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To become a globally recognized center of excellence in the creation and dissemination of knowledge for sustainable development and social well-being

Mission of the University

To cultivate a vibrant community of scholars dedicated to excellence in research, innovation, and social impact, creating an environment that provides a transformative educational experience to nurture leadership with creativity, critical thinking, and ethics while equipping our students and staff to contribute significantly to sustainable development

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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



It has now become an established tradition that the University of Kelaniya ushers in each new calendar year with a formal ceremony held on the first working day of the year, to recognize and honour those who have contributed to our journey towards excellence. We do this in multiple ways, and all categories of staff are included in the ceremony, since they all contribute in their own way to the development of our University.

The scheme of awards for academic staff, which was introduced many years ago, encompasses a variety of achievements in relation to research, innovation, and creativity, as well as commendations for activities that have brought honour to the University of Kelaniya over the past year. The ceremony also provides an opportunity to welcome back, albeit briefly, those academics who have retired from the University and have been granted Emeritus Professor status in the previous year.

In addition to the awards for academic staff, we also acknowledge exceptional contributions from the other categories of staff who contribute immensely towards running our university efficiently and smoothly: executive officers, academic support staff and non-academic staff. Acknowledging the vital importance of digital communication in today's context, from last year, we also commend those who are responsible for maintaining the best websites across the numerous administrative entities that comprise our university's presence on the internet. I take this opportunity to thank all the Deans, the Librarian and his staff, the Director / Digital Communications and his team, the Registrar, and other executive officers, as well as all the non-academic staff who have contributed immensely to setting up the application process, evaluating applications and nominations, compiling this booklet, and organizing the Awards Ceremony. As always, it has been a truly university-wide effort.

I congratulate all those who receive awards and commendations today, and hope that this token of recognition will encourage you to achieve even greater heights in the future. I also hope that these awards will inspire everyone else in the University of Kelaniya to join our journey towards excellence.

Senior Professor Nilanthi de Silva

Vice-Chancellor

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS CEREMONY – 2024

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

Beginning in the year 2007, on the first working day of each year, the University of Kelaniya has conducted a formal ceremony to present Long Service Awards and Vice-Chancellor's Awards to recognize and honour the contributions of all its employees, encompassing all Faculties of the University, as well as our affiliated institutes, the Postgraduate Institute of Archeology and Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies.

The Long Service Awards recognize all categories of staff who have shown exceptional dedication to the University of Kelaniya, with long periods of service exceeding 25 years, and occasionally for as many as 40 years.

The Vice-Chancellor's Awards for academic staff have grown in complexity since its inception, to recognize the varied contributions made by academics to the University over the previous year, in terms of research and innovation, in internationalization, in enhancing the reputation of the University by winning prestigious local and international awards, and in giving leadership to Centers and Units that contribute towards the smooth running and development of the entire University.

Schemes for recognition of executive officers, academic support staff and non-academic staff who have made outstanding contributions and delivered exceptional service to the institution during the preceding year have been introduced in the more recent past. Because digital communication plays such a vital role in today's context, the teams that maintain the best websites on behalf of the diverse administrative entities in our university are also recognized now.

Thus, over the years, this ceremony has become a unique and ideal platform to recognize and reward university staff for their talents and the commitments and contributions they have made to the institution. This ceremony and all the awardees are living testimony to the fact that despite all the challenges that beset us today, the staff of the University of Kelaniya and its affiliated institutes continue to strive for excellence.

1. EMERITUS PROFESSORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA - 2024



Prof. Ven. Kollupitiye Mahinda Sangharakkitha Thero
Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies



Prof. K.A.L.A. Kuruppuarachchi
Department of Psychiatry



Prof. W.A.D. Sherly Lal G. Wijesinghe
Department of Western Classical Culture and
Christian Culture



Prof. R.P.C. Ranjani
Department of Finance



2. LONG SERVICE AWARDS

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

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Ven.(Professor.) Nadalagamuwe Dhammadinna Thero
Head/Department of Modern Languages
Faculty of Humanities

Ven. (Prof.) Nadalagamuwe Dhammadinna Thero joined University as Lecturer Probationary on 01/10/1999 Dhammadassi Thero was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/08/2007 and on 13.07.2015 he was then promoted to Professor and currently serves as Senior Professor on 13/07/2023 in the Department of Modern Languages in the Faculty of Humanities.



Professor. M.K. Wickramasinghe
Department of English
Faculty of Humanities

Prof. M.K. Wickramasinghe joined University as Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/11/1999 and on 01/11/2005 she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and on 23/11/2009 she was then promoted to Professor and currently serves as Senior Professor of English on 23/11/2017 in the Department of English in the Faculty of Humanities.



Senior Professor (Mrs.) P.N. Gamage
Department of Human Resource Management
Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies

Senior Professor (Mrs.) P.N. Gamage Joined University as Probationary Lecturer on 04.01.1999. She was promoted to professor on 17.07.2015 and currently serves as a Senior Professor in the Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies.



Senior Professor K.A.S. Dhammika
Department of Human Resource Management
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Senior Professor K.A.S. Dhammika Joined the University as Lecturer on 04.01.1999. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 04.01.2004 and on 04.01.2010 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I. Senior Professor K.A.S. Dhammika was promoted to Professor on 11.01.2016 and currently serves as Senior Professor on 11.01.2024 in the Department of Human Resource Management in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies.



Professor. (Ms) D. de Silva
Department of Physiology
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. (Ms.) D de Silva Joined University as Senior Lecturer Gr. 11 on 02.03.1999. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer 1 on 02.03.2004 and currently serves as Professor with effect from 25.02.2016 in the Department of Physiology in the Faculty of Medicine.



Professor. C. Pathirawasam

***Department of Commerce & Financial Management
Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies***

Professor C. Pathirawasam Joined the University as Lecturer on 04.01.1999. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 04.01.2004 and on 04.01.2010 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I. and currently serves as Professor on 12.01.2017 in the Department of Commerce & Financial Management in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies



Professor. U.P.K. Epa

Faculty of Science

Prof. U.P.K. Epa earned his PhD in aquaculture from Deakin University, Australia. He is a fellow of the Institute of Biology (IBiol), Sri Lanka. He has also been associated with the International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (ICLARM). Prof. Epa has presented many papers at national and international conferences. His areas of interest include aquaculture, fisheries, aquatic ecology and conservation biology. Further, he serves as an environment management consultant in several government and corporate sector organizations. He is an editorial member of the Indian Weed Science and ATSK Journal of Biology.



Professor. P.N.D. Fernando

Department of Finance

Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies

Professor P.N.D. Fernando Joined the University as Lecturer on 04.01.1999. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 08.12.2005 and on 08.12.2011 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I. Professor and currently serves as Professor in Finance on 25.01.2022 in the Department of Finance in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies.



