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**To become a center of excellence in creation and dissemination
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 presented on the first working day of each year to recognize and honor exceptional contributions made by our staff over the past year, in our university's journey towards excellence.

The scheme of awards for academic staff, which was introduced many years ago, has grown in complexity, to encompass contributions in the spheres of research, innovation, literature, creative works, and internalization. In the past, the Vice-Chancellor's Awards ceremony has been an occasion to recognize significant contributions made by other categories of staff as well, but the process for identifying the most deserving recipients was not as clearly defined as for the academic staff awards. We have taken steps to rectify this deficiency, and to introduce clearly defined schemes for Vice-Chancellor's Awards to executive officers, academic support staff and non-academic staff, with marking schemes that take into account the varied roles fulfilled by each of these categories of staff.

I take this opportunity to thank all the Deans, the Librarian and his staff, the Registrar, and other executive officers as well as the non-academic staff who have contributed immensely to setting up the application process, evaluating applications and nomination, and in organizing the Awards Ceremony. It has truly been a university-wide effort.

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.

Senior Professor Nilanthi de Silva

Vice-Chancellor

VICE-CHANCELLOR’S AWARDS CEREMONY – 2022

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

The Long Service Awards and Vice-Chancellor’s Awards Ceremony - 2022 is organized to appreciate the service of all the academic and non-academic staff members of the University of Kelaniya for the year 2022. 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 04 academics have been selected to award medals for brought honor to the University by winning prestigious National and International Awards. Three (08) Emeritus Professors are also recognized in this year.

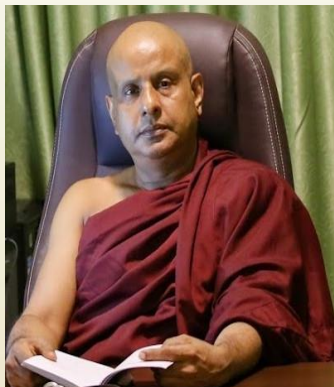
These awards show that despite the challenges of the time, the staff of the University of Kelaniya and the affiliated institutes have continued to excel in their respective disciplines. Accordingly, with added uniqueness every year, this ceremony is an ideal ground for the university staff to reap the 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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Ven. (Dr.) Dodamkumbure Dhammadassi Thero
Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies
Faculty of Humanities

Ven. (Dr.) Dodamkumbure Dhammadassi Thero joined University as Lecturer Probationary on 01/10/1997 Dhammadassi Thero was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/10/2002 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Grade I on 01/10/2008 in the Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies in the Faculty of Humanities.



Prof. L. Senenviratne
Department of Hindi
Faculty of Humanities

Prof. L. Seneviratne joined University as Lecturer Probationary on 01/10/1997 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/10/2002 and on 01/10/2008 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and on 01/10/2009 he was then promoted to Professor and currently serves as Senior Professor on 21/08/2017 in the Department of Hindi in the Faculty of Humanities.



Prof. N.M. Amarasinghe
Department of Archaeology
Faculty of Social Sciences

Prof. N.M. Amarasinghe joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 03.02.1997 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 03.02.2002 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 03.02.2008 and he was promoted to Professor on 15.09.2009 and currently serves as Senior Professor on 15.09.2017 in the Department of Archaeology in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Prof. N.K. Gunawardana
Department of Parasitology
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. N.K. Gunawardana joined University as Lecturer on 30/04/1996 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr II on 25.04.2003 and Promoted to Professor on 27.11.2009 and currently serves as Senior Professor on 27/11/2017 in the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology in the Faculty of Medicine.



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

Prof. H.T.C.S. Abeysena joined University as Lecturer on 03/01/1997 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 11/11/2003 and on 20/08/2010 he was then promoted to Professor and currently serves as Senior Professor on 20/08/2018 in the Department of Public Health in the Faculty of Medicine.



Prof. (Mrs.) K.A.W. Karunasekara
Department of Paediatrics
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. (Mrs.) K.A.W. Karunasekara joined University as Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 10/10/1994 and currently serves as Professor on 22/02/2007 in the Department of Paediatrics in the Faculty of Medicine.



Prof. (Mrs.) Uda Hettige
Department of Archaeology
Faculty of Social Sciences

Prof. (Mrs) Uda Hettige joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01.12.1997 she was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01.12.2002 and she was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 01.12.2008 and currently serves as Professor on 30.11.2009 in the Department of Archaeology in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



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 Grade II on 03/03/2001 and currently serves as Professor on 05.12.2016 in the Department of Pharmacology in the Faculty of Medicine.



Prof. (Mrs.) P. Narangoda
Department of Fine Arts
Faculty of Humanities

Prof. (Mrs.) P. Narangoda joined University as Lecturer Probationary on 03/11/1997 She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 03/11/2002 and on 03/11/2008 she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and currently serves as Professor on 31/03/2017 in the Department of Fine Art in the Faculty of Humanities.



Prof. (Mrs.) H.S.A. Williams
Department of Pathology
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. (Mrs.) H.S.A. Williams joined University as Lecturer on 02/06/1997 she was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 20/12/2004 and currently serves as Professor on 12.06.2018 in the Department of Pathology in the Faculty of Medicine.



Dr. (Mrs.) P.M.Y.I. Thilakaratne
Department of Medicine
Faculty of Medicine

Dr. (Mrs.) P.M.Y.I. Thilakaratne joined University as Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 24/06/1997 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 24/06/2002 in the Department of Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine.



Ms. T.L.D. de Silva
Department of Fine Arts
Faculty of Humanities

Ms. T.L.D. de Silva joined University as Lecturer Probationary on 03/11/1997 She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 03/11/2002 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 03/11/2008 in the Department of Fine Art in the Faculty of Humanities.



Dr. S.G.V.S. Jayalal
Department of Industrial Management
Faculty of Science

Dr. S.G.V.S. Jayalal joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/09/1997. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/03/2006 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 01/03/2012 in the Department of Industrial Management in the Faculty of Science.



Dr. M.P. Deeyamulla
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Dr. M.P. Deeyamulla joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/08/1997. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 23/07/2005 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 25/07/2012 in the Department of Chemistry in the Faculty of Science.



Dr. K.A. Salvin
Department of Anatomy
Faculty of Medicine

Dr. K.A. Salvin joined University as Lecturer on 01/12/1997 She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/12/2006 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 07.09.2012 in the Department of Anatomy in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mrs. W.L.S. Wijesekara
Deputy Bursar
Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. W.L.S. Wijesekara joined University as Clerk Gr. III on 21.08.1997. She was promoted to Assistant Bursar on 16.08.2004 and on 01.03.2011 she was then promoted to Senior Assistant Bursar and currently serves as Deputy Bursar on 11.05.2022 in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mrs. A.S.P. Dodantanne
Assistant Registrar
General Administration Division

Mrs. A.S.P. Dodantanne joined University as Library Assistant on 04.08.1997. She currently serves as Assistant Registrar on 02.04.2012 in the General Administration Division.



Mr. H.P. Sudusinghe
Chief Technical Officer
Department of Parasitology
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. H.P. Sudusinghe joined University as Trainee Technical Officer on 01.08.1997. He was promoted to Technical Officer Gr. II 'SEG B' on 01.08.2000 and on 01.08.2003 he was then promoted to Technical Officer Gr. II 'SEG A'. He was promoted to Technical Officer Gr. I on 16.03.2009 and on 01.08.2011 he was then promoted to Staff Technical Officer Gr. II. He has been promoted to Senior Staff Technical Officer on 09.03.2012 and currently serves as Chief Technical Officer on 10.03.2021 in the Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine.



Mrs. W.L. Chandani
Senior Staff Technical Officer
Molecular Medicine Unit
Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. W.L. Chandani joined University as Lab Attendant (Lower Grade) on 05.01.1993. She was promoted to Trainee Technical Officer on 01.08.1995 and on 01.08.2001 she was then promoted to Technical Officer Gr. II 'SEG A'. She was promoted to Technical Officer Gr. I on 01.08.2005 and on 01.08.2009 she was then promoted to Staff Technical Officer Gr. II and currently serves as Senior Staff Technical Officer on 18.05.2015 in the Molecular Medicine Unit, Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. J.A. Saman
Senior Staff Technical Officer
Department of Pathology
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. J.A. Saman joined University as Trainee Technical Officer on 01.12.1995. He was promoted to Technical Officer Gr. II 'SEG B' on 01.12.1998 and on 01.01.2002 he was then promoted to Technical Officer Gr. II 'SEG A'. He was promoted to Technical Officer Gr. I on 01.12.2005 and on 01.12.2009 he was then promoted to Staff Technical Officer Gr. II. He has been promoted to Staff Technical Officer Gr. I on 01.12.2015 and currently serves as Senior Staff Technical Officer on 11.10.2018 in the Department of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. D.P.M.N.C. Jayawardane
Senior Staff Technical Officer
Department of Industrial Management
Faculty of Science

Mr. D.P.M.N.C. Jayawardane joined University as Trainee Technical Officer on 15.02.1996. He was promoted to Technical Officer Gr. II 'SEG B' on 15.02.1999 and on 15.02.2002 he was then promoted to Technical Officer Gr. II 'SEG A'. He was promoted to Technical Officer Gr. I on 15.12.2006 and on 15.02.2010 he was then promoted to Staff Technical Officer Gr. II. He has been promoted to Staff Technical Officer Gr. I on 15.02.2015 and currently serves as Senior Staff Technical Officer on 01.01.2019 in the Department of Industrial Management, Faculty of Science.



Mrs. M.N.D. Senevirathna
Sub Warden (Special Grade)
Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. M.N.D. Senevirathna joined University as Library Information Assistant (Grade III) on 01.04.1997. She was promoted to Full Time Sub Warden (Grade II) on 01.01.2002 and on 01.01.2009 she was promoted to Full Time Sub Warden (Grade I). Mrs. M.N.D. Senevirathna was promoted to Full Time Sub Warden Special Grade on 01.01.2018. And currently serves in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mrs. G.D. Gunawardena
Staff Management Assistant
Department of Hindi
Faculty of Humanities

Mrs. G.D. Gunawardena joined University system as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1992.02.28. She was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 2007.02.28 and on 2011.02.28 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. G.D. Gunawardena was promoted to Staff Management Assistant on 2016.02.28 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2021.02.28 in the Department of Hindi in the Faculty of Humanities.



Ms. L.D. Weerakkody
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Department of Statistic and Computer Science
Faculty of Science

Ms. L.D. Weerakkodi joined University system as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1996.09.02. She was promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 2002.09.02 and on 2007.09.02 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Ms. L.D. Weerakkodi was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 2012.09.02 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2017.09.02 in the Department of Statistic and Computer Science in the Faculty of Science.



Mr. N.K.B.K.R.G.W. Bandara
Staff Technical Officer Grade I
Department of Medical Microbiology
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. N.K.B.K.R.G.W. Bandara joined University system as Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "B") on 01.08.1997. He was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "A") on 01.08.2003 and on 01.08.2007 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade 1). On 01.08.2011 he was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) from 01.08.2016 in the Department of Medical Microbiology.



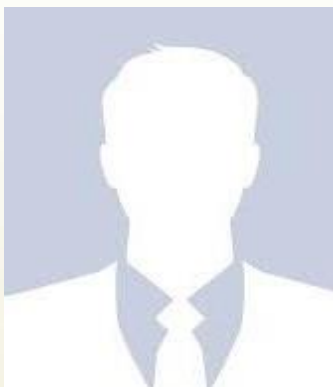
Mrs. L.M. Anoma
Staff Technical Officer Grade I
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology
Faculty of Medicine

Ms. L.M. Anoma joined University system as Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "B") on 01.08.1997. She was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "A") on 01.08.2003 and on 01.08.2007 she was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade 1). On 01.08.2011 she was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) from 01.08.2016 in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.



Mrs. R.M.W. Kumari
Staff Technical Officer Grade I
Department of Medical Education
Faculty of Medicine

Ms. R.M.W. Kumari joined University system as Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "B") on 01.08.1997. She was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "A") on 14.08.2003 and on 14.08.2007 she was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade 1). On 14.08.2013 she was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) from 14.08.2018 in the Department of Medical Education.



Mr. P.A.J.C. Miranda
Staff Technical Officer Grade I
Department of Physics & Electronics
Faculty of Science

Mr. P.A.J.C Miranda joined University system as Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "B") on 01.08.1997. He was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "A") on 01.08.2003 and on 01.08.2007 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade 1). On 01.08.2011 he was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) from 01.08.2016 in the Department of Physics & Electronics.



Mrs. K.K. Ganga
Staff Technical Officer Grade I
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Ms. K.K Ganga joined University system as Clerk (Grade III) on 01.10.1997. She was appointed to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "B") on 15.12.2000 and on 15.12.2006 she was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "A"). On 15.12.2010 she was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I). On 15.12.2014 she was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) from 15.12.2019 in the Department of Chemistry.



Mr. R.M. Piyaathna
Senior Staff Assistant (Library Services)
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. R.M. Piyaathna joined University system as Library Information Assistant (Grade 111) on 1997.04.01. He was then promoted to Library Information Assistant (Grade 11) on 2000.01.03 and on 2005.01.03 he was promoted to Library Information Assistant (Grade 1). Mr. R.M. Piyaathna was promoted to Staff Assistant (Library Services) on 2010.01.03 and currently serves as Senior Staff Assistant (Library Services) 2015.01.03 in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. H.A.A. Pushpakumara
Senior Staff Assistant (Library Services)
Library

Mr. H.A.A Pushpakumara joined University system as Library Information Assistant (Grade 111) on 1997.02.05. He was then promoted to Library Information Assistant (Grade 11) on 2003.02.05 and on 2008.02.05 he was promoted to Library Information (Grade 1). Mr. H.A.A. Pushpakumara was promoted to Staff Assistant (Library Services) on 2013.02.05 and currently serves as Senior Staff Assistant (Library Services) 2018.02.05 in the Faculty of Medicine.



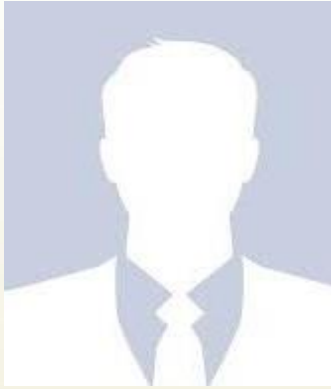
Mrs. G.H.G.H. Ganewatta
Staff Assistant (Library Service)
Library

Mrs. G.H.G.H. Ganewatte joined University system as Library Information Assistant (Grade 111) on 1997.04.01. She was then promoted to Library Information Assistant (Grade 11) on 2004.04.01 and on 2008.04.01 She was promoted to Library Information (Grade 1). Mrs. G.H.G.H. Ganewatte was promoted to Staff Assistant (Library Services) on 2013.04.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Assistant (Library Services) 2018.04.01 in the Main Library.



Mr. A.L.D.U. Chandana
Laboratory Attendant (Super Grade)
Department of Physiology
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. A.L.D.U. Chandana joined University system as Laboure Grade III on 14/02/1997 at Open University of Sri Lanka. He was promoted to the post of Laboratory Attendant Lower Grade on 01/12/2005 at University of Colombo. Then he has promoted to the post of Laboratory Attendant Higher Grade on 01/06/2015. He has transfer to the University of Kelaniya on 01/04/2019. Then he has promoted to the Laboratory Attendant Supra Grade on 01/06/2020 in the Department of Physiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya.



