Honors) degree in Cell and Molecular Biology from University of Wisconsin, Superior, U.S.A in 2003 and earned her Ph. D. degree from the University of Southern California, U.S.A in Genetics, Molecular and Cell Biology in 2011. In December 2012, she joined University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka as a senior lecturer in Chemistry and was promoted to the position of Professor in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry in 2016. Currently, she is investigating early molecular markers of disease severity in dengue, as well as the absorption of phenolic antioxidants by coconut oil in cellular and animal model systems.

During 2020-2021, Prof. Jayathilaka published three full papers including two research articles published in journals indexed in Science Citation Index. She has an H Index of 11 with 1105 citations according to Google Scholar rankings. Her work has been cited over 100 times in 2020-2021. During 2020-2021, she was awarded the rights to three local patents for her work related to early prognosis of severe dengue.

3.8. The Most Successful Directors of the Centre/ Unit/ Committee of the University



Prof. (Ms.) K. L. K. N. C. Premawardhena
Director
Centre for International Affairs

Prof. Neelakshi Chandrasena Premawardhena is Senior Professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Director, Centre for International Affairs at University of Kelaniya. She has been privileged to be the inaugural Director of the Centre for International Affairs of University of Kelaniya in 2011.

The pandemic did not deter the activities of the Centre for International Affairs. Many new online projects for staff and students were commenced including Virtual Student Mobility for over 700 students from the Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences in collaboration with Tallinn University, Estonia, Szczecin University, Poland, University of Siegen, Germany and Pozega Polytechnic, Croatia. A number of virtual events were organized by bringing many international partners on one platform including Erasmus Days 2021 University of Kelaniya on “Digital Transformation in Higher Education: Issues, Challenges and Sustainability”, three virtual mobility projects with Tallinn University, one project with Szczecin University, Poland, finalizing six Erasmus+ Virtual Staff Mobility and initiating several joint research projects through Erasmus alumni, participation at the Alumni Academy “Digitalisation 20+ and Sustainability” 2021/2022 Blended Education - The Future Workshop” University of Siegen, Germany bringing students of three continents and four countries together for a digital cultural exchange experience, organizing virtual guest lectures and participation at virtual education fairs. Among the highlights of the contribution to International Affairs in 2021 is securing 43 new mobility grants for staff and students worth over 170,000 Euro for Erasmus+ incoming and outgoing mobility.