Professor. (Mrs.) A.N. Salwathura

Department of Hindi

Faculty of Humanities

Prof. (Mrs.) A.N. Salwathura joined University as Lecturer Probationary on 01/10/1999 She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 08/08/2007 and on 08/08/2013 she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and currently serves as Professor on 21/08/2023 in the Department of Hindi in the Faculty of Humanities.



Dr. R.C.L. de Silva

Senior Lecturer Gr. I

Faculty of Science

Dr. Rusel C L De Silva received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from university of Colombo, Sri Lanka in 1997. He graduated with a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Iowa, USA in 2004. His PhD work was on metal oxide based heterogeneous catalysts to be used as deNO_x catalysts in diesel engines, which was funded by the Honda Research Institute-USA. His Current research interests are on terrestrial pollution and remediation, which includes microplastic pollution of beaches, water and soil pollution monitoring and industrial waste management and treatment.

He is the coordinator of the applied chemistry honors degree program and he currently serves as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya.



Dr. W.V.A.D. Karunarathna
Senior Lecturer Gr. I
Department of Accountancy
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Dr. W.V.A.D. Karunarathna Joined the University as Lecturer on 04.01.1999. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 27.06.2005 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 27.06.2011 in the Department of Accountancy in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies



Mrs. W.A.I. Mallika
Deputy Bursar
Salaries & Loans Branch

Ms. W.A.I. Mallika Joined the University system as Assistant Bursar on 01.09.1999. She was promoted to Senior Assistant Bursar on 01.08.2006. Currently serves as Deputy Bursar with effect from 05.05.2015 in the Salaries and Loans Division.



Mr. K.P.M.G Priyadarshana
Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "B")
Department of Drama, Cinema and Television

Mr. K.P.M.G Priyadarshana joined University as Labourer (Grade III) on 01.08.1999. He was appointed to Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade) on 01.10.2003 and on 01.10.2011 he was then promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Higher Grade). Mr. K.P.M.G Priyadarshana was promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Supra Grade) on 01.10.2016 and currently serves as Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "B") from 01.11.2018 in the Department of Drama, Cinema and Television in the Faculty of Humanities.



Mrs. H.J.C. Dharmasena

Senior Staff Management Assistant

Inter-Faculty Center for Coordinating

Mrs. H.J.C. Dharmasena joined University as Typist (Grade 111) on 01.08.1999. She was promoted to Typist (Grade 11) on 01.08.2006 and on 01.08.2012 she was then promoted to Typist (Grade 1). Mrs. H.J.C. Dharmasena was promoted to Staff Management Assistant on 01.08.2017 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 01.08.2022 in the Inter-Faculty Center for Coordinating.



Mrs. R.K.W.S. Yapa

Senior Staff Management Assistant

Faculty Office

Faculty of Humanities

Mrs. R.K.W.S. Yapa Joined University as Stenographer (Sinhala) (Grade II) on a Contract basis on 01.02.1999. She was appointed to Stenographer (Sinhala) (Grade II) on 01.01.2001. She was then promoted to Stenographer (Grade I) on 01.01.2010. Mrs. R.K.W.S. Yapa was promoted to Staff Assistant (Stenographer) on 01.01.2012 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant from 01.01.2017 in the Faculty office of the Faculty of Humanities.



Mrs. I.O.A Kodithuwakku

Staff Management Assistant

Research and Publication Division

Mrs. I.O.A Kodithuwakku joined University as Data Entry Operator (on contract basis) on 01.02.1999. She was appointed as Data Entry Operator (Grade II- wd) on 01.01.2001 and on 01.01.2009 she was then appointed to Data Entry Operator (Grade II- w). Mrs. I.O.A Kodithuwakku was promoted to Data Entry Operator (Grade I) on 01.01.2014 and currently serves as Staff Management Assistant from 01.01.2019 in the Research and Publication Division.



Mr. M.W.A.D.N. Wijesuriya
Staff Assistant (Library Services)
Main Library

Mr. M.W.A.D.N. Wijesuriya joined University as Laborer on a contract basis on 20.01.1999. He was promoted to Laborer (Grade III) 01.08.1999 and on 02.08.2004 he was promoted to Library Attendant (Grade II) and on 10.12.2007 he was promoted to Library Information Assistant (Grade III) and on 10.12.2013 he was then promoted to Library Information Assistant (Grade II). Mr. W.A.D.N. Wijesuriya was promoted to Library Information Assistant (Grade I) on 10.12.2018 and currently serves as Staff Assistant (Library Service) 10.12.2023 in the Main Library.



Ms. P.W.P. Vithanage
Staff Assistant (Library Services)
Main Library

Ms. P.W.P. Vithanage joined University as Library Attendant (Grade II) on 01.08.1999 She was promoted to Library Information Assistant (Grade III) on 03.09.2007 and on 03.09.2013 she was then promoted to Library Information Assistant (Grade II). Ms. P.W.P. Vithanage was promoted to Library Information Assistant (Grade I) 03.09.2018 and currently serves as Staff Assistant (Library Services) 03.09.2023 in the Main Library.



Mr. W.P.R.I. Kumara
Supervisor (Landscape) Supra Grade
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. W.G.R.I. Kumara Joined University of Kelaniya as a Supervisor (Landscape) (Grade III) on 15.06.1999. He was promoted to Supervisor (Landscape) (Grade II) on 15.06.2009 and on 15.06.2014 he was then promoted to Supervisor (Landscape) (Grade I) and currently serves as Supervisor (Landscape) Supra Grade from 15.06.2019 in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mr H.A.D.S.M.S. Thirimanna
Staff Telephone Operator / Cum Receptionist
Centre for Distance and Continuing Education

Mr. H.A.D.S.M.S. Thirimanna Joined University as Telephone Operator / Cum Receptionist (Grade II) on a Temporary basis 01.12.1998. He was appointed to Telephone Operator / Cum Receptionist (Grade II) on 01.12.1999. He was promoted to Telephone Operator / Cum Receptionist (Grade I) on 01.12.2009. Mr. H.A.D.S.M.S. Thirimanna was promoted to Telephone Operator / Cum Receptionist (Supra Grade) on 01.12.2014 and currently serves as Staff Telephone Operator / Cum Receptionist from 01.12.2019 in the Centre for Distance and Continuing Education.



Mr. S.M.A. Bandara
Works Aide (Special Grade)
Department of Hindi
Faculty of Humanities

Mr. S.M.A. Bandara Joined University as Labourer (Grade III) on 01.08.1999. He was promoted to Labourer (Grade II) on 01.08.2009. Mr. S.M.A. Bandara was promoted to Laborer (Grade I) on 01.08.2014 and currently serves as Works Aide (Special Grade) from 01.08.2021 in the Department of Hindi in the Faculty of Humanities.