Mr. S. Prasanna
Cycle Orderly (Higher Grade)
Academic Branch

Mr. S. Prasanna joined University system as Labourer Grade III on 10/02/1997. He was promoted to the post of Labourer Grade II on 10/02/2007 and he was promoted to the post of Cycle Orderly Lower Grade on 01/12/2008 and currently serves as Cycle Orderly Higher Grade since 01/12/2016 in the Academic Branch.



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

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Ven. (Prof.) Induragare Dhammarathana Thero
Department of Sanskrit & Eastern Studies
Faculty of Humanities

Ven. (Prof.) Induragare Dhammarathana Thero joined University as Lecturer Probationary on 02/11/1992 Dhammarathana Thero was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 05/05/2001 and on 15/05/2007 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and on 18/09/2009 he was then promoted to Professor and currently serves as Senior Professor on 18/09/2017 in the Department of Sanskrit & Eastern Studies in the Faculty of Humanities.



Prof. H.A. de Silva
Department of Pharmacology
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. H.A. de Silva joined University as Lecturer on 30/03/1992 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/12/1997 and on 22/09/2005 he was then promoted to Professor and on 15.05.2017 he was Promoted to Professor of Pharmacology and currently serves as Senior Professor of Pharmacology on 22/09/2013 in the Department of Pharmacology in the Faculty of Medicine.



Prof. M.D.P. Gunawardhana
Department of Archaeology
Faculty of Social Sciences

Prof. M.D.P. Gunawardhana joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 02.11.1992 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 02.11.1997 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 02.11.2003 and he was promoted to Professor on 18.01.2007 and currently serves as Senior Professor of Archaeology on 18.01.2015 in the Department of Archaeology in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Prof. W.R.P.K. Fernando
Department of Commerce & Financial Management
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Prof. W.R.P.K. Fernando joined University of Rajarata as University College Lecturer on 01/08/1992 he was promoted to Lecturer on 01/03/1996, and on 01/04/2001 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II and on 01.04.2007 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and he Joined University of Kelaniya as a Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 01.08.2012 currently serves as Professor on 08.04.2016 in the Department of Commerce & Financial Management in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies.



Prof. W.M. Semasinghe
Department of Economics
Faculty of Social Sciences

Prof. W.M. Semasinghe joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 02.11. 1992 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 24.03.1998 and he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 24.03.2004 and currently serves as Professor on 05.01.2017 in the Department of Economics in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Prof. M.M. Gunatilake
Department of Economics
Faculty of Social Sciences

Prof. M.M. Gunatilake joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 02.11. 1992 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 09.03.1998 and he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 09.03.2004 and currently serves as Professor on 30.03.2017 in the Department of Economics in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Prof. (Mrs.) W.J.M. Samaranayake
Department of Physics and Electronics
Faculty of Science

Prof. (Mrs.) W.J.M. Samaranayake joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 03/08/1992. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 02/04/2001 and on 02/04/2007 she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and currently serves as Professor on 12/12/2019 in the Department of Physics and Electronics in the Faculty of Science.



Mrs. I.S. Gamlath
Department of Western Classical Culture & Christian Culture
Faculty of Humanities

Mrs. I.S. Gamlath joined University as Lecturer Probationary on 02/11/1992. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/01/1999 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 01/01/2005 in the Department of Western Classical Culture & Christian Culture in the Faculty of Humanities.



Dr. A.A.L. Ratnatilleke
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Dr. A.A.L. Ratnatilleke joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 16/01/1996. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 02/08/1999 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 02/08/2005 in the Department of Chemistry in the Faculty of Science.



Mrs. D.K. Manatunga
Department of History
Faculty of Social Sciences

Mrs. D.K. Manatunga joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 02.11. 1992. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 03.05.2005 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer I on 03.05.2011 in the Department of History in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



**Mrs. H.H.N.S. Hewawasan,
Department of History
Faculty of Social Sciences**

Mrs. H.H.S.N. Hewawasan joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 30.01. 1992 she was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 26.01.2007 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer I on 26.01.2013 in the Department of History in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



**Mrs. L.W. Dasanayake,
Department of Social Statistics
Faculty of Social Sciences**

Mrs. L.W. Dasanayake joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 02.12. 1992 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer II on 30.06.2014 in the Department of Social Statistics in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



**Mrs. L.R.K. Gunathilaka
Chief Technical Officer (Retired)
Department of Forensic Medicine
Faculty of Medicine**

Mrs. L.R.K. Gunathilaka joined University as Trainee Technical Officer on 28.02.1992. She was promoted to Technical Officer Gr. II 'SEG B' on 28.02.1995 and on 01.01.1999 she was then promoted to Technical Officer Gr. II 'SEG A'. She was promoted to Technical Officer Gr. I on 28.02.2002 and on 28.02.2006 she was then promoted to Staff Technical Officer Gr. II. She has been promoted to Senior Staff Technical Officer on 30.03.2009 and on 30.07.2018 she was then promoted to Chief Technical Officer in the Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine. She retired on 01.12.2022.



Mrs. C.K. Wijesinghe
Chief Technical Officer
Department of Medical Microbiology
Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. C.K. Wijesinghe joined University as Trainee Technical Officer on 28.02.1992. She was promoted to Technical Officer Gr. II 'SEG B' on 28.02.1995 and on 01.01.1999 she was then promoted to Technical Officer Gr. II 'SEG A'. She was promoted to Technical Officer Gr. I on 28.02.2002 and on 28.02.2006 she was then promoted to Staff Technical Officer Gr. II. She has been promoted to Staff Technical Officer Gr. I on 28.02.2011 and 28.03.2012 she was then promoted to Senior Staff Technical Officer. Currently serves as Chief Technical Officer on 28.08.2020 in the Department of Medical Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine.



Mrs. B.K.S.K. Rodrigo
Senior Staff Technical Officer
Department of Pathology
Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. B.K.S.K. Rodrigo joined University as Trainee Technical Officer on 28.02.1992. She was promoted to Technical Officer Gr. II 'SEG B' on 28.02.1995 and on 01.01.1999 she was then promoted to Technical Officer Gr. II 'SEG A'. She was promoted to Technical Officer Gr. I on 28.02.2002 and on 28.02.2006 she was then promoted to Staff Technical Officer Gr. II. She has been promoted to Staff Technical Officer Gr. I on 28.02.2011 and currently serves as Senior Staff Technical Officer on 26.04.2012 in the Department of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine.



Mrs. P.M.P.L. Pathirana
Senior Staff Technical Officer
Department of Pathology
Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. P.M.P.L. Pathirana joined University as Clerk Gr. III on 01.09.1992. She was promoted to Trainee Technical Officer on 01.10.1996 and on 01.10.2002 she was then promoted to Technical Officer Gr. II 'SEG A'. She was promoted to Technical Officer Gr. I on 01.10.2006 and on 01.10.2010 she was then promoted to Staff Technical Officer Gr. II. She has been

promoted to Staff Technical Officer Gr. I on 01.10.2015 and currently serves as Senior Staff Technical Officer on 22.11.2017 in the Department of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine.



Mrs. C.M.W.S. Yapa
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Payment Branch

Mrs. C.M.W.S. Yapa joined University system as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1992.08.03. She was promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 1998.08.03 and on 2003.08.03 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. B.A.D.P. Rohini was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 2008.08.03 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2013.08.03 in the Loans & Salaries Division.



Mrs. B.A.D.P. Rohini
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Loans & Salaries

Mrs. B.A.D.P. Rohini joined University system as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1992.12.01. She was promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 2002.12.01 and on 2005.12.01 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. B.A.D.P. Rohini was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 2010.12.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2015.12.01 in the Loans & Salaries Division.



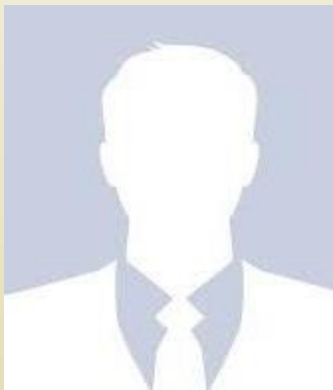
Mrs. M.G.R. Malkanthi
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Faculty of Social Sciences

Mrs. M.G.R. Malkanthi joined University system as Stenographer (Grade 11) on 1992.06.10. She was promoted to Stenographer (Grade 1) on 2000.01.01 and on 2003.06.10 she was promoted to Staff Management Assistant (Stenographer) and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant (Stenographer) 2008.06.10 in the Faculty of Social Science.



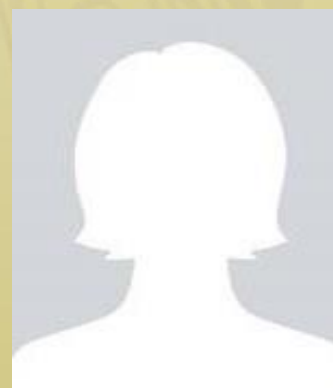
Ms. S. Lambert
Senior Staff Management
Faculty of Social Sciences

Ms. S. Lambert joined University system as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1993.01.01. She was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 1999.01.01 and on 2004.01.01 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Ms. S. Lambert was promoted to Staff Management Assistant on 2009.01.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2014.01.01 in the Faculty of Social Science.



Mr. R.M.K.S.K. Jayasinghe
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Faculty of Graduate Studies

Mr. R.M.K.S.K. Jayasinghe joined University system as Laboure (Grade 111) on 1992.04.20. He was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 111) on 1996.01.01 and on 2002.01.01 he was promoted to Clerk (Grade 11). He was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1) on 2007.01.01. Mr. R.M.K.S.K. Jayasinghe was promoted to Staff Management Assistant 2012.01.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2017.01.01 in the Faculty of Graduate Studies.



Mrs. K.A.T.S. Priyangani
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Faculty of Science

Mrs. K.A.T.S. Priyangani joined University system as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1992.11.23. She was promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 2002.11.23 and on 2005.11.23 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. R.D.U.D. Pieris was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 2010.11.23 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2015.11.23 in the Faculty of Science.



Mrs. S.A.U.P.K. Senanayaka
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Department of Public Health
Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. S.A.U.P.K. Senanayaka joined University system as Stenographer (Grade 11) on 1992.02.28. She was promoted to Stenographer (Grade 1) on 2011.02.28 and on 2013.02.28 she was promoted to Staff Management Assistant (Stenographer) and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant (Stenographer) on 2018.02.28 in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mrs. R.D.U.D. Pieris
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. R.D.U.D. Pieris joined University system as Typist (Grade 111) on 1992.09.07. She was then promoted to Typist (Grade 11) on 2000.01.01 and on 2007.01.01 she was promoted to Typist (Grade 1). Mrs. R.D.U.D. Pieris was promoted to Staff Assistant (Typist) on 2012.01.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2017.01.01 in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mrs. P.A.S.K. Kumari
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. P.A.S.K. Kumari joined University system as Typist (Grade 111) on 1992.02.28. She was promoted to Typist (Grade 11) on 2000.01.01 and on 2006.01.01 she was promoted to Typist (Grade 1). Mrs. P.A.S.K. Kumari was promoted to Staff Assistant (Typist) on 2011.01.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2016.01.01 in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mrs. J.K.P.D.P. Jayawardana
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology

Mrs.J.K.P.D.P. Jayawardana joined University as Clerk Gr.III on 1st September 1992. She was promoted to Clerk Gr.II on 1st September 2002 and She was promoted to Clerk Gr.I on 1st September 2005. And She was promoted to Staff Assistant on 1st September 2010, and She was then promoted to Senior Staff Assistant on 1st September 2015 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant in the Finance Division of the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology.



Mrs. D.T.A.C.D. Dissanayake
Staff Management Assistant
Examination Branch

Mrs. D.T.A.C.D. Dissanayake joined University system as Telephone Operator Cum Receptionist on 1992.02.28. She was promoted to Clerk (Grade 111) on 1997.10.01 and on 2007.10.01 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 11). She was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1) on 2010.10.01. Mrs. D.T.A.C.D. Dissanayake was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) 2015.10.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2020.10.01 in the examination Branch.



Mr. W.D.G. Harischandra
Senior Staff Assistant (Library Services)
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. W.D.G. Harischandra joined University System as Library Information Assistant (Grade 111) on 1992.02.28. She was then promoted to Library Information Assistant (Grade 11) on 1999.01.01 and on 2003.02.28 she was promoted to Library Information Assistant (Grade 1). Mr. W.D.G. Harischandra was promoted to Staff Assistant (Library Services) on 2008.02.28 and currently serves as Senior Staff Assistant (Library Services) 2013.02.28 in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. O.P.K.S. Keerthisena
Staff Technical Officer Grade I
Department of Biochemistry & Clinical Medicine
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. O.P.K. Keerthisena joined University system as Laboratory Attendant (Lower grade) on 28.02.1992. He was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "B") on 01.10.1996 and on 01.01.2000 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "A"). On 28.02.2003 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I). On 28.02.2008 he was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) from 28.02.2013 in the Department of Biochemistry & Clinical Chemistry.



Mr. G.L.C.S. Senarath
Staff Technical Officer Grade I
Department of Biochemistry & Clinical Medicine
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. G.L.C.S. Senarath joined University system as Laboratory Attendant (Lower grade) on 16.11.1992. He was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "B") on 01.08.1995 and on 01.08.2001 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "A"). On 01.08.2005 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I). On 01.08.2009 he was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) from 01.08.2014 in the Department of Biochemistry & Clinical Chemistry.



Mr. S. Abeyesundara
Staff Technical Officer Grade I
Department of Medical Microbiology
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. S. Abeyesundara joined University system as Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade) on 03.08.1992. He was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "B") on 01.08.1995 and on 01.08.2001 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "A"). On 01.08.2005 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I). On 01.08.2009 he was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) from 01.08.2014 in the Department of Medical Microbiology.



Mrs. N.D.I.J. Ariyawansa
Staff Technical Officer Grade II
Department of Physiology
Faculty of Medicine

Ms. N.D.I.J. Ariyawansa joined University system as Typist (Grade III) on 28.02.1992 and on 28.02.2001 she was promoted to Typist (Grade II). She was appointed to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "B") on 01.08.2006 and on 01.08.2012 she was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "A"). On 01.08.2016 she was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I) and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) from 01.08.2020 in the Department of Physiology.



Mr. H.L. Perera
Staff Technical Officer Grade II
Department of Medicine
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. H.L. Perera joined University system as Labour (Grade III) on 28.02.1992. He was promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Lower grade) on 01.01.1996 and on 01.10.2003 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "B"). On 01.10.2013 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I) and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) from 01.10.2017 in the Department of Medicine.



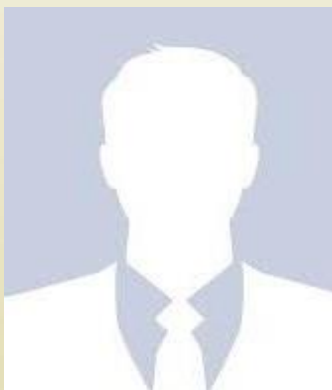
Mrs. M.D.N.D. Perera
Staff Technical Officer Grade II
Faculty of Science (Faculty Office)

Ms. M.D.N.D. Perera joined University system as Laboratory Attendant (Lower grade) on 28.02.1992. She was promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Higher grade) on 01.01.2001 and on 03.05.2005 she was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "B"). On 03.05.2011 she was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "A"). On 03.05.2015 she was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I) and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) from 03.05.2019 in the Faculty of Science.