Prof. (Ms.) C. D. S. Wettewe
Director
Career Guidance Unit

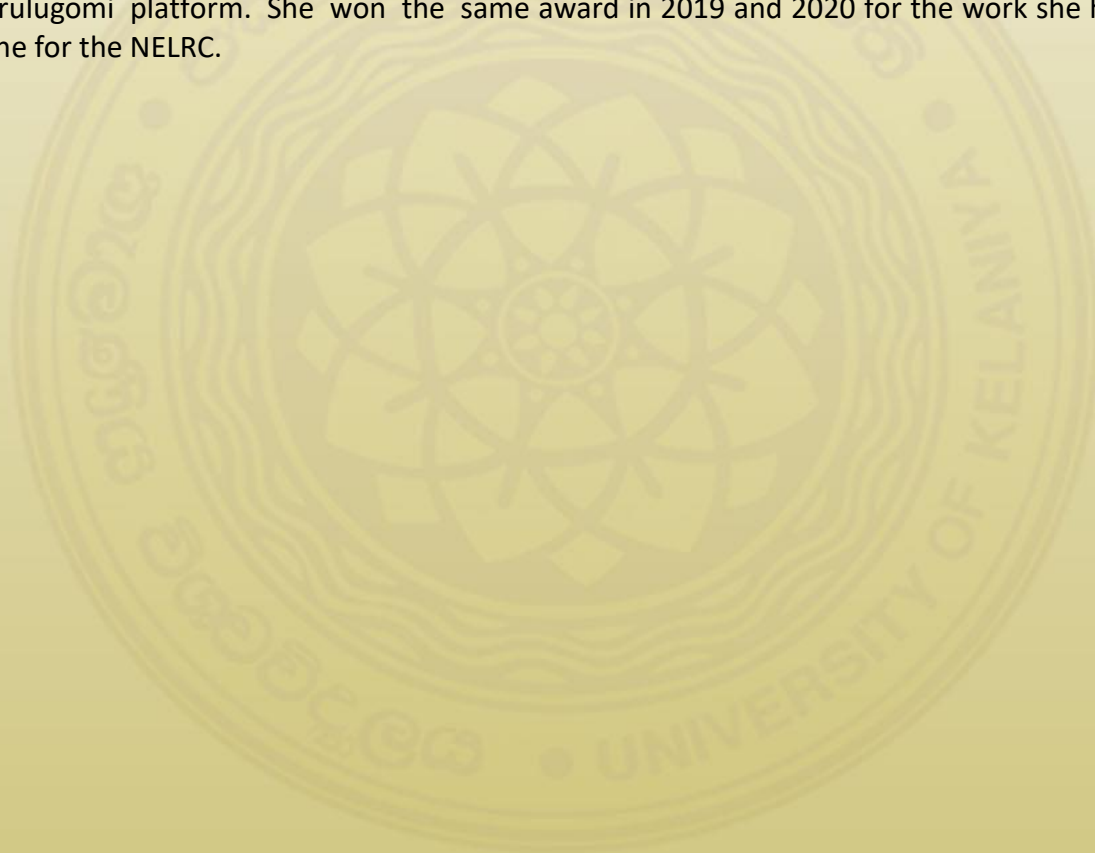
Prof. Chamindi Dilkushi Senaratne Wettewe is a Professor attached to the Department of English Language Teaching at UOK. She obtained her PhD from the Radboud University, Nijmegen, in the Netherlands. She was Head of Department (2010-2014) and Director of Staff Development Centre (2014-2017). She joined the National Centre for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences and Humanities (NCAS) in 2019 and served as the Senior Research Fellow till 2020. She was consultant to many national level language projects by the Ministry of Higher Education in 2011 and co-ordinated English programmes. She is currently a consultant of the first ever pre-university Online English Language Program conducted by the University Grants Commission. At present, she serves as the Director of the Career Guidance Unit of the UOK. She has published extensively in the field of Contact Linguistics and Sociolinguistics and is the author of Sinhala-English Code Mixing in Sri Lanka, a sociolinguistic study, (published by the Netherlands Graduate School of Linguistics-LOT), Discourse Strategies of Sri Lankan bilinguals and many other books.





Dr. (Ms.) M. R. K. N. Yatigammana
Director
National E-Learning Resource Centre (NELRC)

Dr. Kaushalya Yatigammanam has been working as the Director/NELRC voluntarily for the last three year period and made the NELRC a centre of knowledge creation and innovation, dissemination of knowledge, and her contribution to the national education system heled promoting of NELRC and the University of Kelaniya. During the year 2021, she introduced micro learning based blended learning as an innovative digital learning strategy to be adopted in the educational system of Sri Lanka during and post Covid-19 era. To strengthen the digital learning-related research in Sri Lanka, the Board of Study in Digital Learning was established under the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) of the University of Kelaniya during the year 2021 as a result of the proposal made by Dr. Yatigammana to the FGS. She was the chief editor of the case study collection on “Online Education in Sri Lanka: Lessons Learned During the Covid-19 Pandemic” published as a virtual book on the Gurulugomi platform. She won the same award in 2019 and 2020 for the work she has done for the NELRC.



3.9. The Academics with the Most Outstanding Creative Production in the University



Prof. S.N.J.K. Mendis
Department of Family Medicine
Faculty of Medicine

Professor Kumara Mendis is the Cadre Chair Professor of Department of Family Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. He obtained his MBBS and MD (Family Medicine) from University of Colombo and MSc in Medical Informatics from Netherlands. His current research interests are primary care, medical education and medical informatics.



Dr. U.P Liyanage
Department of Statistics & Computer Science
Faculty of Science

Dr. U.P. Liyanage is working as a senior lecturer and the Head of the Department of Statistics & Computer Science, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. He has completed his doctoral studies in mathematical modeling and simulation engineering at the University of Kaiserslautern, Germany. His research interest spans the fields of mathematical and statistical modeling, simulation engineering, and software systems architecture. Before starting his academic career, Dr. Liyanage worked in the fields of software consultancy and solution engineering. He has more than ten years of industrial experience at the international level.



Mrs. G.A.M. Karunarathne
Department of Sinhala
Faculty of Humanities

Mrs. Madara Karunarathne is a Lecturer at Sinhala Department University of Kelaniya since 2016. Her research interests include Classical and Modern Sinhala Poetry and western literary criticism. She Obtained her B.A. from the University of Kelaniya Becoming the top of the batch in 2011 and currently she is engaged in her MPhil Degree on “Western Romanticism and modern Sinhala poetics”.