Mr. R.P. Wijethunga
Works Aide (Special Grade)
Department of Obstetrics
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. R.P. Wijethunga Joined University as Labourer (Grade III) on 01.08.1999. He was promoted to Labourer (Grade II) on 01.08.2009. Mr. R.P. Wijethunga was promoted to Labourer (Grade I) on 01.08.2014 and currently serves as Works Aide (Special Grade) from 01.08.2021 in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. S.H.S. Fernando
Works Aide (Special Grade)
Dean's office
Faculty of Humanities

Mr. S.H.S. Fernando Joined University as Labourer (Grade III) on 01.08.1999. He was promoted to Labourer (Grade II) on 01.08.2010. Mr. S.H.S. Fernando was promoted to Labourer (Grade I) on 01.08.2015 and currently serves as Works Aide (Special Grade) from 01.08.2022 in the Dean's Office in the Faculty of Humanities.



Mr. T.N. Rohitha
Works Aide (Special Grade)
Landscape Division
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. T.N. Rohitha Joined University as Labourer (Grade III) on 14.05.1999. He was promoted to Labourer (Grade II) on 14.05.2009. He was promoted to Labourer (Grade I) on 14.05.2014 and currently serves as Works Aide (Special Grade) from 14.05.2021 in the Landscape Division in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. K.A.K.P. Kumara
Works Aide (Special Grade)
Centre for Distance and Continuing Education

Mr. K.A.K.P. Kumara joined University as Works Aide (Grade III) on 01.11.1994 He was promoted to Works Aide (Grade II) on 01.01.2008 and on 01.01.2013 he was then promoted to Works Aide (Grade I) and currently serves as Works Aide (Special Grade) from 01.01.2020 in the Centre for Distance and Continuing Education.



Mr. S.H.N. Thilakarathne
Works Aide (Special Grade)
Faculty of Medicine.

Mr. S.H.N. Thilakarathne Joined University as Labourer (on Contract Basis) on 01.07.1998 and appointed as Labourer (Grade III) on 01.08.1999. He was Promoted to Labourer (Grade II) on 01.08.2010. Mr. S.H.N. Thilakarathne was promoted to Labourer (Grade I) on 01.08.2015 and currently serves as to Works Aide (Special Grade) from 01.08.2023 in the Bursar Office in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. M.K.S.M. Makandana

Driver (Grade I)

General Administration

Mr. M.K.S.M. Makandana Joined University as Labourer (on Contract Basis) on 04.05.1998 and appointed as Labourer (Grade III) on 01.08.1999. He was appointed as Three Wheel Driver (Grade II) on 01.09.2009. Mr. M.K.S.M. Makandana was appointed as Driver (Grade II) on 15.03.2013 and currently serves as Driver (Grade I) from 15.03.2022 in the General Administration Division.

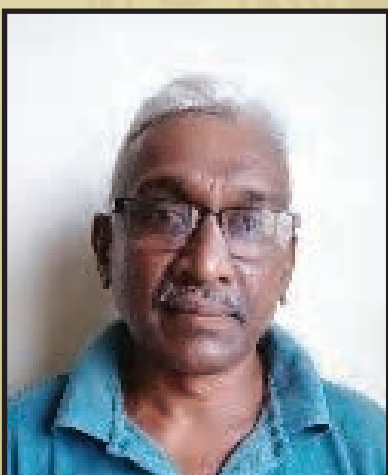


Mr. W.K.N. Karunathilaka

Plumber (Grade I)

Works Department

Mr. W.K.N. Karunathilaka joined University as Works Aide (Grade III) on 01.11.1994 He was promoted to Works Aide (Grade II) on 01.11.2004 and on 15.08.2007 he was then appointed to Plumber (Grade II) and currently serves as Plumber (Grade I) from 15.08.2011 in the Works Department.



Mr. W.A Wimal

Plumber (Grade I)

Works Department

Mr. W.A. Wimal joined University as Labourer (on contract basis) on 02.10.1997. He was appointed as Labourer (Grade III) on 01.08.1999 and on 10.03.2008 he was then appointed to Plumber (Grade II) and currently serves as Plumber (Grade I) from 10.03.2017 in the Works Department.

2.2 Award of a Silver-Plated Medal for 30 Years of Continuous and Meritorious Service

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Professor. K.A.L.A. Kuruppuarachchi

Department of Psychiatry

Faculty of Medicine

Prof. K.A.L.A. Kuruppuarachchi Joined University as a Senior Lecturer 1 on 15.07.1994. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer 1 on 15.07.1999 and to the post of Professor of Psychiatry on 01.03.2004. Prof. Kuruppuarachchi served as Senior Professor of Psychiatry with effect from 01.03.2012 in the Department of Psychiatry in the Faculty of Medicine. And he retired on 30.09.2024.



Professor. (Mrs) S.J. de S. Hewavisenthi

Department of Pathology

Faculty of Medicine

Prof. (Mrs.) S.J. de S Hewavisenthi Joined University as a Lecturer on 01.06.1994. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer 11 on 01.06.1997, Professor on 28.09.2005 and to the post of Professor of Pathology on 15.10.2008. Currently serves as Senior Professor of Pathology with effect from 28.09.2013 in the Department of Pathology in the Faculty of Medicine.



Professor. A.P. Premawardana

Department of Medicine

Faculty of Medicine

Prof. A.P. Premawardana Joined University as a Lecturer on 20.09.1994. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer 11 on 20.09.1999, Professor on 29.04.2008 and to the post of Senior Professor on 29.04.2016, Currently serves as Senior Professor of Medicine with effect from 10.08.2023 in the Department of Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine.



Professor. (Mrs.) K.L.K.N.C. Premawardhana

Department of Modern Languages

Faculty of Humanities

Prof. (Mrs.) K.L.K.N.C. Premawardhana joined University as Lecturer Probationary on 03/01/1994 She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 03/01/1999 and she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 03/01/2005 she was then promoted to Professor on 24.11.2009 and currently serves as Senior Professor of Modern Languages on 24/11/2017 in the Department of Modern Languages in the Faculty of Humanities.



Professor. M.A.N. Karunaratne

Department of Sinhala

Faculty of Humanities

Prof. M.A.N. Karunaratne joined University as Lecturer Probationary on 02/12/1991 and he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 02/12/1996 and on 02/12/2002 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and on 26/11/2009 he was then promoted to Professor and currently serves as Senior Professor of Sinhala on 30/11/2017 in the Department of Sinhala in the Faculty of Humanities.



Professor. A.H.M.H. Abayarathna

Senior Professor

Faculty of Social Sciences

Prof. A.H.M.H. Abayarathna joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 25.07.1994 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01.06.2000 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 01.06.2006 he was promoted to Professor on 25.11.2009 and he was promoted to Senior Professor on 25.11.2017 in the Department of History in the Faculty of Social Sciences. He resigned from the University service on 07.10.2024 and currently serves as the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government.