Mr. A.G. Premarathna
Technical Officer Grade II A
Department of Anatomy
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. A.G. Premarathne joined University system as Labourer (Grade III) on 28.02.1992. He was promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade) on 01.01.1996 and on 01.01.2005 he was promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Higher Grade). He was promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Supra Grade) on 01.01.2010. On 15.01.2013 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "B") and currently serves as Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "A") from 15.01.2019 in the Department of Anatomy.



Mr. L.G.S. Chaminda
Technical Officer Grade I
Faculty of Social Sciences (Faculty Office)

Mr. L.G.S. Chaminda joined University system as Labourer (Grade III) on 03.08.1992. He was promoted to Labourer (Grade III) on 03.08.2003 and on 01.12.2005 he was promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade). He was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "B") on 06.06.2007. On 06.06.2013 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "A") and currently serves as Technical Officer (Grade I) from 06.06.2017 in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Mr. B.G.D.S. Rohitha
Laboratory Attendant (Special Grade)
Department of Biochemistry & Clinical Chemistry
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. B.G.D.S. Rohitha joined University system as Laboratory Attendant Lower Grade on 28/02/1992. He was promoted to the post of Laboratory Attendant Higher Grade on 28/02/2001 in the Department of Biochemistry and Clinical Chemistry, Faculty of Medicine. Then promoted to the post of Laboratory Attendant Supra Grade on 28.02.2006 finally promoted to the post of Laboratory Attendant Special Grade on 28.02.2011 and currently serves in the same Department.



Mr. K.D.S.L. Nanayakkara
Laboratory Attendant (Special Grade)
Department of Biochemistry & Clinical Chemistry
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. K.D.S.L. Nanayakkara joined University system as Labourer Grade III on 28/02/1992. He was promoted to the post of Laboratory Attendant Lower Grade on 01/01/1996 in the Department of Biochemistry and Clinical Chemistry then promoted to the Laboratory Attendant Higher Grade on 01.01.2005 later promoted to the Laboratory Attendant Supra Grade on 01.01.2011 finally promoted as Laboratory Attendant Special Grade on 01.01.2016 in the same Department, Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. P.N. Jayarathne
Book Binder (Special Grade)
Academic Establishments

Mr. P.N. Jayarathna joined University system as Book Binder Grade II on 02/11/1992. He was promoted to the post of Book Binder Grade I on 02/11/2001 and currently serves as Book Binder Special Grade since 02/11/2008 in the Division Academic Establishment.



Mr. A.L.S.H. Perera
Security Inspector (Grade II)
Security

Mr. A.L.S.H. Perera joined University system as Security Guard (Lower Grade) on 01.04.1992. He was promoted to Security Guard (Higher Grade) on 01.01.2000. Mr. A.L.S.H. Perera was promoted to Security Guard (Supra Grade) on 01.04.2004 and currently serves as Security Inspector (Grade II) from 01.11.2012 in the Security Division.



Mr. S.H.C.T. Fernando
Driver (Grade II)
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. S.H.C.T. Fernando joined University as Works Aide (Grade III) on 28.02.1992. He was promoted to Lorry Cleaner (Grade II) on 01.09.1998 and on 01.09.2007 he was promoted to Lorry Cleaner (Grade I). Mr. S.H.C.T. Fernando was promoted to Lorry Cleaner (Special Grade) on 01.09.2014 and then he was promoted to Driver (Grade II) on 01.01.2016. And currently serves in the Faculty of Medicine.



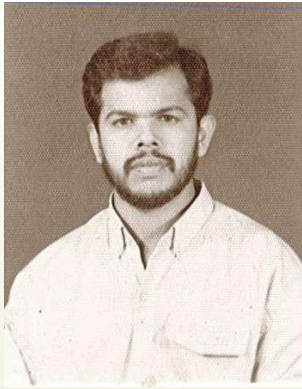
Mr. S.P.N. Hemachandra
Electrician (Special Grade)
Works Department

Mr. S.P.N. Hemachandra joined University system as Laborer (Grade 111) on 02.09.1991. He was promoted to Electrician (Grade 11) on 01.12.2005 and on 01.12.2014 He was promoted to Electrician (Grade 11) and currently serves as Electrician (Special Grade) 01.12.2019 in the Works Department.



Mr. P.L.L. Pathirathne
Electrician (Special Grade)
Works Department
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. P.L.L. Pathirathna joined University system as Laborer (Lower Grade) on 28.02.1992. He was promoted to Electrician (Grade 11) on 11.02.1998 and on 11.02.2007 He was promoted to Electrician (Grade 1) and currently serves as Electrician (Special Grade) 11.02.2012 in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. G.V.R.P. Kumara
Carpenter (Special Grade)
Works Department

Mr. G.V.R.P. Kumara joined University system as Carpenter (Grade II) on 01.02.1989. He was promoted to Carpenter (Grade I) on 01.01.1999. Currently serves as Carpenter (Special Grade) 01.02.2003 in the Works Department.



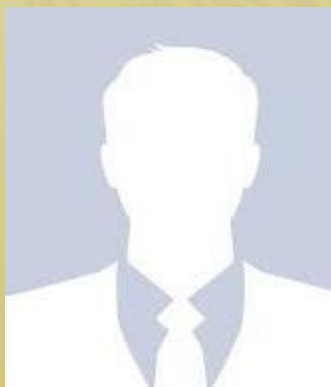
Mr. J.P. Piyasena
Carpenter (Special Grade)
Works Department
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. J.P. Piyasena joined University system as Health Service Laborer (Lower Grade) on 28.02.1992. He was promoted to Carpenter (Grade 11) on 15.07.1997 and on 15.07.2006 He was promoted to Carpenter (Grade 1) and currently serves as Carpenter (Special Grade) 15.07.2011 in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. T. Priyantha
Plumber (Grade II)
Works Department
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. T. Priyantha joined University system as Laborer (Grade 11) on 28.02.1992. He was promoted to Laborer (Grade 11) on 28.02.2002 and on 28.02.2010 He was promoted to Laborer (Grade 1) and currently serves as Plumber (Grade II) 15.03.2016 in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. K.A.G. Kithsiri
Lorry Cleaner (Grade III)
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. K.A.G. Kithsiri joined University system as Labourer Grade III on 28/02/1992. He was promoted to the post of Labourer Grade II on 28/02/2002, on 28/02/2007 he was promoted to the Labourer Grade I and he was appointed to the Lorry Cleaner (Grade III) on 02/05/2013 and currently serves as Lorry Cleaner Grade III since 02/05/2013 in the faculty of medicine.



Mr. W.R. Pushpakumara
Office Aide
Department of Pharmacology
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. W.R Pushpakumara joined University as Laborer (Grade III) on 28.02.1992. He was then promoted to Labourer (Grade II) on 28.02.2002, Laborer (Grade I) on 28.02.2007, Laborer (Special Grade) on 28.02.2014 and Office Aide on 28.02.2020. Currently serves in the Department of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. R.L. Jayatissa
Office Aide
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. R.L. Jayatissa joined University as Laborer (Grade III) on 28.02.1992. He was then promoted to Labourer (Grade II) on 28.02.2003, Laborer (Grade I) and on 28.02.2008, Works Aide (Special Grade) on 28.02.2015 and Office Aide on 28.02.2020. Currently serves in the Department of Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine.



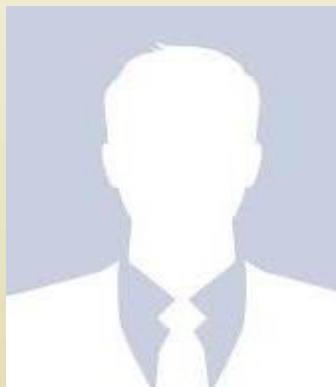
Mr. K.S.P. Perera
Office Aide
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. K.S.P. Perera joined University as Laborer (Grade III) on 28.02.1992. He was then promoted to Labourer (Grade II) on 28.02.2002, Laborer (Grade I) on 28.02.2007, Works Aide (Special Grade) on 28.02.2014 and Office Aide on 28.02.2019. Currently serves in the Department of Physiology, Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. S.H. Rupasiri
Health Service Laborer (Special Grade I)
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. S.H. Rupasiri joined University system as Health Service Labourer Lower Grade on 28/02/1992. He was promoted to the post of Health service Labourer Higher Grade on 01/01/2001 and he was promoted to the Health Service labourer (Special Grade) on 01/01/2011 and currently serves as Health service Labourer Special Grade I since 01/01/2018 in the Division of Landscape, Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. H.L. Premasiri
Health Service Laborer (Special Grade I)
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. H.L. Premasiri joined University system as Health Service Labourer (Lower Grade) Grade II on 28/02/1992. He was promoted to the post of Health service Labourer Higher Grade on 28/02/2001 and he was promoted to the Health Service Labourer (Special Grade) 28/02/2013 and currently serves as Health service Labourer Special Grade I since 28/02/2018 in the Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine.

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

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Prof. R.K.L.M. Dharmasiri
Department of Geography
Faculty of Social Sciences

Prof. R.K.L.M. Dharmasiri joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 02.11.1987 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 02.11.1992 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 02.11.1998 and he was promoted to Professor on 26.11.2009 and currently serves as Senior Professor of Geography on 26.11.2017 in the Department of Geography in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Prof. P.A.A. Perera
Department of Physics and Electronics
Faculty of Science

Prof. P.A.A. Perera joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 10/11/1987. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 11/08/1995 and on 11/08/2001 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I. He was promoted to Professor on 09/09/2011 and currently serves as Senior Professor on 09/09/2019 in the Department of Physics and Electronics in the Faculty of Science.



Prof. P.M.C. Thilekerathne
Department of Accountancy
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Prof. P.M.C. Thilekerathne joined University as Assistant Lecturer on 02/11/1987 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 02/11/1992 and on 02/11/1998 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and currently serves as a Professor on 05/11/2014 in the Department of Accountancy in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies. Currently serves as a Vice-Chancellor of the Open University of Sri Lanka.



Mrs. P.H.I.S. Bandara
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Research & Publication Division

Mrs. P.H.I.S. Bandara joined University as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1987.12.01. She was promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 1993.01.01 and on 1998.01.01 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. P.H.I.S. Bandara was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 2003.01.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2009.01.01 in the Research & Publication Division.



Mrs. K.M.K.T. Hewarathne
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Student Welfare

Mrs. K.M.K.T. Hewarathne joined University as Technician Grade 11 "Segment B" on 1987.12.01. She was promoted to Clerk (Grade 111) on 1996.05.01 and on 2006.05.01 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 11). She was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1) on 2009.05.01. Mrs. K.M.K.T. Hewarathne was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 2014.05.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2019.05.01 in the Student Welfare Division.



Mrs. A.A.G. Chandani
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. A.A.G. Chandani joined University as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1987.08.17. She was promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 1998.01.01 and on 2001.01.01 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. A.A.G. Chandani was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 2006.01.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2011.01.01 in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mrs. S.A.S. Goonawardhane
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Department of Political Science
Faculty of Social Sciences

Mrs. S.A.S. Goonawardhane joined University as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1988.03.01. She was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 1998.03.01 and on 2001.03.01 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. S.A.S. Goonawardhane was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 2006.03.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2011.03.01 in the Department of Political Science in the Faculty of Social Science.



Mrs. K.P.S. Chandrawathi
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Account Division

Mrs. K.P.S. Chandrawathi joined University system as Stenographer (Grade 11) on 1987.03.02. She was promoted to Stenographer (Grade 1) on 1996.01.13 and on 2001.01.13 she was promoted to Staff Management Assistant (Stenographer) and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant (Stenographer) 2005.01.13 in the Accounts Division.



Mrs. J.A.R. Jayasinghe Menike
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Western Classical culture & Christian Culture

Mrs. J.A.R. Jayasingha Manike joined University system as Stenographer (Grade 11) on 1986.11.10. She was promoted to Stenographer (Grade 1) on 1995.02.11 and on 2009.02.11 she was promoted to Staff Management Assistant (Stenographer) and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant (Stenographer) 2014.02.11 in the Accounts Division.



Mr. W.N.A. Withana
Laboratory Attendant Special Grade
Modern Language

Mr. W.N.A. Withana joined University system as Laborer Grade III on 04/05/1987. He was promoted to the post of Laborer Grade II on 01.01.1999 then he was promoted to the post of Laboratory Attendant Lower Grade on 01/10/2003 in the Department of Modern Language, Faculty of Humanities. Then he has promoted to the post of Laboratory Attendant Higher Grade on 01.10.2004. Later promoted to the post of Laboratory Attendant Supra Grade on 01.10.2011. Finally, he has promoted to the post of Laboratory Attendant Special Grade on 01.10.2016 in the same Department.



Mr. T.A. Ravindra
Laboratory Attendant Special Grade
Statistics & Computer Science

Mr. T.R. Ravindra joined University system as Labourer Grade III on 17/04/1985. The he was promoted to Labourer Grade II on 01.01.2001. Later he has promoted to the post of Labourer Grade I 02.05.2005. Then he has promoted to the post of Laboratory Attendant Lower Grade on 10/12/2007. Then Laboratory Attendant Higher Grade on 10/12/2008. Later he has promoted to the post of Laboratory Attendant Supra Grade on 10/12/2013 and currently serves as Laboratory Attendant Special Grade since 10/12/2018 in the Department of Statistic and Computer Science, Faculty of Science.



Mr. S.D. Wimalarathne
Office Aide
Bursar's Office

Mr. S.D. Wimalarathne joined University as Laborer (Grade III) on 04.05.1987. He was then promoted to Labourer (Grade II) on 01.01.1996, Laborer (Grade I) on 01.01.2000, Laborer (Special Grade) on 01.01.2007 and Office Aide on 01.01.2012. Currently serves in the Bursar's Office.



Mr. K.D. Jayalath
Office Aide
Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies

Mr. K.D. Jayalath joined University system as Laborer Gr (III) on 01/02/1987. He was promoted to Laborer Gr (II) on 02.02.1995 and He was promoted to Laborer Gr (I) on 03.02.2000. He was promoted to Laborer (Special Grade) on 03/02/2007 and on 03/02/2012 he was then promoted to Office Work Assistant Mr. K.D. Jayalath Currently serve as Office Assistant of Director Office in the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies.



Mrs. D.I.L. Ganegoda
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Examination Branch

Mrs. D.I.L. Ganegoda joined University as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1988.03.01. She was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 1999.03.01 and on 2002.03.01 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. D.I.L. Ganegoda was promoted to Staff Assistant on 2007.03.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2012.03.01 in the Examination Branch.