Dr. S.S. Withana
Department of Family Medicine
Faculty of Medicine

Dr. Supun Withana is a lecturer at Department of Family Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya from 2016. He obtained his MBBS from University of Kelaniya with second class honours and is currently pursuing his Master of Philosophy degree in Family Medicine with the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Kelaniya. His research interests are primary care, health service research, medical education and medical informatics.

3.10. The Best Promotor of International Relations in the University



Dr. (Ms.) D. T. D. Warnakulasooriya
Department of Physiology
Faculty of Medicine

Dr. Tania Warnakulasuriya obtained her MBBS in 2009 from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya and her MPhil in Physiology in 2016. She received a Commonwealth Medical Fellowship in the UK in 2019. She is currently reading for a PhD at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. She was a lecturer (probationary) at the Department of Physiology at the Faculty of Medicine University of Kelaniya since 2012 and became a Senior lecturer in 2017. She is a visiting lecturer at the University of Wayamba and provides her services to the PGIM at the University of Colombo. Her research is focused on the impact of environmental pollution on health, with a particular interest in the autonomic nervous system (ANS). She has been instrumental in establishing the autonomic laboratory at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, and trains physiologists in ANF assessment.

She initiated a collaborative study with 2 European universities in which her lab carries out research that explores the physiological alterations on exposure to occupational and environmental health hazards. She has collaborated with many national and international research groups and has ongoing interventional research projects. She has authored 13 peer-reviewed articles and co-authored more than 40 scientific presentations. She was the recipient of the Sir Marcus Fernando oration awarded by the Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA) in 2018, K N Senevirathna research award for the best thesis in Physiology by the Physiological Society of Sri Lanka in 2017 and Sparrho early career researcher award in 2017 among the many accolades for her research contributions.

3.11. Appreciation for Outstanding and selfless dedication and service in the successful execution

a. Faculty of Graduate Studies



Mr. K.B.S.L. Wijerathne
Senior Assistant Registrar
Faculty of Graduate Studies

Mr. K.B.S.L. Wijerathne recognized the need for a Management Information System for the Faculty of Graduate Studies way back in 2015. His contribution started from identifying the requirements, designing the system using his exposure to such digitized Information Systems and testing the developed system. The project started in 2015, and along with his proactive involvement and dedication, it could complete the 1st stage of the system by 2016.

After implementing the first stage of the system, he was further involved in developing the following stages, which focused on the examinations module (2019), 16-digit code and finance modules (2020 and 2021) up to now. He was an innovator in terms of process re-engineering and simplifying the existing processes.

Aside from that, he was involved in the “Project Manager” capacity in several other computer system projects. Namely;

- Automation of Local Authority Election Results & Dissemination of Results 2018
- Automation of Mahapola Scholarship Instalment Payment for the use of Higher Educational Institutions as recommended by University Grants Commission

He is indeed a significant asset to the University.

b. Faculty of Graduate Studies

Appreciate the service for Repairing of PCR Machine of the Department



Mr. G.A.S.D.P. Bndara
Technical Officer



c. Medical Center

Appreciate the Dedication of the time and effort for smooth functioning in Medical Center



Mrs. H.D.A.P. Jayasinghe
Matron



Ms. A.A.N.K. Adikary
Nursing Officer



Mrs. H.D.J. Heyyanthuduwage
Nursing officer



Mr. J.A.R.C. Jayasinghe
Nursing Officer



Mr. L.S.K. Wijewantha
Nursing Officer



Mr. G.A.L.P. Wimalaratne
Public Health Inspector



Mr. H.E. Anura
Pharmacist



Mr. J.R.P. Lambert
Pharmacist



Mrs. H.K. Wickramathanthre
Staff Technical Officer (Grade I)



Mrs. M.P. Gunasinghe
Management Assistant (Grade III)



Mr. K.G.I.P. Kumara
Health Service Attendant



Ms. M.C.U. Silva
Lab Attendant



Mr. D.R.A.C. Lakmal
Works Aid (Grade II)



Mrs. P.G.N.S. Jayarathne
Works Aid (Grade III)



Ms. B.D. Shanaki
Works Aid (Grade III)



Mrs. A.M.N.S. Abeyasinghe
Works Aid



Mrs. S.D. Galappatti
Health Service Labourer



Mr. H.D.N. Pushpakumara
Health Service Labourer



Mr. V. Satheeswaran
Health Service Labourer