Professor. (Mrs) K.A.W. Karunasekara

Department of Pediatrics

Faculty of Medicine

Prof. (Mrs.) K.A.W. Karunasekara Joined University as Senior Lecturer Gr. 11 on 10.10.1994. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer 1 on 10.10.1999 and served as Professor with effect from 22.02.2007 in the Department of Pediatrics in the Faculty of Medicine. And Prof. (Mrs.) Karunasekara retired on 21.10.2024.



Professor. (Mrs.) R.A.S.P. Senanayake
Department of Plant and Molecular Biology
Faculty of Science

Priyanganie Senanayake, Professor holds a BSc (Special) Degree in Botany from University of Kelaniya and MPhil in Chemosystematics from University of Reading, UK. Since joining the Department of Botany in 1994 as a Senior Lecturer, she was promoted to Professor in Botany in 2012. She has over 30 years of experience in the teaching, learning and evaluation having held key academic and administrative roles, including serving as Academic Advisor in Botany and Biological Science stream (1998–2012), Head of the Department of Botany (2012–2018) and Director of the Floriculture Research Centre (2014–2024).



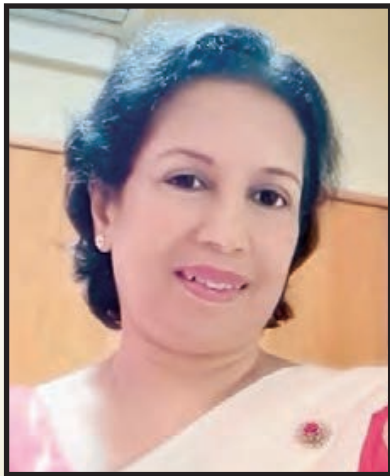
Professor. J.M.Sudharmawathie
Department of History
Faculty of Social Sciences

Prof. (Mrs). J.M. Sudharmawathie joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 25.07.1994 she was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 16.01.2002 and she was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 16.01.2008 and currently serves as Professor on 11.06.2018 in the Department of History in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Professor. (Mrs). K.M.G.C.K.Amarathunga
Professor
Faculty of Social Sciences

Prof. (Mrs). K.M.G.C.K. Amarathunga joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 07.03.1994 she was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01.01.2000 and she was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 01.01.2006 and currently serves as Professor on 13.08.2019 in the Department of Sociology in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Professor. (Mrs.) B.T.S.D.P. Kannangara

Department of Plant and Molecular Biology

Faculty of Science

Prof. B T S D P Kannangara, attached to the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya was appointed as a probationary lecturer at the same Department in 1994. Prof. Kannangara has rendered her service to the center for Gender Studies, University of Kelaniya as the Director during the period from 10.09.2014 to 10.09.2017. She has served as the Head of the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya from November 2018 to November 2021.

Once (25.11.2019 – 29.11.2019) Prof. Kannangara rendered her service as the acting Dean to the Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. During the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 Prof. Kannangara served as one of the secretaries to the Alumni Association of Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. During the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 she was the President of the same Association.



Professor. A.M.G. Adikari

Senior Professor

Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology

Snr. Prof. A. M. Gamini Adikari joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 12/04/1994. He was promoted to Snr. Lecturer Gr.(II) on 12/04/1999. After that he was promoted to Snr. Lecturer Gr.(I) on 12/04/2005. Later he was promoted to Professor on 28/02/2008 and promoted to Snr. Professor from 28/02/2016 in Academic division. Currently serves as the Director from 02/09/2019 at the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology.



Mr. N.M. Aruna Shantha

Curator

Landscape Division

Mr. N.M. Aruna Shantha Joined University as Supervisor (Landscape) Gr. III on 15.06.1994. He was promoted to Supervisor (Landscape) Gr. II on 15.06.2004 and on 01.07.2008 he was then promoted to Curator (Landscape) Gr. III. Currently serves as Curator (Landscape) Gr. II with effect from 11.08.2017 in the Landscape Division.



Mr. T.P. Nandalal

Instructor in Computer Technology

Information & Communication Technology Center

Mr. T.P. Nandalal Joined University as an Instructor in Computer Technology Gr. II on 28.03.1994. He currently serves as an Instructor in Computer Technology Gr. I with effect from 28.03.2006 in the Information and Communication Technology Centre.



Mr. J.W.A.D de Silva

Staff Technical Officer (Grade I)

Department of Family Medicine

Mr. J.W.A.D de Silva joined University as Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "B") on 18.04.1994. He was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "A") on 01.01.2001 and on 18.04.2004 he was then promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I). Mr. J.W.A.D de Silva was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) on 18.04.2008 and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) from 18.04.2013 in the Department of Family Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. P.V.R.P. Dammika

Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "A")

Department of Physics and Electronics

Mr. P.V.R.P. Dammika joined University as Labourer (Grade III) on 01.11.1994. He was appointed to Lawn Mower Operator (Lower Grade) on 04.01.1999 and 01.12.2008 he was appointed to Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade). On 01.12.2009 he was promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Higher Grade) and on 01.12.2024 he was then promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Supra Grade). Mr. Mr. P.V.R.P. Dammika was appointed to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "B") on 15.09.2017 and currently serves as Technical Officer (Grade II Segment "A") from 15.09.2023 in the Department of Physics and Electronics in the Faculty of Science.



Mrs. R.N.P. Kumari

Senior Staff Management Assistant

Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. R.N.P. Kumari joined University as Clerk (Grade 111) on 03.10.1994 She was promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 01.01.2001 and on 03.10.2005 she was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. R.N.P. Kumari was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 03.10.2010 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 03.10.2015 in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. K.N. Kothalawala

Senior Staff Management Assistant (Shroff)

Payment Division

Mr. K.N. Kothalawala Joined the Sabaragamuwa Affiliated University Collage as a Shroff/Storekeeper (Grade III) (Temporary) on 04.04.1994. Then he appointed as Shroff/Storekeeper (Grade III) on 04.04.1995 in the Sabaragamuwa Affiliated University Collage and from 02.04.1997 at the University of Kelaniya. He was then promoted to Shroff (Grade II) on 04.04.2001 and on 04.04.2006 was promoted to Shroff (Grade I). Mr. K.N. Kothalawala was promoted to Staff Assistant Shroff on 04.04.2011 and on 04.04.2016 was promoted to Senior Staff Assistant Shroff and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant (Shroff) in the Payment Division.