2. EMERITUS PROFESSORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA



Prof. Hemantha Sirisena



Prof. N. D. Gunawardane



Prof. E. G. Ubayachandra



Prof.(Mrs.) Asoka Pathiratne



Prof.(Mrs.) M. D. Amarasinghe



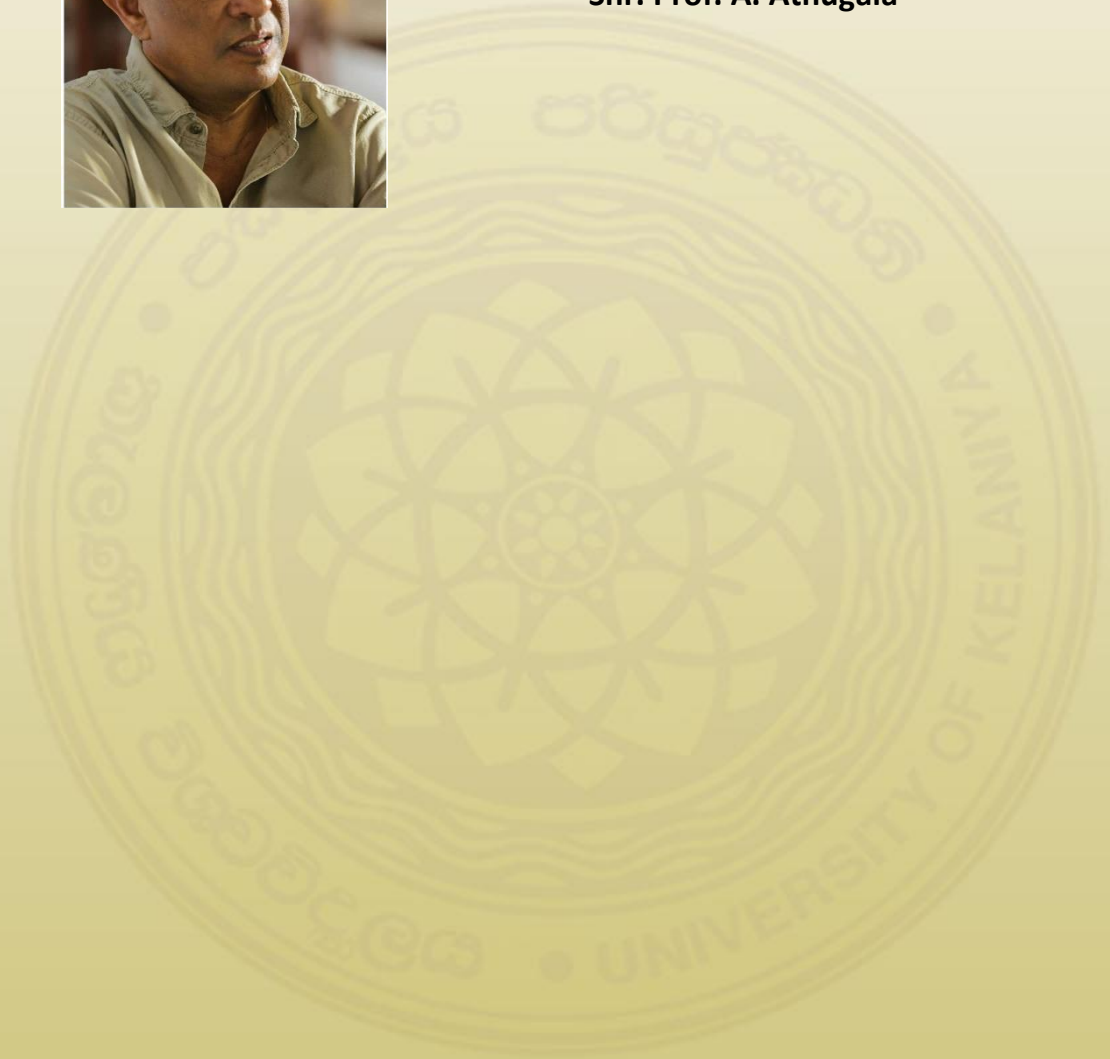
Prof. N. P. Sunil Chandra



Snr. Prof. H. J. De Silva



Snr. Prof. A. Athugala



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 and to Academic Staff Who Have Provided Commendable Service to the University 2022



Prof. (Mrs.) Kamani Jayasekara
Department of Western Classical Culture & Christian Culture
Faculty of Humanities



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



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



Mr. K. M. H. V. Wijesinghe
Department of International Studies
Faculty of Social Sciences



Dr. T.R Premathilake
Postgraduate institute of Archaeology



3.2. The Outstanding Researchers

3.2.1. Faculty of Medicine

a. First Place



Prof. W. M. M. L. Chandradasa
Department of Psychiatry
Faculty of Medicine

Miyuru Chandradasa MBBS MRCPsych MD is a Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist attached to the Colombo North Teaching Hospital in Ragama, Sri Lanka and a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Kelaniya. Prof Chandradasa previously worked as a Senior Honorary Lecturer at Monash University in Australia. He has obtained child psychotherapy training from the University of Melbourne. He is the first board-certified child and adolescent psychiatrist affiliated with the University of Kelaniya. He has won National Research Council, Senate, and Vice-chancellor awards for his research on child mental health in Sri Lanka. Prof Chandradasa has published 86 articles in peer-reviewed international and local journals over the last six years. He is the president of the Sri Lanka College of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists.

b. Second Place



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

Professor Sachith Mettananda graduated MBBS from the 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 obtained MD Paediatrics from the 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. He is an elected Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health and the Royal College of Physicians in London and 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 at University of Kelaniya.

In 2022, he authored 11 scientific publications in peer-reviewed indexed journals that include *Lancet Global Health* (IF-38.9), *Scientific Reports* (IF-4.9), *Acta Hematologica* (IF- 3.0), *BMC Pediatrics* (IF-2.5), and *British Journal of Sports Medicine* (IF-18.4). Additionally, he co-authored the textbook titled *Concise textbook of Pediatrics* and presented 15 research papers at International and National Conferences. He has an h-index of 18 and is currently an editorial board member of *BMC Pediatrics*, *Ceylon Medical Journal* and *Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health*.

c. Merit Awards



Prof. (Mrs.) K. C. D. Mettananda
Department of Pharmacology
Faculty of Medicine

Professor Chamila Mettananda graduated MBBS from the University of Peradeniya with 8 distinctions and the University Gold Medal for the best performance in Final MBBS in 2004. She obtained MD in Medicine in 2010, MRCP(UK) in 2013 and a PhD in cardiovascular epidemiology 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. Her research interests are cardiovascular epidemiology, stroke, and clinical trials. She has numerous publications with over 1200 citations. She was elected as a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in 2018, the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh in 2019, and the American College of Physicians in 2020. She served as the joint-Secretary of the Sri Lankan Society of Internal Medicine (2018), the joint-Secretary of the Ceylon College of Physicians in (2021), and the Secretary of the Speciality Board in Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics at the PGIM from 2018 to 2022. She is currently the Secretary of the Sri Lankan Association of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics.



Dr. (Mrs.) R. M. S. L. Ranaweera
Department of Anatomy
Faculty of Medicine

Dr. Lanka Ranaweera is a Senior Lecturer (Grade 1) attached to the Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. Her research interests are Evolutionary Genetics studies, Skeletal remain analysis and Anatomical variation studies. She has received training in ancient DNA analysis at the Metabolic and Mitochondrial laboratory at the Faculty of Medicine, Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Thailand.

She has over 35 publications under her name including full papers in Science Citation indexed/Scopus-indexed journals, national/ international symposia and book chapters. She has served as a reviewer in 3 international journals.

She was awarded the Excellence in Student Mentorship Award for consecutive 5 years at the Faculty of Medicine Excellence Awards ceremonies in 2015, 2016, 2018/2019, 2020 and 2021.



Dr. E. P. D. S. Ediriweera
Health Data Science Unit
Faculty of Medicine

Dr Dileepa Ediriweera is a Senior Lecturer (Grade II) at the Health Data Science Unit, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya.

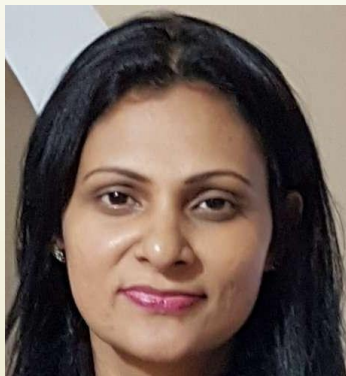
Dileepa graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Medical Informatics, a Master of Science degree in Biostatistics, a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Informatics and a Diploma in Computer System Designing.

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 work has been awarded four 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 five 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.

3.2.2. Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

a. First Place



Dr. (Mrs.) H. A. K. N. S. Surangi
Department of Commerce & Financial Management
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Dr. H.A.K.N.S.Surangi is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Commerce and Financial Management at the University of Kelaniya. She has more than 17 years of experience as a Lecturer in the entrepreneurship field. She holds a bachelor's degree in B Com from the University of Peradeniya with First-class honors, M Phill degree in Entrepreneurship from the University of Peradeniya. She gained her Ph.D. in Entrepreneurship from the University of Lincoln, United Kingdom, her research mainly focuses on but is not limited to, female entrepreneurship, entrepreneurial networking, social capital, entrepreneurial learning, and development. Surangi's research interests also span across areas such as ethnic minority and immigrant entrepreneurship. She has published in several academic journals. She regularly reviews papers for top-ranked journals and currently supervises two PhD students. She is a recipient of the best paper award and outstanding reviewer award at several research conferences held nationally and internationally.

b. Second Place



Dr. (Mrs.) R. A. I. C. Karunarathne
Department of Human Resource Management
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

I am Rotumba Arachchige Ishanka Chathurani Karunarathne, currently working as a senior Lecturer-I attached to the Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya. I obtained my first degree, which is a Bachelor of Business Management (Human Resource), Special Degree, from the University of Kelaniya with first-class honors. Then, I completed my MSc in Management degree at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka. I am one of the recipients of the DAAD scholarship (Research Grants for Doctoral Candidates and Young Academics and Scientists), which was one of the milestones in my academic life. With the financial support of DAAD, I completed my doctoral degree at George August University, Goettingen, Germany. In 2007, I started my academic career as a temporary assistant lecturer Department of Human Resource Management, University of Kelaniya, and since then, I have been serving the Department in different capacities, i.e., probationary lecturer, lecturer, and senior lecturer. During my academic life, I have published more than 40 research papers in academic journals and prestigious research conferences. Moreover, currently, I am serving as a reviewer of many academic journals and research conferences. One of my research works was finalist for the CEIBS best paper award at the 79th Academy of Management Conference, and another was finalist for the most outstanding young scholar award at the Academy of International Business Annual Meeting in 2017. Furthermore, since August 2022, I have been selected for the honorary position of DAAD Research Ambassador.

c. Merit Awards



Prof. A. C. de Alwis

Department of Human Resource Management

Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

In 1994, Dr Chamaru De Alwis completed a special degree program in Business Administration at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and was awarded a B.Sc in Business Administration Special. In 2005, he earned a Master of Science (MSc) in Management from the same university. In 2012, he earned his PhD from Tomas Bata University in Zlin, Czech Republic. After 11 years of valuable practical exposure in multidisciplinary capacities, he joined the University of Kelaniya as a senior lecturer in 2007. In 2017, he was promoted to the professor (based on merit) in the Human Resources Management department.

He is also the vice chancellor's nominee for the university's Research Council and the editor-in-chief of the Kelaniya Journal of Human Resource Management. He formerly worked as the coordinator of the Master of Business Administration, Master of Health Service Management, and Higher Diploma in Human Resource Management programs. In addition, beginning in 2017, he was the Director of the University's Career Guidance Unit. During his tenure, more than 50 students received Ministry of Industrial Affairs company start-up subsidies. They won the International Management Game tournament at the Toc H Institute of Science and Technology in Kerala, India. He is also a member of the University Senate, the Board of Management Studies, and the Board of Multi-Disciplinary Studies.

For more than 15 years, he has served on editorial boards and editorial adversary boards, including the Kelaniya Journal of Management, the Journal of Graduate Studies, the Kelaniya Journal of Human Resource Management, the International Journal of Management and Good

Governance (Slovakia), and the International Journal of Valis Aura (join publication of DAAM Austria and the Polytechnic Institute in Pozega, Croatia).

He is currently working as a PhD thesis supervisor at Malaysia's Management and Science University and Malaysia's Quest International University Perak. In addition, he serves as a PhD thesis reviewer for a number of international and domestic universities, including Gujral Punjab Technical Institute in India, Bharathiar University in Coimbatore, India, Birla Institute of Technology in Mersa Ranchi (Deemed University), Sant Baba Bhang Singh University in Jalandhar, India, Lovely Professional University in Phagwara, India, and the University of Jaffna in Sri Lanka.

In 2007, he began his scientific career. He has produced over 40 research papers in Scopus/Web of Sciences listed and indexed journals such as Emerald, Inderscience, and Sage throughout the preceding 15 years. He has also published 30 full paper papers in conference proceedings and around 25 conference abstracts. He has also authored three textbooks, three chapters, and two research publications, the most recent of which is titled "Sustainable Management Practices for Building Resilient Businesses" (available on Amazon).

He is a research paper reviewer for FIIB Business Review, India; Thai Journal of Agricultural Science- Kasetsart University, Thailand; Journal of the University of Ruhuna; Colombo Business Journal Wayamba Journal of Management, Kelaniya Journal of Management; Postgraduate Journal of Management - Journal of Kalyana, and Journal of the University of Ruhuna (JUR).

Dr De Alwis was awarded the university's most outstanding researcher in 2015, 2016, and 2017 (1st runner-up). He has also received over fifteen university senate awards for his articles in peer-reviewed journals. In addition, he has won paper prizes and best reviewer awards at international conferences conducted by different universities and research institutions in addition to his working institution. Dr De Alwis was awarded the Academic Leadership Award from the Toc H Institute of Science and Technology in Kerala, India, in 2017.

He is a member of the curriculum review Committee "Human Resource Management," established by Sri Lanka's University Grant Commission in 2022. Furthermore, he served as an external reviewer for the Human Resource Management Degree programs launched by the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka and the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. In addition to that, he was a member of the committee proposing a Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)

university of Kelaniya. Moreover, during his tenure, he introduced six MBA special degree programs.

He has chaired the Human Resource Management track at several international conferences hosted by local and international universities, such as the University of Jaffna, the University of Wayamba, the University of Ruhuna, the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, the University of Sabaragamuwa, the FIIB Institute in India, and the Jain University in India.

In 2022, he published eight research articles in Peer Reviewed Journals (2 Scopus) and six conference papers. One of the papers in the International Conference in Business and Information earned the best paper prize in the track of Human Resource Management. He conducted three keynote speeches at an international conference organised by a polytechnic in Pozega, Croatia & Erasmus+, Jain (Deemed to be) University, Kerala; Jawaharlal Business School, Palakkad, India and Bhavans Royal Institute of Management, Kochi, India. By 2022, he had received more than 79 Google Scholar citations. He also took on the post of editor-in-chief of the Kelaniya Journal of Human Resource Management.

He has nine h-index and more than 556 Google Scholar citations. With this accomplishment, he has met the criteria to be a tier four researcher as per UGC Circular 5/2005. He was recognised as one of the Top 100 Google Scholars at the University of Kelaniya. According to the World Scientist and University Ranking 2022, he is one of the first 20 Sri Lankan scientists in business and Management. According to the AD scientific index, he is the institution's most cited researcher in Human Resource Management and ranks ninth among all institutions on the island.

He received ERASMUS+ funding from the European Union for international teaching at Polytechnique in Pozega, Croatia. His research interest includes Human Resource Management. Family Business and Total Quality Management.



Dr. (Mrs.) K. G. M. Nanayakkara
Department of Commerce & Financial Management
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Dr. Madurika Nanayakkara is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Commerce and Financial Management at the University of Kelaniya. She has more than 12 years of experience as a lecturer in the Accounting and Finance field. She holds a bachelor's degree in Accountancy from the University of Kelaniya with First-class honors, a Master of Business Administration degree in Finance from the University of Colombo with a gold medal for the course unit of Contemporary thoughts in Management, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Finance from Federation University Australia. Also, Dr. Nanayakkara is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and an Associate member of the Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Sri Lanka. She has authored several scholarly articles on Green Finance, Financial distress, financial reporting, and Auditing. She is a recipient of the best presentation award, best paper award, outstanding reviewer award, and best poster award at several research conferences held nationally and internationally.

3.2.3. Faculty of Science

a. First Place



Prof. (Mrs.) L. D. Amarasinghe
Department of Zoology & Environmental Management
Faculty of Science

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 is a Professor in the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management, Faculty of Science, 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, Prof Amarasinghe has published her work in several conference proceedings, Nationally and Internationally. During this period, she earned several senate awards for publishing her research in Science citation indexed journals. She has an H index of 10 according to Google Scholar ranking.

She serves as an invited reviewer for many Science Citation Indexed journals with an Impact Factor above 2.0 and served as an international examiner for PhD thesis evaluation panel, University of Madras. She currently serves as the chief editor for the Journal of Science of the University of Kelaniya. She has secured

b. Second Place



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

Professor Kapila Seneviratne is a Senior Professor in the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya. Professor Kapila Seneviratne received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the 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 the University of Leeds, UK, and a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA. His research interests are chemical and nutritional properties of edible oils and bioavailability of phenolic antioxidants. He has received the Esther and Stanley Kirschner Award from Wayne State University, USA, the Dr. C.L. de Silva Gold Medal Award from the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon, President's awards for scientific publications, SUSRED Awards from National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka, and Vice Chancellor Awards for Best Inventor 2020 and 2021, Researcher with Most Publications from Internal Grants 2021, Outstanding Senior Researcher Merit 2021 and Recipient of Highest Grants in the Faculty of Science 2020 for his research achievements.

He was the Dean of the Faculty of Science (January 2014 – January 2017) and the first Chairman of the Ethics Review Committee of the University of Kelaniya. Currently, he serves as the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Chairman of the Research Council of the University of Kelaniya.



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. Following postdoctoral studies at University of California, San Diego, 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. Her current studies extend to developing novel point-of-care tools for diagnosis of dengue infections and early prognosis of severe dengue. Further, her research involves computational, cellular, molecular, and biochemical analysis of inhibition of oxidative damage of macromolecules and food deterioration as well as investigating the effect of edible oils on the absorption of small polar antioxidants through passive paracellular permeation in cellular and animal model systems.

During 2021-2022, Prof. Jayathilaka published three full papers including two research articles published in journals indexed in Science Citation Index. In addition, in 2022, she authored three book chapters in Metagenomics to Bioremediation: Applications, Cutting Edge Tools, and Future Outlook published by the Academic Press, Elsevier Inc. providing detailed insights into metagenomics approaches to bioremediation. She produced two PhD students between 2021-2022. Further, she has an H Index of 13 with 1214 citations according to Google Scholar rankings.

c. Merit Awards



Snr. Prof. (Mrs.) P. A. Paranagama
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Professor Priyani Ashoka Paranagama graduated from the University of Kelaniya in 1986 with a honors degree in Chemistry. She joined the University of Kelaniya in 1990 as an Assistant Lecturer and proceeded to Industrial and Technological Institute successor to CISIR to obtain her M.Phil degree in Organic Chemistry and her research project was Analysis of Sri Lankan Essential oils using GC-MS in 1991. She obtained her Ph.D from University of Glasgow in 1994 in the area of Bio Organic Chemistry and completed the research project titled “A Study of Effects of Azadirachtin on Specific Tissues of Locusts (*Schistocerca Gregaria*)”. In 2003 she was promoted as a professor and subsequently in 2011 as Senior Professor, and in 2012 she was appointed as the Chair of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya. From 2009 to 2012 she served as the Head of the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya. She served as the Dean, College of Chemical Sciences, and Institute of Chemistry Ceylon successor to Chemical Society of Sri Lanka from June 2016 to October 2017 and she was the President of Institute of Chemistry Ceylon for 2019/2020 Council year. She is a fellow of Institute of Chemistry, Ceylon, and a Chartered Chemist (CChem), Royal Society of Chemistry. She was appointed as the Director, Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo from 10th February 2018 to date. Her H index is 20 with 1962 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 initiated the Women Chemists Committee under Institute of Chemistry Ceylon from 2019 and she serves as the Chairperson of WCC to date. She is the Chairperson of the Formulary Committee of the Department of Ayurveda, Ministry of Indigenous Medicine. She is the vice-chairperson of

Ayurveda Medical Council, and she is also a member of ayurveda education and hospital committee. She was also appointed as the chairperson to prepare the Subject Benchmark Statement of Indigenous Medicine by UGC.

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, Prof M U S Sultanbawa gold medal for achievements in her research career in 2008, Presidential awards in 2008 and 2009, Silver Medal Award Annual Research Symposium of the College of Forensic Pathologist of Sri Lanka - 25th February 2012, the Dr. C.L de Silva Gold medal for outstanding research in Chemical Sciences in 2015, Vice chancellor awards for Highest amount of External Research Grant funding in the Faculty of Science in 2015 – 2016, Yeoman Service Awards for the outstanding contribution - Institute of Chemistry, Ceylon – 2017, SUSRED Award from National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka – 2017, Senate awards for Publication in Indexed journals; Two Senate Awards in 2019, Three Senate Awards in 2020, and Five Senate awards in 2021 and she was awarded the Vice Chancellor Merit Award for Most Outstanding Senior Researcher in the Faculty of Science in 2021.

She is a recipient of several international research grants from IFS, Sweden and TWAS Italy and National research grants from NRC, NSF, CARP, Indu-Sri Lanka Collaborative research grant from the Ministry of Science and Technology, research grants from Institute of Chemistry Ceylon and University of Kelaniya.

She has published over 66 research papers in indexed journals, written or edited 11 books / book chapters and published over 150 communications. She has successfully supervised over 25 postgraduate students with PhDs, MPhil's and M.Sc's and she is currently supervising 4 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 indigenous medicine. Her research interests are isolation and characterization of bioactive natural products from plants and endolichenic fungi, development of biopesticides, value addition of natural products and indigenous medicine. 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.



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

Professor Jayawardena received BSc Honours Degree in Chemistry from the University of Colombo and her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago, USA. She has served as a postdoctoral researcher at the College of Medicine, University of Kentucky, USA, a research scholar at the Department of Chemistry, University of Loughborough, U.K. Monash University, Australia, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology Australia, and at the Department of Nutrition, Gillings school of global public health, University of North Carolina at Chapel hill, USA. Her research interest is in the field of Nutrition, and she is engaged in developing nutraceuticals for the management of diabetes. Professor Jayawardena is also interested in developing a holistic approach to managing non communicable by nurturing the body, mind, and food intake. She has emerged as a leader in pioneering a novel water-based extraction method for natural products. She has published several research publications and was awarded presidential awards for her efforts. She was a recipient of Vice chancellor's awards for research and for receiving the highest amounts of external grants from the Faculty of Science in 2016. Her novel cinnamon base nutraceutical has been accepted for protection under the patent corporation treaty. Apart from being actively engaged in research and innovation, she has served as the Head of the Department of Chemistry, the University of Kelaniya and as the Dean of the Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya, Acting Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Acting Vice Chancellor of the University.



Snr. Prof. L. B. D. R. P. Wijesundara
Department of Physics and Electronics
Faculty of Science

Prof L B D R P Wijesundera is currently a Senior Professor and Chair of Physics at the Department of Physics and Electronics, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. He received BSc (1995) and MPhil (2001) in Physics from University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka and DSc (2008) in Solid State Physics from Kyushu University, Japan. His major research work is on development of inorganic and organic solar energy conversion devices. He has an h-index of 14 and has contributed in more than 135 scientific publications including more than 45 SCI publications and invited book chapter. He has delivered many invited presentations at local and international scientific organizations. He is currently the Head of the Department, Department of Physics and Electronics and the Director of the Research and Services Centre, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya.



Prof. G. A. S. M. Ganeshiarachchi
Department of Zoology & Environmental Management
Faculty of Science

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. He was awarded the NRC Merit Award for Scientific Publications in 2011, the outstanding researcher in the Faculty of Science merit award in 2021 and University Senate honours for conducting high quality research in several occasions.



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

DSM De Silva, BSc (Kelaniya), earned her PhD in Engineering Materials from the University of Sheffield, UK. She has served in the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya, since 1996. Her current research focuses on the development of photovoltaic materials & devices for solar energy applications, the manufacture of biochar for water purification and the analysis of microplastics in water & sediments. In 2022, she has made several publications, completed 1 MPhil and 1 PhD supervisions, earned a patent and secured a LKR 4.8 Million grant from Center for Environment Fisheries and Aquatic Science (*Cefas*), UK under the Commonwealth Liter Program (*CLiP*).



Prof. (Mrs.) P. A. S. R. Wickramarachchi
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Prof. Suranga Wickramarachchi earned her BSc (Honors) degree in Chemistry from the University of Kelaniya in 1995 and her PhD, from the Sheffield Hallam University, United Kingdom in 2006. She won the prestigious Jeremy J Laskowski Prize for Excellence in PhD Research awarded by the Sheffield Hallam University in 2006. In August 2006 she joined the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya as a Senior Lecturer and was promoted to the post of Professor in Chemistry in December 2019. She served as a Visiting Academic at the Lincoln University of New Zealand from 2015 to 2016. Prof. Wickramarachchi's research interests are in the fields of natural products and nanotechnology. Currently she is exploring novel bioactive compounds and micro/nano encapsulation of bioactive compounds as biopesticides. Also, she is focusing on green synthesis of silver nanoparticles and their applications and nano-toxicity. She is collaborating with the Western Carolina University, USA and National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, India.

During the year 2022 Prof. Wickramarachchi received the INDO-SL research grant awarded by the Ministry of Education and the Multidisciplinary Research Grant awarded by the Research Council of University of Kelaniya. During year 2022 she published three full papers in peer reviewed indexed journals including a full paper on the research work funded by the University of Kelaniya research grant RP/03/02/06/01/2016. Her research career has been recognized previously too by several awards including SUSRED AWRDS 2016, Outstanding Senior Researcher of the Faculty of Science (2nd place) 2019, Researcher with the most number of publications from University of Kelaniya research grant, 2019 and Outstanding Senior Researcher (Merit) award 2021 in her name.



Prof. (Mrs.) B. T. S. D. P. Kanannagara
Department of Plant & Molecular Biology
Faculty of Science

Prof. B T S D P Kannangara who is attached to the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya was appointed as a probationary lecturer in 1994. Her post graduate research which was on soil microbial ecology was conducted under the supervision of Prof. Dennis Parkinson, University of Calgary and earned her PhD in 2002. Her current research interests and publications are in the fields of Soil Biology, Bioremediation, Biotechnology and Applied Mycology. 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). So far Prof. Kannangara has supervised 10 postgraduate (PhD and M.Phil) students. She has published her research findings widely in indexed journals 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. Prof. Kannangara received two SUSRED awards for the year 2017 in recognition of the supervision of two PhD Degrees. She was also the recipient of the Vice Chancellor's award for the outstanding senior researcher in the faculty of science – 1st place in the year 2021. Apart from that she has obtained many senate awards for national and international publications in indexed journals. As per Google Scholar ranking, she has an H index of 9.



Prof. (Mrs.) W. A. R. T. W. B. Perera
Department of Zoology & Environmental Management
Faculty of Science

Rangika Bandara is a Professor in the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management, University of Kelaniya. She obtained her bachelor's degree in Forestry with first class honors from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. She earned both her MSc degree and Ph.D in Forestry and Environmental management from Louisiana State University, USA. Professor Rangika Bandara's research interests are on climate change, renewable energy, and sustainable tourism. During her higher studies she was awarded as the Graduate Student Merit Honor Award by the Gamma Sigma Delta, the Honor Society of Agriculture, Louisiana State University Chapter, USA, in 2007, 2009 and 2011. She was awarded the outstanding researcher; 3rd place in the Faculty of Science as well as the best inventor of the University of Kelaniya in 2018. Apart from her research, she has been contributing as the national forestry sector expert in preparing the third national communication on GHG accounting by the Ministry of Environment to the UNFCCC and currently serving as the national forestry sector mitigation expert under the Ministry of Environment.



Prof. (Ms.) K. P. R. N. Attanayake
Department of Plant & Molecular Biology
Faculty of Science

Prof. Renuka Attanayake obtained her BSc (Special) degree in Botany (Department of Plant and Molecular Biology) from the University of Kelaniya. After obtaining her MSc and Ph.D. from Washington State University, WA, USA she joined the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya in 2013 as a senior lecturer. Since then, she was able to secure funding from the American Phytopathological Society, USA, 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.

In the year 2022, she published four full papers in peer-reviewed indexed journals, one paper in a non-indexed journal, and many abstracts. So far, she has published about 25 research papers in indexed journals, four book chapters, and many abstracts. Her research interests are plant pathology, fungicide resistance, fungal population genetics, fungal-mediated polyethylene degradation, and fungal genomics.



Prof. K. M. D. C. Jayathilaka
Department of Physics and Electronics
Faculty of Science

Prof. K.M.D.C. Jayathilaka is currently a professor 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 33 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. He has over 300 citations with a h-index of 11 and i-10 index of 12 in the google scholar. Prof. Jayathilaka received one national patent and one international patent for his work related to addressable data communication research.



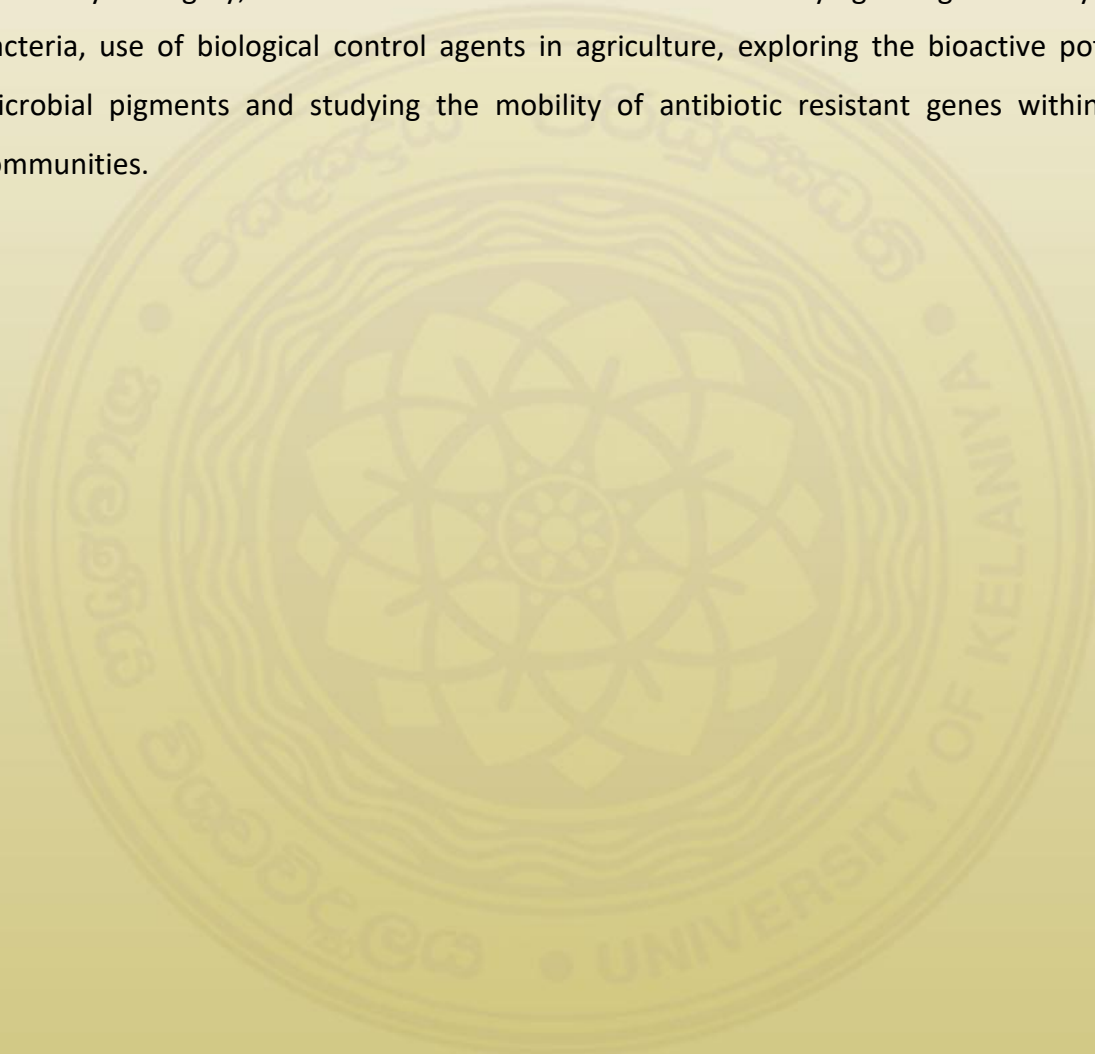
Prof. A. L. A. K. Ranaweera
Department of Physics Electronics
Faculty of Science