Mr. I.R.P. Wijayawardhana

Full Time Sub warden (Special Grade)

Student Welfare Division

Mr. I.R.P. Wijayawardhana joined University as Labourer (Grade III) 01.11.1994. He was then promoted to Full Time Sub Warden (Grade II) 18.04.2005. Mr. I.R.P. Wijayawardhana was promoted to Full Time Sub Warden (Grade I) 18.04.2013 and currently serves as Full Time Sub Warden (Special Grade) 18.04.2022 in the Student Welfare Division.



Mr. H.E. Anura

Senior Pharmacist

Medical Center

Mr. H.E. Anura Joined University as Pharmacist (Lower Grade) on 03.10.1994. He was promoted to Pharmacist (Higher Grade) on 03.10.2004. Mr. H.E. Anura was promoted to Pharmacist (Special Grade) on 03.10.2009 and currently serves as Senior Pharmacist on 03.10.2014 in the Medical Center.



Mr. S.A. Rathnapulige

Laboratory Attendant (Special Grade)

Department of Forensic Medicine

Faculty of Medicine

Mr. S.A. Rathnapulige Joined University as Labourer (Grade III) on 28.02.1992. He was promoted to Labourer (Grade II) on 28.02.2003. He was appointed as Laboratory Attendant Lower Grade on 01.12.2005. He was promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Higher Grade) on 01.12.2010. He was then promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Supra Grade) on 01.12.2015. And currently serves as Laboratory Attendant (Special Grade) from 21.12.2020, in the Department of Forensic Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. K.N.D.E. Rodrigo

Laboratory Attendant (Special Grade)

Department of Disability Studies

Faculty of Medicine

Mr. K.N.D.E. Rodrigo Joined University as Labourer (Grade III) on 02.08.1993. He was appointed as Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade) on 01.07.1997. He was promoted to the Laboratory Attendant (Higher Grade) on 01.07.2005. He was then promoted to the Laboratory Attendant (Supra Grade) on 01.07.2010. And currently serves as Laboratory Attendant (Special Grade) from 01.07.2015, in the Department of Disability Studies in the Faculty of Medicine.



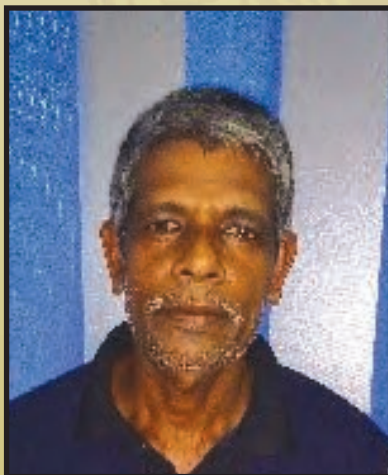
Mr. S.H. L. Kumara
Office Aide
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. S.H. Lalith Kumara Joined University as Labourer (Grade III) on 28.02.1992. He was promoted to Labourer (Grade II) on 28.02.2002 and on 28.02.2007 he was then promoted to Labourer (Grade I). Mr. S.H. Lalith Kumara was promoted to Labourer (Special Grade) on 28.02.2015 and currently serves as Office Aide from 28.02.2020 in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. K.A.D. Nandasumithra
Office Aide
Department of Physical Education

Mr. K.A.D. Nandasumithra joined University as Works Aide (Grade III) on 01.11.1994 He was promoted to Works Aide (Grade II) on 01.11.2004 and on 01.11.2009 he was then promoted to Works Aide (Grade I). Mr. K.A.D. Nandasumithra was promoted to Works Aide (Special Grade) on 01.11.2016 and currently serves as Office Aide from 01.11.2021 in the Department of Physical Education.



Mr. B.S. Perera
Works Aide (Special Grade)
Landscape Division

Mr. B.S. Perera joined University as Works Aide (Grade III) on 01.11.1994 He was promoted to Works Aide (Grade II) on 01.11.2004 and on 01.11.2010 he was then promoted to Works Aide (Grade I) and currently serves as Works Aide (Special Grade) from 01.11.2019 in the Landscape Division.



Mr. R.M.P. Kumarasinghe

Driver (Grade II)

General Administration Division

Mr. R.M.P. Kumarasingha Joined University as Labourer (Grade III) on 01.11.1994. He was promoted to Labourer (Grade II) on 01.11.2005. Mr. R.M.P. Kumarasingha was appointed as Three Wheel Driver (Grade II) on 01.10.2009 and currently serves as Driver (Grade II) from 15.08.2018 in the General Administration Division.



Mr. H.P. Abewardhana

Lorry Cleaner

General Administration Division

Mr. H.P. Abewardhana Joined University as Labourer (Grade III) on 01.11.1994 He was promoted to Labourer (Grade II) on 01.11.2004 and Mr. H.P. Abewardhana promoted to Labourer (Grade I) on 01.11.2009 and currently serves as Lorry cleaner (Grade III) on 02.05.2013 in the General Administration Division.



Mr. A.A.J.B. Amarasingha

Lorry Cleaner

General Administration Division Division

Mr. A.A.J.B. Amarasingha Joined University as Labourer (Grade III) on 08.05.1992 He was promoted to Labourer (Grade II) on 08.05.2003 and Mr. A.A.J.B. Amarasingha was promoted to Labourer (Grade I) on 08.05.2008 and currently serves as Lorry cleaner (Grade III) on 01.08.2018 in the of General Administration Division

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

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Professor. (Mrs.) E.M. Hewabowala

Department of English

Faculty of Humanities

Prof. (Mrs.) E.M. Hewabowala joined University as Lecturer Probationary on 10/05/1989 She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 13/12/1995 and on 13/12/2001 she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and currently serves as Professor on 30/11/2009 in the Department of English in the Faculty of Humanities.



Professor. D.W.R.K. Somadeva

Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology

Snr. Prof. D. W. R. K. Somadeva joined University as Scientific Assistant on 02/01/1989. He was appointed to Assistant Lecturer on 03/07/1989. He was promoted to Snr. Lecturer Gr.(II) on 02/07/1994. After that he was promoted to Snr. Lecturer Gr.(I) on 02/07/2000. Later he was promoted to Professor on 11/06/2007 and currently serves as Snr. Professor from 11/06/2015 in Academic division at the institute of Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology.



Mrs. C.M. Abeygunasekara

Senior Assistant Librarian

Library

Mrs. C.M. Abeygunasekera joined University as Junior Assistant Librarian on 02/05/1989 She was promoted to Senior Assistant Librarian Gr. II on 02/05/1994. She was promoted as Senior Assistant Librarian Gr. I on 01/05/2000 and served at the Library in the Faculty of Medicine until 31/12/2023. Currently she serves as Senior Assistant Librarian at main library, University of Kelaniya.