Aruna Kumara Ranaweera received B.Sc. Honors Degree in Physics from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka in 2006. He was a recipient of the Global Korea Scholarship for the postgraduate studies offered by the government of the Republic of Korea in 2010. He earned his Ph.D. in Electronics and Radio Engineering in 2017 from Kyung Hee University, South Korea. His field of research for the Ph.D. was “Wireless Power Transfer”, and he was able to produce several high-quality journal articles and one Korean patent as the research outcome. He is currently affiliated with the Department of Physics and Electronics, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka as a professor. He has been a member of IEEE since 2009 and a member of the International Union of Radio Science (Union Radio-Scientifique Internationale - URSI) since 2018. He also has been a life member of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) since 2016 and was the president of section E1 of SLASS in 2020. His current research interests include wireless power transfer, metamaterials, wave propagation control, and supercapacitor-assisted power electronics. Recently, he played a pioneering role in establishing the “Electronics Design and Innovation Centre (EDIC)” a dedicated high-end research laboratory for Electronics at the University of Kelaniya. The research team of the EDIC is actively contributing to developing consumer electronics for futuristic smart cities with innovative concepts and they are entitled to several national patents, a few industrial designs, and one international PCT. They are now very keen on technology transfer for the commercialization of their innovations for the economic resilience of the country.



Dr. (Mrs.) W. M. A. P. Halmillawewa
Department of Microbiology
Faculty of Science

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.





Dr. D. D. C. de S. Wanniarachchi
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Dakshika Wanniarachchi is a Senior Lecturer attached to the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. She graduated with BSc. honours degree in Chemistry with a first-class honour from the University of Peradeniya in 2005. She moved to Wayne State University, Detroit, USA where she completed her PhD in 2013.

Dr. Wanniarachchi focused her research mainly in the field of instrumentation with a special focus on Tea industry. There, her main interest is to develop e-nose, e-eye and e-tong as novel digital senses applicable in quality control aspects allowing minimum human intervention. In addition, she has several ongoing projects related to analytical chemistry. She has published 12 peer reviewed research papers, more than 30 abstracts in local and international conferences and one SL patent. Her current h-index is 5.



Dr. (Mrs.) R. P. Wanigatunge
Department of Plant & Molecular Biology
Faculty of Science

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 the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya as a Senior Lecturer in 2017. She has published 14 research papers in peer-reviewed, international, and local journals, three 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 years 2021 and 2022. Also, she won 1st place in Outstanding Early Career Researcher of the Faculty of Science in the year 2022. Further, she received investigator-driven research grant awarded by the National Research Council, Sri Lanka-China collaborative research grant from 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 Environmental Committee of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science, Sri Lanka in the year 2022.

3.2.4. Faculty of Computing & Technology



Dr. (Ms.) A. Welhenge

Department of Computer Systems Engineering

Faculty of Computing & Technology

Dr. Anuradhi Welhenge is a Senior Lecturer (Gr II) at the Department of Computer Systems Engineering, Faculty of Computing and Technology. She obtained her BSc in Engineering degree from the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand in Electronics Engineering, her Master of Biomedical Engineering from the University of New South Wales, Australia, and a Doctorate in Engineering from the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand in Telecommunications. She joined the faculty in 2020. Dr. Anuradhi has won several senate awards for her publications in indexed journals. And her most recent publications appeared in Sustainability, Journal of Biomimetics, Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering, and Journal of Discrete Mathematical Sciences and Cryptography. Dr. Anuradhi is a reviewer for ECTI Transactions on Computer and Information Technology. She also has authored a book in the field of the Internet of Things by a local reputed publisher.

3.3. The Outstanding Young Researchers

3.3.1. Faculty of Medicine

a. First Place



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

Prof. Nayana Gunahilaka is a Professor at the Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. He has published over 70 full papers in Science Citation indexed/Scopus-indexed journals, over 140 abstracts at national/ international symposia and 3 book chapters. He has over 800 citations with a h- index of 16 and i-10 index of 27 in the Google Scholar. During the year of consideration (2022), Prof. Gunathilaka had 15 full papers in Science citation/Scopus-indexed journals, 07 abstracts at scientific conferences and produced 2 PhD degrees. During this period of consideration, he received the CVCD Excellence Award for Most Outstanding Young Researcher in Sri Lanka conferred by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors (CVCD) which is an award that a Sri Lanka University academic would ever receive once in a lifetime in recognition of Research. He also received another lifetime award in 2022 as the “Young Scientist in Sri Lanka” in recognition of excellence in conducting high-quality Research and publishing in Science Citation Indexed Journals, Academic accomplishment, leadership, research supervision, and national service by the Institute of Biology, Sri Lanka.

b. Second Place



Dr. M. B. K. C. Dayasiri
Department of Pediatrics
Faculty of Medicine

Dr. Dayasiri is currently a Senior Lecturer in paediatrics at University of Kelaniya and honorary consultant paediatrician at North Colombo Teaching Hospital, Ragama.

Following medical graduation from University of Colombo, he studied patterns and risk factors for paediatric poisoning for nearly seven years in the rural North-Central province of Sri Lanka and completed M Phil in paediatrics from University of Kelaniya.

He subsequently completed MD in paediatrics from University of Colombo and received further training at John Radcliffe hospital, Oxford. During his training at Oxford, he also contributed to research on children in Oxfordshire.

Dr. Dayasiri is a fellow of the prestigious Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, United Kingdom, and recipient of the master's in medical toxicology and diploma in child health from University of Colombo, diploma in child health and membership from Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health, and diploma in UK medical practice from Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

He has also received post-graduate certificate in Medical Education from University of Colombo.

Dr. Dayasiri has authored over sixty-five publications in peer reviewed medical journals and has received several local and international prestigious research awards

c. Merit Awards



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

Dr. Anuradha Baminiwatta has been working as a Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Psychiatry at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya since 2020. 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 in psychiatry. His main research interests include mindfulness and its mental health benefits, undergraduate psychiatric education, psychometrics, and scientometric analyses. He won the Vice Chancellor's Award for the Outstanding Early Career Researcher in the Faculty of Medicine -1st Place in 2021. During the year under consideration for this award, he has published 7 research articles in indexed journals and presented 19 conference abstracts at national and international conferences, winning 6 awards for conference presentations. He has acquired 67 new Google scholar citations in the year 2022.

3.3.2. Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies



Dr. (Mrs.) J. M. R. Fernando

Department of Finance

Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Dr. Ruwani Fernando, graduated with Bachelor Business Management Special Degree in Finance from University of Kelaniya and M.Sc. in Management from University of Sri Jayewardenepura. She obtained her PhD from University of Waikato, New Zealand. She was the faculty gold medalist for the achievement of the highest GPA of the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies in the year 2008. She also was a recipient of the New Zealand commonwealth scholarship to pursue her Ph.D.

Her Ph.D. thesis has been awarded as one of the best theses of the year 2020 recognized by "The Institute of Finance Professionals of New Zealand". She has also received the Vice Chancellor's Award for the researcher with the highest number of publications in the indexed journals of the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies in 2019 and the 3rd place in the category of the most outstanding young researcher in the same year.

She has been Awarded for the best paper titled "Does Risk Management effects on bank efficiency: An analysis of Sri Lankan Banking sector" at the International Conference on Economic, Finance and Management Outlook, organized by the Asian Economic and Social Society in Malaysia 2013.

3.3.3. Faculty of Computing & Technology



Dr. (Mrs.) R. A. T. P. Rupasinghe
Department of Applied Computing
Faculty of Computing & Technology

Dr. Thilini P. Rupasinghe joined Faculty of Computing and Technology in 2016 and currently serving as a Senior Lecturer attached to the Department of Applied Computing. She holds a Doctoral degree (in Materials Science) from University of Iowa, USA, Master's degree (in Environmental & Nanochemistry) from University of Iowa, USA, and bachelor's degree specialized in Chemistry from University of Colombo. Dr. Rupasinghe has over 12 years' experience in academia in both United States and Sri Lanka.

Dr. Rupasinghe is a profound scholar mainly involved in material science and nanotechnology where she is working on the development of functional nanomaterials with enhanced properties for the applications in the fields of agriculture, electronics, pharmaceuticals and environmental remediation. She has authored over 60 scientific publications including high impact journal articles, book chapters with over 1500 citations. In addition to material science and nanotechnology research, Dr. Rupasinghe is currently involved in research related to the development of innovative teaching and learning methodologies which aims at providing high quality undergraduate education and promoting life-long learning.

Dr. Rupasinghe has received "Excellence in Teaching" awards and "Research Excellence" fellowships multiple times during her tenure as a graduate student researcher at the University of Iowa, USA. In addition to research and teaching, Dr. Rupasinghe has also served as the Head of the Department of Applied Computing from 2018 to 2021 and currently she is holding several other administrative responsibilities at the faculty and university level.

3.3.4. Faculty of Science

a. First Place



Dr. (Mrs.) D. A. D. A. Daranagama
Department of Plant & Molecular Biology
Faculty of Science

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 the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China. There she obtained her Ph.D degree in Bioinformatics. She joined the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, at the University of Kelaniya in 2017, and currently working as a senior Lecturer G II in the same department. Her research interests lie in the fields of Mycology and Bioinformatics. She is also engaged in several research projects related to plant and seed pathology. She won the Vice-Chancellor's award for the Top Ten researchers in the years 2020 and 2021. She has authored more than fifty (50) peer-reviewed journal articles in SCI journals with an H-index of 23.

b. Second Place



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

Dr. Vasana Chandrasekara is a Senior Lecturer 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 the 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 the 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 2018.

Her research interests include data mining in the field of data science, time series analysis, econometrics and statistical modelling. She owns 84 publications, including 1 book chapter, 42 abstracts and extended abstracts, 15 full papers at national and international conference proceedings and 26 journal papers in peer-reviewed indexed journals including science citation index expanded, web of science, Scopus, etc. Her H-index is five and her research interest score is 236.7 in ResearchGate.

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 the outstanding researcher of the Faculty of Science – Merit 2021, outstanding early carrier researcher of the Faculty of Science - 2nd place in 2019 and Senate Honors for conducting high quality research in the years 2016, 2017 (two), 2019 (two), 2020, 2021 and 2022 (three) by the University of Kelaniya. She served as a scientific reviewer and co-chaired several national and

international research conferences and journals. Currently she is the chief editor of the Sri Lankan Journal of Applied Statistics and an editorial board member of the International Journal of data mining, modeling and management. Further, she serves as the Institute of Applied Statistics (IASSL) editor and holds MIASSL.



c. Merit Awards



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

Dr. (Mrs.) A.M.C.H. Attanayake is a Senior Lecturer at 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 first-class honors. She obtained her M.Sc. from the University of Moratuwa and PhD from the University of Colombo. Her main research interest is mathematical and statistical modeling of infectious diseases. She was awarded the best post-graduate research project in 2016, organized by the Institute of Applied Statistics, Sri Lanka. She won first place in the most outstanding young researcher in the Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya, in VC awards 2020 and the merit award in the most outstanding senior researcher in the Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya, in VC awards 2021. She won senate honours and monetary prizes several times for conducting high-quality research. She has more than 10 research publications in reputed journals. She has presented her work in abstract form at over 20 scientific conferences and authored four book chapters. She supervised more than 10 research theses of BSc (Hons) degree students. She serves as a reviewer at many national and international conferences. Further, Dr. (Mrs.) Attanayake has served as a resource person in several workshops. Currently, she is an active member of the Mathematical Modelling Research Group of the Research & Development Centre for Mathematical Modeling, University of Colombo.



Dr. J. N. Dahanayake
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Dr. Jayangika N. Dahanayake is a Senior Lecturer attached to the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. She graduated with BSc (Honours) in Chemistry in 2011 from the University of Colombo and obtained her PhD in 2017 from the Wichita State University, USA. After she graduated in 2017, she was awarded a Postdoctoral research fellowship by Wichita State University, USA.

Her research interests are hydration dynamics at the enzyme interface using molecular dynamics studies and computer-aided drug designing. She has authored 07 peer reviewed research papers, one book chapter and presented more than 20 abstracts at national and international conferences. Her publications have been cited by more than 120 times by other researchers and has the h-index of 6.



Dr. (Ms.) C.A. Kaviratna
Department of Industrial Management
Faculty of Science

Dr (Ms.) C.A. Kavirathna is a lecturer in the Department of Industrial Management, University of Kelaniya. Her research interests include modeling and analyzing logistics and transport, supply chain planning and optimization, transport policy analysis, logistics system optimization, and green logistics and sustainability. She is researching the logistics sector to exploit the geographical advantages of Sri Lanka to be developed as an international logistics hub focusing on the competitiveness of the Port of Colombo, optimization of port facilities, regional port competition, de-hubbing maritime networks, and port development policy analysis, among others.



Mr. T. D. Kodituwakku

Department of Plant & Molecular Biology

Faculty of Science

Mr. Thenuka Kodituwakku obtained his B.Sc. (Hons.) Degree in Botany from the University of Kelaniya in 2019. Currently, he is serving as a Lecturer (Probationary) attached to the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology since March 2021. His research interests are in the fields of Horticulture, Postharvest Biology and Technology. He received the Vice-Chancellor's Award (Merit Award) for the Outstanding Early Career Researcher of the Faculty of Science in 2021, and Senate Honors and Cash Prizes for publishing papers in journals indexed in Science Citation Index and Scopus in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

3.4. The Recipient (s) of the Highest Amount of External Research Grants

3.4.1. Faculty of Science



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

DSM De Silva, BSc (Kelaniya), earned her PhD in Engineering Materials from the University of Sheffield, UK. She has served in the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya, since 1996. Her current research focuses on the development of photovoltaic materials & devices for solar energy applications, the manufacture of biochar for water purification and the analysis of microplastics in water & sediments. In 2022, she has made several publications, completed 1 MPhil and 1 PhD supervisions, earned a patent and secured a LKR 4.8 Million grant from Center for Environment Fisheries and Aquatic Science (*Cefas*), UK under the Commonwealth Liter Program (*CLiP*).

3.4.2. Faculty of Computing & Technology



Dr. P. W. Samarasekera
Department of Applied Computing
Faculty of Computing & Technology

Dr. Pradeep W. Samarasekera is a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Computing and Technology at University of Kelaniya. He is carrying more than 10 years of working experience both in USA and in Sri Lanka in academia and industry. He is an expert in the fields of rare earth metallurgy and advanced materials. His research and inventions span across a variety of areas including, rare earth metals extraction from earth resources, selective extraction of precious metals from e-waste, and sustainable chemistry focusing on affordable and clean energy technologies. He holds number of international patents for the novel technologies developed in these interdisciplinary areas.

Dr. Samarasekera was awarded the Lifetime Excellence Award for the Best Inventor in all the categories in Sri Lankan University system by the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Directors (CVCD) in 2020. Among other numerous exclusive awards, Dr. Samarasekera's technology innovations were recognized as the Grand prize winner at the US Department of Energy's National Clean Energy Challenge, US Department of Energy's National Cleantech University prize at Caltech, and the most prestigious Edison Award for Best New Product in Energy Sustainability. Later it was recognized as one of the Top 50 Emerging Global Enterprises by the Kairos Society, a global summit for university led start-up companies. Dr. Samarasekera was also awarded with the Inventor Patent Award and Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship Inventors Award by the University of Houston and Vice-chancellors Award for The Best Innovator in the University of Kelaniya. He also received numerous research grants totaling over two million US dollars as a Principal Investigator. Dr. Samarasekera has acquired technology innovation and commercialization

training from the US National Science Foundation's Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer program.

In 2022, Dr. Samarasekere was awarded with a USD 0.5 Million (LKR 175,000,000) research grant to extend his research work in exploring the rare earth mineral prospects in Sri Lanka by the Asia Development Bank. The project aims to perform a comprehensive technical assessment of Sri Lanka's rare earth elements (REE) prospects through applied research-based university-industry collaboration. The outcomes of the research will, in turn, provide the necessary groundwork to catalyze a completely forgotten/ignored potential economic and strategic global opportunity for Sri Lanka and boost the country's minerals industry. Through the research project initiated with this proposal, it is expected to establish sustainable university-industry collaborations with the organizations operating in the minerals and earth resources sector in Sri Lanka. Apart, the grant will support the establishment of a state-of-art laboratory to perform mineral-based materials research at the University of Kelaniya.

Dr. Samarasekere has received his B.Sc. degree in Computational Chemistry from University of Colombo, and his Ph. D in Chemistry from the University of Houston, Texas, USA. Successively, he was offered a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship from the University of Houston. Later, he has co-founded Recycle Incorporation in USA and served as the Chief Technology Officer until he moved to Sri Lanka in 2017 to join the University of Kelaniya as a senior lecturer. Currently, Dr. Samarasekere is also serving as the Director of the Business Linkage cell of the University of Kelaniya.

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

3.5.1. Faculty of Medicine



Prof. W. M. M. L. Chandradasa
Department of Psychiatry
Faculty of Medicine

Miyuru Chandradasa MBBS MRCPsych MD is a Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist attached to the Colombo North Teaching Hospital in Ragama, Sri Lanka and a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Kelaniya. Prof Chandradasa previously worked as a Senior Honorary Lecturer at Monash University in Australia. He has obtained child psychotherapy training from the University of Melbourne. He is the first board-certified child and adolescent psychiatrist affiliated with the University of Kelaniya. He has won National Research Council, Senate, and Vice-chancellor awards for his research on child mental health in Sri Lanka. Prof Chandradasa has published 86 articles in peer-reviewed international and local journals over the last six years. He is the president of the Sri Lanka College of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists.

3.5.2. Faculty of Science



Snr. Prof. (Mrs.) P. A. Paranagama

Department of Chemistry

Faculty of Science

Professor Priyani Ashoka Paranagama graduated from the University of Kelaniya in 1986 with a honors degree in Chemistry. She joined the University of Kelaniya in 1990 as an Assistant Lecturer and proceeded to Industrial and Technological Institute successor to CISIR to obtain her M.Phil degree in Organic Chemistry and her research project was Analysis of Sri Lankan Essential oils using GC-MS in 1991. She obtained her Ph.D from University of Glasgow in 1994 in the area of Bio Organic Chemistry and completed the research project titled “A Study of Effects of Azadirachtin on Specific Tissues of Locusts (*Schistocerca Gregaria*)”. In 2003 she was promoted as a professor and subsequently in 2011 as Senior Professor, and in 2012 she was appointed as the Chair of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya. From 2009 to 2012 she served as the Head of the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya. She served as the Dean, College of Chemical Sciences, and Institute of Chemistry Ceylon successor to Chemical Society of Sri Lanka from June 2016 to October 2017 and she was the President of Institute of Chemistry Ceylon for 2019/2020 Council year. She is a fellow of Institute of Chemistry, Ceylon, and a Chartered Chemist (CCChem), Royal Society of Chemistry. She was appointed as the Director, Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo from 10th February 2018 to date. Her H index is 20 with 1962 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 initiated the Women Chemists Committee under Institute of Chemistry Ceylon from 2019 and she serves as the Chairperson of WCC to date. She is the Chairperson of the Formulary Committee of the Department of Ayurveda, Ministry of Indigenous Medicine. She is the vice-chairperson of Ayurveda Medical Council, and she is also a member of ayurveda

education and hospital committee. She was also appointed as the chairperson to prepare the Subject Benchmark Statement of Indigenous Medicine by UGC.

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, Prof M U S Sultanbawa gold medal for achievements in her research career in 2008, Presidential awards in 2008 and 2009, Silver Medal Award Annual Research Symposium of the College of Forensic Pathologist of Sri Lanka - 25th February 2012, the Dr. C.L de Silva Gold medal for outstanding research in Chemical Sciences in 2015, Vice chancellor awards for Highest amount of External Research Grant funding in the Faculty of Science in 2015 – 2016, Yeoman Service Awards for the outstanding contribution - Institute of Chemistry, Ceylon – 2017, SUSRED Award from National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka – 2017, Senate awards for Publication in Indexed journals; Two Senate Awards in 2019, Three Senate Awards in 2020, and Five Senate awards in 2021 and she was awarded the Vice Chancellor Merit Award for Most Outstanding Senior Researcher in the Faculty of Science in 2021.

She is a recipient of several international research grants from IFS, Sweden and TWAS Italy and National research grants from NRC, NSF, CARP, Indu-Sri Lanka Collaborative research grant from the Ministry of Science and Technology, research grants from Institute of Chemistry Ceylon and University of Kelaniya.

She has published over 66 research papers in indexed journals, written or edited 11 books / book chapters and published over 150 communications. She has successfully supervised over 25 postgraduate students with PhDs, MPhil's and M.Sc's and she is currently supervising 4 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 indigenous medicine. Her research interests are isolation and characterization of bioactive natural products from plants and endolichenic fungi, development of biopesticides, value addition of natural products and indigenous medicine. 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. G. A. S. M. Ganehiarachchi
Department of Zoology & Environmental Management
Faculty of Science

Professor G.A.S.M Ganehiarachchi 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 Ganehiarachchi'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. He was awarded the NRC Merit Award for Scientific Publications in 2011, the outstanding researcher in the Faculty of Science merit award in 2021 and University Senate honours for conducting high quality research in several occasions.

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



Prof. (Mrs.) P. A. S. R. Wickramarachchi
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Prof. Suranga Wickramarachchi earned her BSc (Honors) degree in Chemistry from the University of Kelaniya in 1995 and her PhD, from the Sheffield Hallam University, United Kingdom in 2006. She won the prestigious Jeremy J Laskowski Prize for Excellence in PhD Research awarded by the Sheffield Hallam University in 2006. In August 2006 she joined the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya as a Senior Lecturer and was promoted to the post of Professor in Chemistry in December 2019. She served as a Visiting Academic at the Lincoln University of New Zealand from 2015 to 2016.

Prof. Wickramarachchi's research interests are in the fields of natural products and nanotechnology. Currently she is exploring novel bioactive compounds and micro/nano encapsulation of bioactive compounds as biopesticides. Also, she is focusing on green synthesis of silver nanoparticles and their applications and nano-toxicity. She is collaborating with the Western Carolina University, USA and National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, India.

During the year 2022 Prof. Wickramarachchi received the INDO-SL research grant awarded by the Ministry of Education and the Multidisciplinary Research Grant awarded by the Research Council of University of Kelaniya. During year 2022 she published three full papers in peer reviewed indexed journals including a full paper on the research work funded by the University of Kelaniya research grant RP/03/02/06/01/2016. Her research career has been recognized previously too by several awards including SUSRED AWRDS 2016, Outstanding Senior Researcher of the Faculty of Science (2nd place) 2019, Researcher with the most number of publications from University of Kelaniya research grant, 2019 and Outstanding Senior Researcher (Merit) award 2021 in her name.

3.7. The Best Innovators/Inventors in the University

3.7.1. Faculty of Science

a. First Place



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

Professor Kapila Seneviratne is a Senior Professor in the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya. Professor Kapila Seneviratne received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the 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 the University of Leeds, UK, and a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA. His research interests are chemical and nutritional properties of edible oils and bioavailability of phenolic antioxidants. He has received the Esther and Stanley Kirschner Award from Wayne State University, USA, the Dr. C.L. de Silva Gold Medal Award from the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon, President's awards for scientific publications, SUSRED Awards from National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka, and Vice Chancellor Awards for Best Inventor 2020 and 2021, Researcher with Most Publications from Internal Grants 2021, Outstanding Senior Researcher Merit 2021 and Recipient of Highest Grants in the Faculty of Science 2020 for his research achievements.

He was the Dean of the Faculty of Science (January 2014 – January 2017) and the first Chairman of the Ethics Review Committee of the University of Kelaniya. Currently, he serves as the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Chairman of the Research Council of the University of Kelaniya.



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 developing a point-of-care isothermal amplification method for disease diagnosis and prognosis of severe dengue in resource limited settings. Further, her studies involve extending the shelf life of food products using phytoextracts and investigating the absorption of phenolic antioxidants by coconut oil in cellular and animal model systems.

During 2021-2022, Prof. Jayathilaka received two national patents for extending the oxidative and microbial shelf life of food products by application of thermostable phenolic antioxidants extracted from rice (*Oryza sativa*) bran and preserving the color of fruit or vegetable juices using coconut paring residue extract. The latter for which international patent application was also published under Patent Corporation Treaty (PCT) World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) for filing for “provisional protection” in other countries. In addition, A licensing agreement was reached between the University of Kelaniya and NuEarth Foods Pvt Ltd to commercialize the above patented product

a. (I) First Place (Group)



Prof. S. R. D. Kalingamudali

Dean

Faculty of Science

Sudath Rajendra Deshapriya Kalingamudali is a Senior Professor and the Dean of the Faculty of Science at, University of Kelaniya (UoK). He obtained his bachelor's degree in Physics (1990) from UoK and earned his PhD (1994) from the University of Sheffield under an open Commonwealth Scholarship. He has won the Fulbright Fellowship twice and served as a Visiting Professor at GSU and LSU, USA. He is a Chartered Scientist, Chartered Engineer and Chartered Physicist, and a Fellow of IET, IOP, and IPSL. He served as the Head of the Department of Physics and Electronics and as an International Peer Reviewer for subject and programme reviews in Bangladesh Universities. His main research interests are designing and developing electronic circuits for various applications and published/presented over 55 research papers, entitled for a PCT, 4 Sri Lankan Patents and 2 Industrial Designs. He played an instrumental role in partnering with OREL Corporation (Pvt) Ltd to license an innovative product, "Remotely Controllable Regulator Connected in Series with Resistive and Inductive Loads".



Prof. A.L.A.K. Ranaweera
Department of Physics & Electronics
Faculty of Science

Aruna Kumara Ranaweera received B.Sc. Honors Degree in Physics from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka in 2006. He was a recipient of the Global Korea Scholarship for the postgraduate studies offered by the government of the Republic of Korea in 2010. He earned his Ph.D. in Electronics and Radio Engineering in 2017 from Kyung Hee University, South Korea. His field of research for the Ph.D. was “Wireless Power Transfer”, and he was able to produce several high-quality journal articles and one Korean patent as the research outcome. He is currently affiliated with the Department of Physics and Electronics, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka as a professor. He has been a member of IEEE since 2009 and a member of the International Union of Radio Science (Union Radio-Scientifique Internationale - URSI) since 2018. He also has been a life member of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) since 2016 and was the president of section E1 of SLASS in 2020. His current research interests include wireless power transfer, metamaterials, wave propagation control, and supercapacitor-assisted power electronics. Recently, he played a pioneering role in establishing the “Electronics Design and Innovation Centre (EDIC)” a dedicated high-end research laboratory for Electronics at the University of Kelaniya. The research team of the EDIC is actively contributing to developing consumer electronics for futuristic smart cities with innovative concepts and they are entitled to several national patents, a few industrial designs, and one international PCT. They are now very keen on technology transfer for the commercialization of their innovations for the economic resilience of the country.



Dr. P. L. A. K. Piyumal
Department of Physics & Electronics
Faculty of Science

Puhulwelle Loku Arachchige Kasun Piyumal is currently working as a Lecturer at the Department of Physics and Electronics, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. He received his Bachelor of Science Honours degree in Physics with Second Class (Upper Division) Honors from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, in 2017. After graduation, he worked as a Teaching Assistant in the same Department. In 2018, he started pursuing his PhD degree in Electronics in the same Department and earned it in 2022. He is a member of IEEE, IEEE IES society, SLAAS, SLAAS CPS committee and IPSL. His current Research Interests Include different areas in Electronics, such as Power Electronic Applications, Solar Photovoltaic Systems, Applications of Supercapacitors, and the development of Consumer Electronic products, and he has published/presented many indexed research papers. He has one international PCT, 3 National Patents and 2 industrial designs, where he is currently working toward Technology Transfer and Commercialization through licensee agreements. He has served as an Advanced Developer for the “Remotely Controllable Regulator” product, commercialised with the Orel Corporation (Pvt) Ltd, which is the first-ever licensed product of the University of Kelaniya.

b. Second Place (Group)



Snr. Prof. L. B. D. R. P. Wijesundara
Department of Physics & Electronics
Faculty of Science

Prof L B D R P Wijesundera is currently a Senior Professor and Chair of Physics at the Department of Physics and Electronics, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. He received BSc (1995) and MPhil (2001) in Physics from University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka and DSc (2008) in Solid State Physics from Kyushu University, Japan. His major research work is on development of inorganic and organic solar energy conversion devices. He has an h-index of 14 and has contributed in more than 135 scientific publications including more than 45 SCI publications and invited book chapter. He has delivered many invited presentations at local and international scientific organizations. He is currently the Head of the Department, Department of Physics and Electronics and the Director of the Research and Services Centre, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya.



Prof. K. M. D. C. Jayathilaka
Department of Physics & Electronics
Faculty of Science

Prof. K.M.D.C. Jayathilaka is currently a professor 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 33 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. He has over 300 citations with a h-index of 11 and i-10 index of 12 in the google scholar. Prof. Jayathilaka received one national patent and one international patent for his work related to addressable data communication research.