Mr. L. A. Sumith Jayasekara

Senior Assistant Registrar

Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies

Mr. L.A. Sumith Jayasekara joined University system as Clerk Gr (III) on 22/03/1989. He was promoted to Clerk Gr (II) on 01.01.1996 and He was promoted to Clerk Gr (I) on 01.01.2001. He was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerical Service) on 01/01/2006 and on 15/10/2009 he was then promoted to Assistant Registrar and He was promoted to Senior Assistant Registrar on 16.11.2015. Mr. L.A. Sumith Jayasekara Currently serve as the Senior Assistant Registrar of Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies/ University of Kelaniya.



Mrs. M.D.A.S.R Kudahetti

Senior Staff Management Assistant

Academic Branch

Mrs. M.D.A.S.R Kudahetti joined University as Clerk (On Contract basis) on 23.05.1989 and appointed as Clerk (Grade III) on 23.11.1989. She was promoted to Clerk (Grade II) on 01.01.2000 and on 23.11.2002 she was then promoted to Clerk (Grade I). Mrs.M.D.A.S.R Kudahetti was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 23.11.2007 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 23.11.2012 in the Academic Division.



Mrs. D.D.S.C. Dangalla
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. D.D.S.C. Dangalla joined University as Clerk (Grade 111) on 03.10.1989. She was promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 01.01.2000 and on 03.10.2004 she was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). D.D.S.C. Dangalla was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 03.10.2009 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 03.10.2014 in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. H.A.M. Abeysiri
Laboratory Attendant (Special Grade)
Department of Plant & Molecular Biology
Faculty of Science

Mr. H.A.M. Abeysiri Joined University as Labourer on 01.09.1989. He was appointed as Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade) on 15.07.1997. He was promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Higher Grade) on 01.01.2002. He was then promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Supra Grade) on 01.01.2007. And currently serves as a Laboratory Attendant (Special Grade) from 01.01.2012, in the Department of Plant & Molecular Biology in the Faculty of Science.

2.4 Wall Plaque for 40 years of continuous and meritorious service



Professor. (Mrs.) I. K. Jayasekera

Department of Western Classical Culture & Christian Culture

Faculty of Humanities

Prof. I.K. Jayasekera joined University as Lecturer Probationary on 15/08/1984 and she was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/03/1990 and on 01/03/1996 she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and on 18/05/2006 she was then promoted to Professor and currently serves as Senior Professor on 18/05/2014 in the Department of Western Classical Culture & Christian Culture in the Faculty of Humanities.



Senior Professor N. G. J. Dias

Department of Computer Systems Engineering

Faculty of Computing and Technology

Senior Professor N.G.J. Dias Joined the University as Lecturer on 20.08.1984. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 16.03.1995 and on 16.03.2001 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I. Senior Professor K.A.S. Dhammika was promoted to Professor on 27.11.2009 and currently serves as Senior Professor on 27.11.2017 in the Department of Computer Systems Engineering in the Faculty of Computing and Technology.

3. VICE CHANCELLOR AWARDS FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, ACADEMIC SUPPORT STAFF & NON-ACADEMIC STAFF IN 2024

3.1 Certificate



Mr. P.H.U.Nissanka
Senior Assistant Bursar
Accounts Division



Mr. K.M.P.K. Perera
Senior Computer Operator
Academic Branch



Mr. Y.R.I.G.N. Rajarathna
Works Aide Grade III
General Administration Division



Mr. G.C.P. Gunasekara
Driver Grade I
Transport Services



Mr. R.M.P. Kumarasinghe
Driver Grade II
Transport Services



Mr. D.A.T.P. Dangalla
Driver Grade I
Transport Services



Mr. W.M.S.S. Udayakumara
Driver Grade I
Transport Services



Mr. B.A.A.N. Balasooriya
Driver Grade II
Transport Services



Mr. T.A.S. Sandaruwan
Driver Grade II
Transport Services



Mr. R.M.C.B. Rathnayaka
Driver Grade II
Transport Services



Mr. E.G.R. Chaminda
Driver Special Grade
Transport Services



Mrs. I.N. Samarasekara
Management Assistant Grade III
Payment Division



Mrs. R.P.P. Tharangi
Staff Management Assistant
Non - Academic Establishments



Mr. M.G.A.U.K. Wijerathna
Management Assistant Grade II
Non-Academic Establishments



Mrs. E.V.S.N. Jayanandana
Management Assistant Grade III
Non-Academic Establishments



Mr. M.D. Liyanage
Management Assistant Grade I
Accounts Division



Mr. K.M.T.S. Kulathunga
Health Service Labourer Grade III
Landscape Division



Mr. T.M.R.S. Bandara
Works Aide Grade III
Landscape Division



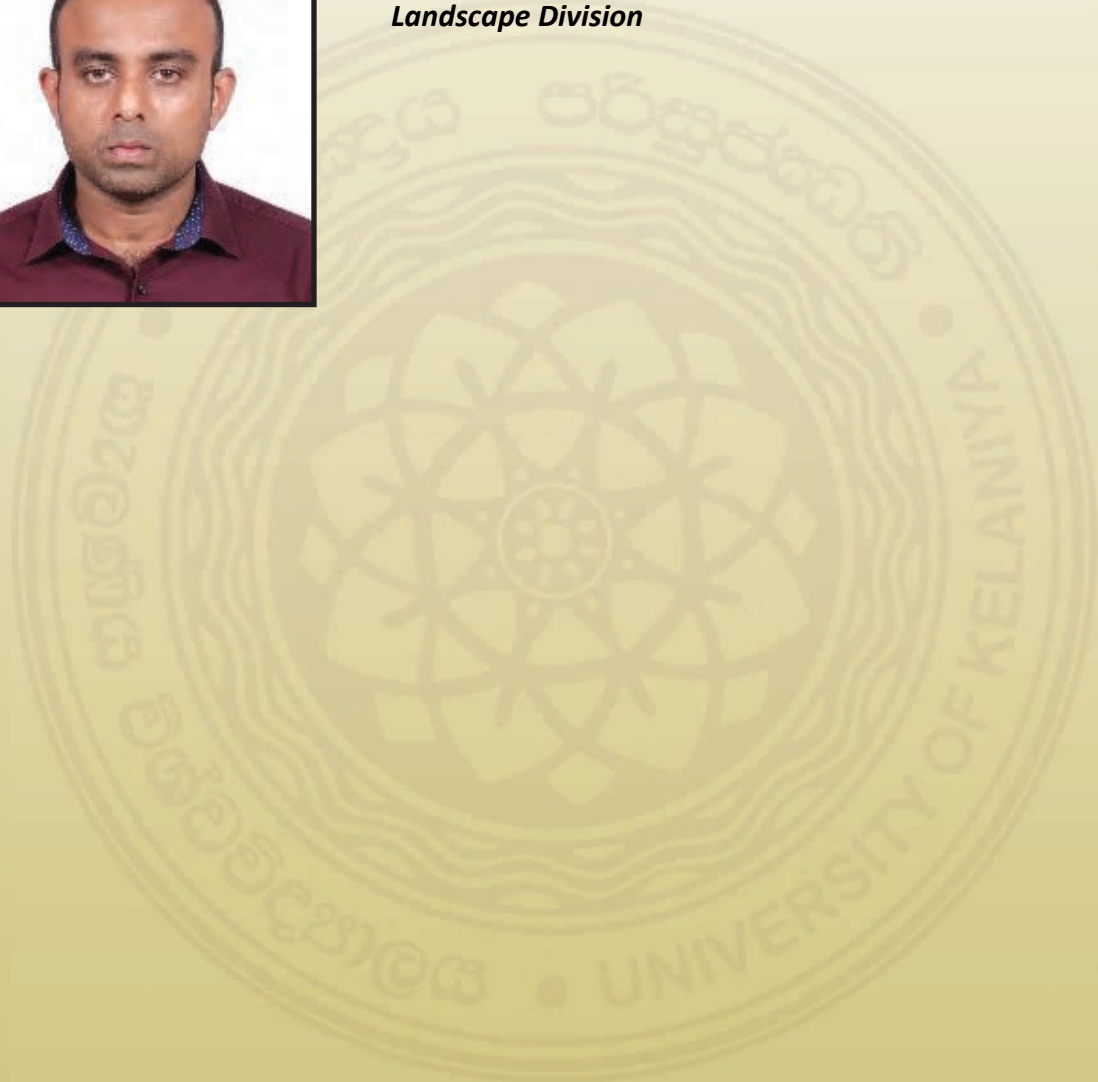
Mr. W.G.C.P. Watagodagedara
Works Aide Grade III
Landscape Division