Dr. J. A. Seneviratne
Department of Physics & Electronics
Faculty of Science

Dr. Jehan Seneviratne is a Senior Lecturer attached to the Department of Physics and Electronics, University of Kelaniya. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics from the University of Kelaniya and obtained his MS and PhD from Mississippi State University. He is passionate about student development and innovation. He is actively working with the research group at the Electronics Development and Innovation Centre (EDIC), which is under the Department of Physics and Electronics. He has contributed to one international patent, multiple local patents, and industrial designs under EDIC. Under the Leadership and Entrepreneurship Division of EDIC, he is leading e-waste and energy management projects. These projects intend to foster an innovative and creative mindset among undergraduates and promote leadership and entrepreneurship. Dr. Seneviratne is also a member of the Centre for Sustainability Solutions (CSS) at the University of Kelaniya. He is interested in applying his knowledge in Applied Physics, Computational Physics and Electronics to solve real-world problems. His research interests include Smart Farming, Sensor Design, Renewable Energy, Clean Energy, Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy. He has industry experience in Data Science, Data Engineering and Feasibility Studies. He is currently serving as the Senior Academic Advisor of Physics and Electronics Degree Programme.

c. Third Place



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

Professor Jayawardena obtained her B.Sc. Honors degree from the University of Colombo and her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Subsequently, she worked as a post-doctoral researcher at the College of Medicine, University of Kentucky, USA. During her tenure at the Department of Chemistry, University of Loughborough, U.K as a commonwealth scholar in 2010, she learned a novel technique to extract cinnamon bark oil using subcritical water which remarkably improved the quality of the extracted oil. After returning to Sri Lanka, she further improved the extraction technique to make it more economically viable and studied the antidiabetic properties of the extract extensively. She has developed a nutraceutical that is formulated using water-based Cinnamon extracts and a natural binder to capture the anti-diabetic properties of cinnamon. The nutraceutical supplement developed was accepted under the patent corporation treaty for filing. Professor Jayawardena's main research interests are in developing natural product-based nutraceuticals and formulating and promoting healthy lifestyles in communities. Currently, she is studying the effect of cinnamon nutraceuticals in improving the cardiac myopathy induced by renin angiotensin system. The research is funded through a Fulbright research scholar fellowship at the University of North Carolina, Chapel hill, USA. The laboratory she is attached to at University of North Carolina is highly acclaimed for developing animal models to study human diseases through genetic modifications. Professor Smithies was awarded the Nobel prize in Medicine and physiology in 2007. Her affiliation with the laboratory will help the cinnamon industry to gain recognition for the Ceylon cinnamon's health benefits.

Apart from being engaged in research and innovation work at the university, she has served as the Dean of the Faculty of Science, and as the head of the Department of Chemistry at University of Kelaniya.

d. Merit Awards (Group)



Mr. C. A. N. W. K. Jayatissa
Department of Physics & Electronics
Faculty of Science

N W K Jayatissa, BSc (Kelaniya), MSc (Otago), ME (Canterbury), MIEEE, CPhys., MIP (SL), works in the Department of Physics & Electronics since 2007. He has specialized in Energy Management & Electrical Engineering. His research focuses on renewable energy, control systems and energy management. He is an active member of the center for sustainable solutions at the University of Kelaniya and is the chairman of the solar solutions center. In 2022, he led a project titled “Switching arc extinguishing method using multiple series contacts” that secured a patent. The invention looks into a method of extending contact life on any high current switch without any external control wires, power wires, etc.



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

DSM De Silva, BSc (Kelaniya), earned her PhD in Engineering Materials from the University of Sheffield, UK. She has served in the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya, since 1996. Her current research focuses on the development of photovoltaic materials & devices for solar energy applications, the manufacture of biochar for water purification and the analysis of microplastics in water & sediments. In 2022, she has made several publications, completed 1 MPhil and 1 PhD supervisions, earned a patent and secured a LKR 4.8 Million grant from Center for Environment Fisheries and Aquatic Science (*Cefas*), UK under the Commonwealth Liter Program (*CLiP*).

3.8. The Most Successful Directors of the Centers/ Units/ Committee of the University



Prof. (Mrs.) K. L. K. N. C. Premawardhena

Director

Centre for International Affairs

Neelakshi Chandrasena Premawardhena is Cadre Chair and 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.

Throughout the period of 1st November 2021 to 31st October 2022 majority of the work relevant to International Cooperation continued virtually. Delegation visits and Erasmus+ incoming mobility were arranged onsite. Numerous new avenues opened by way of virtual staff and student mobility, virtual events, national and international conferences/events, and increased visibility for the University of Kelaniya at international level during this period including Virtual Student Mobility for over 1000 students from the Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences in collaboration with University of Bologna, Italy, Pozega Polytechnic, Croatia, University of Siegen, Germany, and University of Indonesia. Cultural exchange and other international initiatives were conducted in collaboration with international partners and their contributions including National Cascade Training Workshop on Internationalisation for HEIs in Sri Lanka, Student Conference on Internationalisation and Round Table Conference for Staff of the university under the auspices of the Erasmus+ TOOLKIT project and presenting at several international conferences as invited speaker. More student involvement from all faculties could also be facilitated through participation at international events and student conferences. EU funded Erasmus+ physical mobility was possible after February 2022 for incoming overseas staff mobility, outbound academic and administrative staff, and student mobility. Erasmus Days 2022 brought together local and international alumni on “Broadening Horizons through Inbound and Outbound Mobility”. Several

joint research projects were initiated through Erasmus alumni. Among the highlights in 2022 was the participation at the Module 2 of the Alumni Academy “Digitalisation 20+ and Sustainability” 2021/2022 Blended Education - The Future Workshop” University of Siegen, Germany in hybrid mode bringing together scholars around the world, students of University of Kelaniya and Silpakorn University, Thailand for cultural sustainability project on Folklore. 48 new mobility grants for staff and students worth over 202,660 Euro were secured for Erasmus+ incoming and outgoing mobility.





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

Chamindi Dilkushi Senaratne (Wettewe) is a Senior Professor currently attached to the Department of English Language Teaching at the University of Kelaniya. She obtained her PhD from the Radboud University, Nijmegen, in the Netherlands, under the supervision of Professor Pieter Muysken. 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 for a period of one year. She was a consultant to many national level language projects introduced by the Ministry of Higher Education in 2011 and co-ordinated English language programmes. She is a consultant of the preuniversity Online English Language Programme initiated by the University Grants Commission in 2022. She has published extensively in the field of Contact Linguistics and Sociolinguistics.

In 2020, she was appointed as the Director of the Career Guidance Unit of the University of Kelaniya. As Director of the CGU, she was instrumental in introducing innovative programmes to engage students in CGU activities during challenging times and for inspiring students to be life-long learners. During the period under review the CGU conducted unique programmes such as the online/onsite career development workshop series, the career key/ career counselling programme, department-wise career counselling programme, the Online Graduate Entrepreneur Programme and the Career Guidance seminar series. These were in addition to the flagship programme, the UOK Career Fair, that was conducted virtually in 2022.



Dr. (Mrs.) E. A. D. A. Edirisinghe
Director
Centre for Gender Studies

Dr E.A.D. Anusha Edirisinghe has been a Senior Lecturer (Grade I) in Sociology and Criminology at the Department of Social Sciences and Director of the Center for Gender Studies at the University of Kelaniya since 2017. She graduated from Sri Jayawardenepura University in 2000 until she received her PhD in Criminology in 2001 and was appointed as a Lecturer (Grade II) at the University of Kelaniya on February 15, 2011. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer (Grade I) with effect from February 15, 2017.

Currently, she works as a board member of Youth Corps at the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the University Coordinator for Sri Lanka Police Service and Prison Department and the Secretary of Task Force for Prevention of SGBV and Ragging in Universities of Sri Lanka from 2015. In addition, she is the founder of the Students' Club for Gender Equality and the Non-Academics' Society of Gender Equity and Equality at the University of Kelaniya.

She was a member of the SAARC Gender Policy Advisory Group from 2015 to 2018 and a member of the Task Force on Prevention of Violence against Women and Girls in 2015. In addition, Dr. Anusha worked as a member of the National Monitoring Committee for Children's Rights since 2011 and a member of the National Committee on Women in Sri Lanka from 2015 to 2019. She has been a project leader of Gender Mainstreaming in Teacher Training of Sri Lanka funded by UNESCO since 2017. She has also been a member of safeguarding ICH Committee in UNESCO office at Ministry of Education Sri Lanka since 2022. She has been a member of the General Amnesty Committee for Prisoners in Sri Lanka since 2022. She has been an introductory resource for curriculum development and SGBV prevention Courses at Sri Lanka Police and Prisons Department.

She was the first women secretary of Asian Crime Prevention Association of Sri Lanka and the first secretary of the Association of Sri Lankan Sociologists. Dr. Edirisinghe regularly writes books, (Domestic Violence, Gender and Female Criminality, Women Empowerment, Prison Management,

Criminological Theories) articles to the newspapers, participating in television programmes on issues related to women and girl children and Criminal Justice System. She works for NGOs and INGOs as a Gender Trainer. She has done lots of studies on Gender Issues. (War widows, Domestic violence, Workplace harassment, Informal sector women, Cyber violence against young women) She compiled a national policy on female headed households in Sri Lanka. Dr. Anusha works as a member of standing committee on Gender equality and equity at University Grants Commission. She won the Abdul Kalam Award for Voluntary Commitment to Gender Equity and Equality and was awarded the title of Associate Professor in Gender Equality and Equity by the American National Business University, USA.





Mr. R. S. G. Rajapaksha
Director
Communication & Media Unit

Senior Lecturer Saman Rajapaksha commenced his education at the Bogamulla Maha Vidyala, Narammala and Nakkawatta National School, Kuliyaipitiya. He entered the University of Kelaniya as an undergraduate in 2001 to begin his higher education.

In the year 2005, he completed his first degree in Bachelor of Arts (Honors) in Mass Communication and began his professional journey as a temporary assistant lecturer in the Department of Mass Communication in the same year. He joined the permanent staff of the University of Kelaniya as a lecturer in the Department of Mass Communication in November 2008 and since then, has been working towards the academic advancement of the University.

Senior Lecturer Saman Rajapaksha completed his Master of Philosophy degree (MPhil) in 2013 in the field of Buddhist Communication Theory and Models.

His research interests include Asian Communication Studies, Religious Communication, Cultural Studies, Media Studies, Print Media, and Radio Media Studies. Buddhist Communication Theory and Models (බෞද්ධ සන්නිවේදන න්‍යාය හා ආකෘති) in 2018, iragala vāṭṭeṇa yāmaya broadcast script composition (ඉරගල වැටෙන යාමය ගුවන් විදුලි පිටපත් රචනා) in 2017, sannayana guvan viduli apadana (සන්නයන ගුවන් විදුලි අපදාන) in 2019, Buddhist Commentary on Language and Communication (භාෂාව හා සන්නිවේදනය පිළිබඳ බෞද්ධ විග්‍රහය) in 2020, and Buddhist Commentary on Development (සහ සංවර්ධනය පිළිබඳ බෞද්ධ විවරණය) in 2022 are the books that have been authored by Senior Lecturer Saman Rajapaksha.

Senior Lecturer Saman Rajapaksha has actively contributed to the success of the university as a student counselor since 2008 and as the senior student counselor of the Faculty of Social Sciences from 2018 to 2021. During this period, he also had the opportunity to act as the Acting Chief Student Counselor of the University. Moreover, Mr. Rajapaksha, who worked as a committee member of the Kelaniya

University Sports Advisory Council in 2013 and 2014, also contributed to the advancement of the University as a committee member of the Arts Council in 2013.

Furthermore, Mr. Rajapaksha is a newspaper feature writer, a relief presenter for the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, a radio presenter, and a resource person for television and radio programs. Moreover, he has been working as a member of the Columns Review Panel of the Godage Literary Awards for over five years. Apart from this, he works as a visiting lecturer at Kalutara and Katana Police Training Colleges.

Senior Lecturer Saman Rajapaksha has been working as the Director of the Communication and Media Unit of the University of Kelaniya since August 2021. Currently, as the Director of the Communication and Media Unit, he is playing a commendable role in socializing the new knowledge and information acquired in the University, building internal and external public relations, and uplifting the image of the University with great dedication.



3.9. The Best Promotor of International Relations in the University



Dr. (Mrs.) W. A. C. Weerakoon
Department of Statistics & Computer Science
Faculty of Science

Dr. W. A. C. Weerakoon obtained a BSc (Honours) degree from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, in 2008 and a Master of Computer Science Degree from the University of Colombo School of Computing, Sri Lanka, in 2011. Further, she obtained her PhD from the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka in 2020. She started her career as a Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Statistics & Computer Science of the University of Kelaniya in 2014. Currently, Dr. Weerakoon is working as a senior lecturer in the same department. Her research works focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI), and she has published research papers in reputed indexed journals and conferences including IEEE, that are also available online.

Moreover, she has been a member of IEEE since 2020, a member of the Sri Lanka Association for Artificial Intelligence (SLAAI) since 2011, and an SLAAI council member since 2014 bearing different positions in the association, such as secretary for the SLAAI research committee, Treasurer, and Vice president. As a council member, she has actively participated in organizing the Scopus-indexed SLAAI International Conference (SLAAI-ICAI) every year. In the years 2021 and 2022, the University of Kelaniya hosted this conference. Also, she has been contributing to this conference as an editor since 2015. In addition, she has been an executive committee member of the Artificial Intelligence Centre of Excellence of SLASSCOM since 2020. Further, she has contributed to some other IEEE international conferences as a review panel member, worked as the consultant for the project to introduce an E-learning platform for none academic members at the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka, and was a member of the program review panel to review BSc degree in AI of one of the non-state universities in Sri Lanka.

With regard to this award, her involvement in organizing the SLAAI-ICAI-2021 as a co-chair in the conference organizing committee and in organizing the International Conference on Applied and Pure Sciences 2022 (ICAPS 2022) as the conference chair of ICAPS 2022, at the Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya, was considered.



3.10. The Faculty with the Highest Number of Research Papers Presented in research Conferences/ Symposia organized by Departments/Centers/Units



Prof. S. R. D. Kalingamudali

Dean

Faculty of Science

Sudath Rajendra Deshapriya Kalingamudali is a Senior Professor and the Dean of the Faculty of Science at, University of Kelaniya (UoK). He obtained his bachelor's degree in Physics (1990) from UoK and earned his PhD (1994) from the University of Sheffield under an open Commonwealth Scholarship. He has won the Fulbright Fellowship twice and served as a Visiting Professor at GSU and LSU, USA. He is a Chartered Scientist, Chartered Engineer and Chartered Physicist, and a Fellow of IET, IOP, and IPSL. He served as the Head of the Department of Physics and Electronics and as an International Peer Reviewer for subject and programme reviews in Bangladesh Universities. His main research interests are designing and developing electronic circuits for various applications and published/presented over 55 research papers, entitled for a PCT, 4 Sri Lankan Patents and 2 Industrial Designs. He played an instrumental role in partnering with OREL Corporation (Pvt) Ltd to license an innovative product, "Remotely Controllable Regulator Connected in Series with Resistive and Inductive Loads".

3.11. Vice Chancellor's Awards - 2022-

a. For Executive Staff and Academic Support Staff

01. Ms. H.K.D.W.M.S.K. Hapuhinna
Deputy Registrar
Academic Division
02. Ms. D.P. Tharangani
Assistant Registrar
Non-Academic Establishment
03. Mr. N.M. Aruna Shantha
Curator
Landscape Division
04. Mr. G.P.B.S. Godakuru
Programmer Cum Systems Analyst
Information and Communication Technology Centre
05. Mr. P.K.G.C. Pitigala
Instructor in Computer Technology
Department of Information Technology, Faculty of Social Sciences
06. Mr. H.A.I. Priyashantha
Assistant Network Manager
Information and Communication Technology Centre
07. Mr. U.S. Thiwanka
Assistant Network Manager
Information and Communication Technology Centre
08. Mr. B.G.S. Suraweera
Programmer Cum Systems Analyst
Faculty of Computing and Technology