Mr. L.C.P.A. Fernando
Works Aide Grade III
Landscape Division



Mr. A.P. Keerthisinghe
Works Aide Grade III
Landscape Division



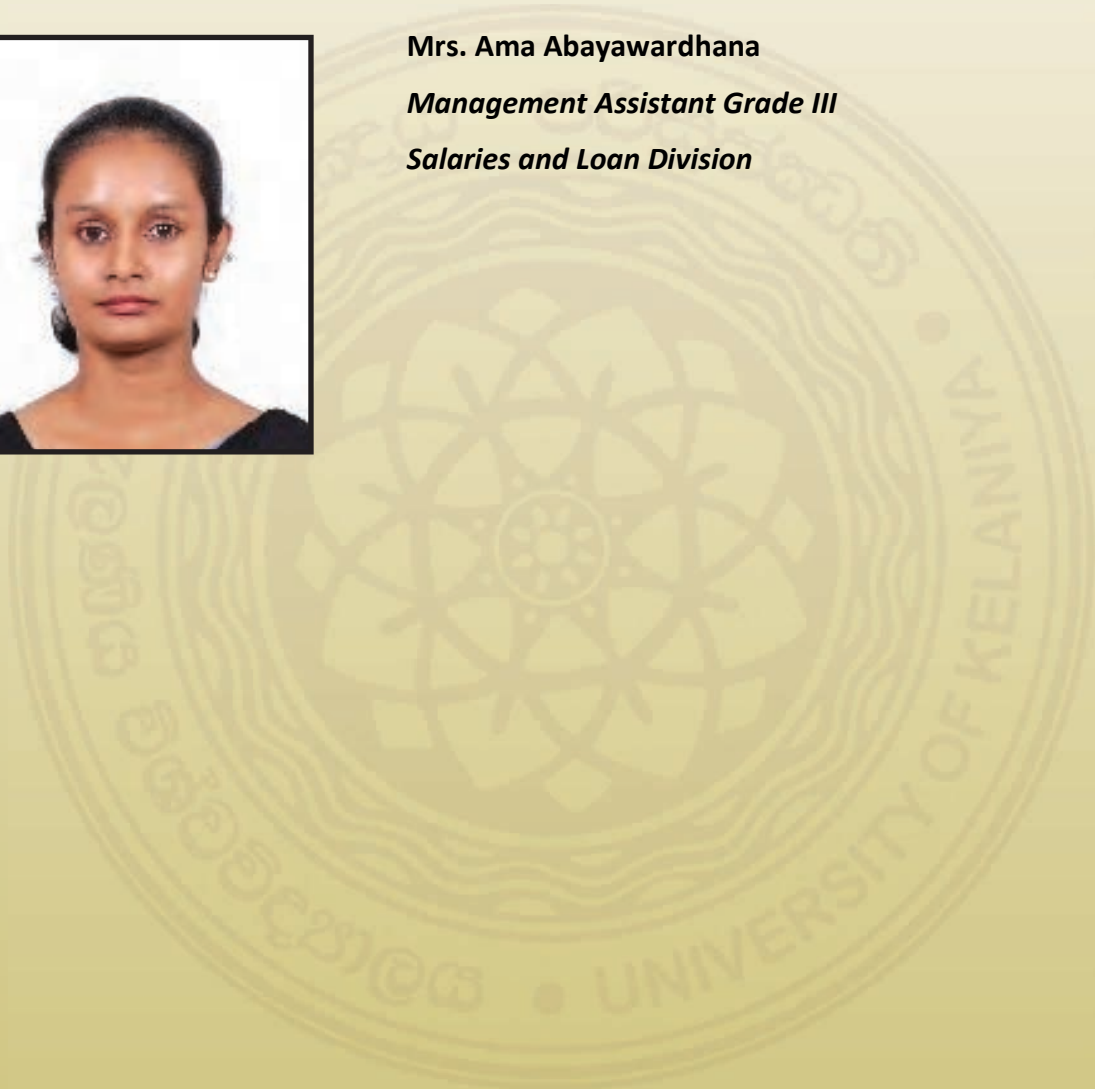
3.2 Bronze Medals & Certificate



Ms. R.C. De A. Senevirathna
Management Assistant Grade III
Payment Division



Mrs. Ama Abayawardhana
Management Assistant Grade III
Salaries and Loan Division



3.3 Silver Medals & Certificate



Mr. N.M. Arunashantha
Curator Grade II
Landscape Division



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



Mr. A.H. Dileep
Programmer cum System Analyst
Faculty of Science



Ms. E.M.N.D. Ekanayaka
Assistant Student Councillor
Faculty of Medicine



Mr. A.T. Kannangara
Technical Officer Grade I
Department of Chemistry



Mr. S.A.A.K. Sooriyaarachchi
Technical Officer Grade I
Department of Chemistry



Ms. M.B. Solangaarachchige
Technical Officer ICT Grade III
Examination unit
Faculty of Medicine



Mr. M.G.K.D. Buddhi Kumara
Management Assistant Grade III
HRIS Unit



3.4 Gold Medal & Certificate



Mr. W.M.M.G. C. Mahakumbura
Assistant Network Manager
Faculty of Medicine



Mr. D.M.N. Bandara
Chief Security Officer and Covering Chief Marshal



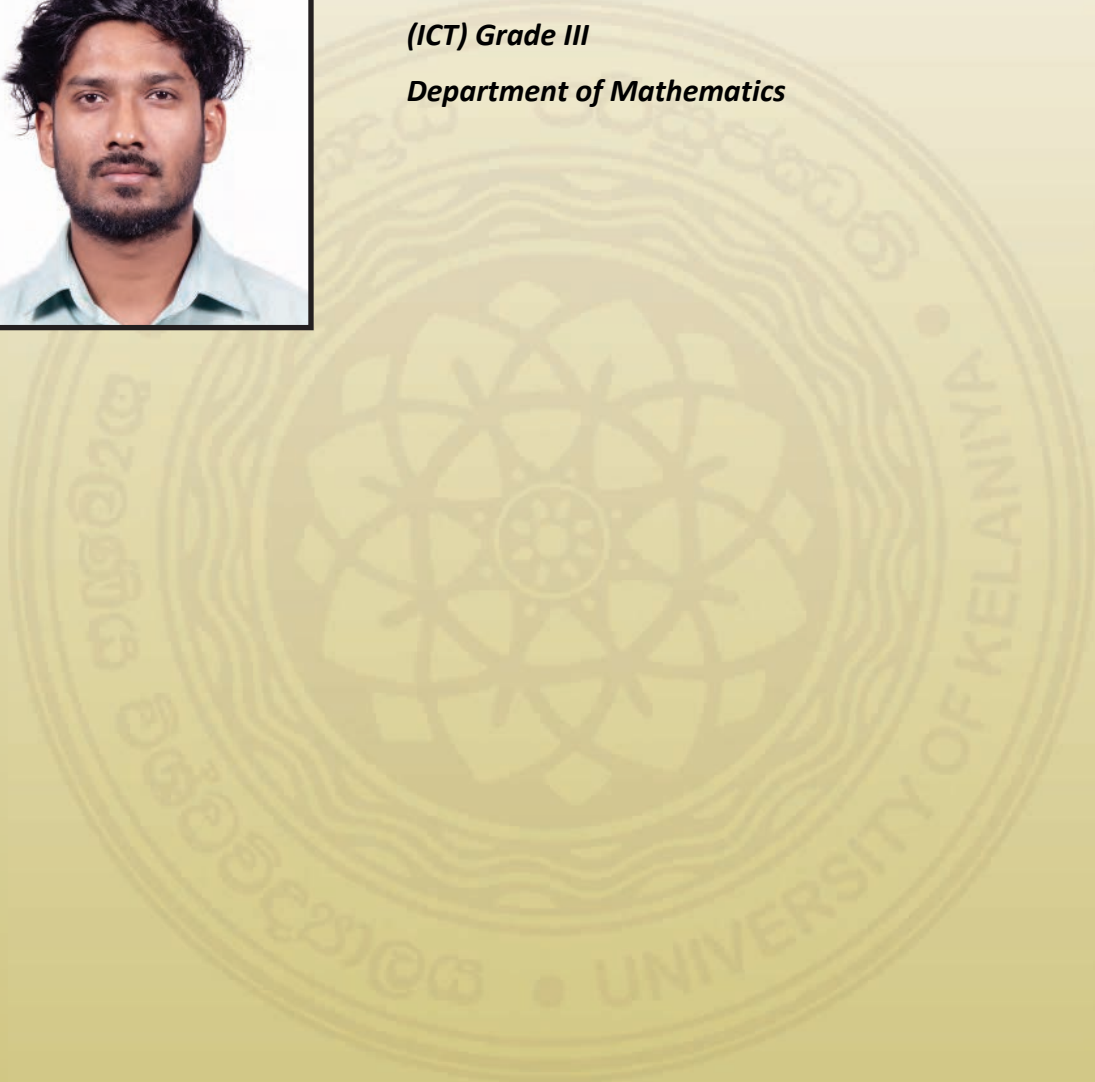
Mr. D.D.D. Withanage
Full Time Sub Warden Grade II
Faculty of Medicine



Mrs. K.S. Gajasinghe
Staff Assistant/Library Services
Main Library



Mr. W.M.J.M. Welagedara
Technical Officer
(ICT) Grade III
Department of Mathematics



3.5 Plaque Medal & Certificate



Mrs. H.K.D.W.M.S.K. Hapuhinna
Deputy Registrar - Academic Division
Acting Deputy Registrar -
Research & Publications Division



Mr. K.B.S.L. Wijeratne
Deputy Registrar
Faculty of Graduate Studies



Mr. S. Manivannan
Senior Assistant Registrar
Center for Distance and Continuing Education



Ms. S.C. Wickramanayake
Assistant Bursar
Center for Distance and Continuing Education



Mr. D.I.K. Solangaarachchi
System Engineer Grade I
Faculty of Medicine



Mr. A.S.P. Ahangama
Library Information Assistant Grade III
Main Library



Mr. G.L.N.C. Kumarasiri
Library Information Assistant Grade I
Main Library

4 COMMENDATIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL DIRECTORS OF THE CENTERS/ UNITS IN 2024



Mr. G.H.B.A. de Silva

Director

Center for Digital Communications

The EUS initiative, led by its advisory board and managed by Mr. G.H.B.A. de Silva, aims to enhance digital proficiency and streamline technological operations across the university. The advisory board includes Prof. Narada Fernando (Coordinator), Dr. Chamli Pushpakumara, Dr. Chathura Rajapaksha, Dr. Ruwan Wickramarachchi, and Mr. K.K.K. Dharmathilake, with operational support from Dinuka Wijekoon Kannangara (Assistant Web Manager), Ms. Vathma Weerakoon (Research Assistant), and Mr. Himath Matheesha (Multimedia Content Developer). EUS has achieved notable milestones, including the initiation of the Sri Lanka Citation Index in collaboration with the National Research Council and National Science Foundation, and a short course program for Management Assistants. The initiative's activities focus on training staff in web and data skills, developing advanced headless CMS solutions, utilizing secure cloud-based systems for critical operations, building collaborative digital media libraries, and creating intranets with user access controls. These efforts are designed to empower university staff with essential digital competencies, improve operational efficiency, and promote innovation in digital communication and data management. Through its impactful projects, EUS plays a vital role in the university's journey toward digital transformation and excellence.



Prof. C. D. S. Wettewe

Director

Career Guidance Unit

Chamindi Dilkushi Senaratne (Wettewe) is a Senior Professor, 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. 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.

As the Director of the Career Guidance Unit (CGU) at the University of Kelaniya, she introduced innovative programs to actively engage students and inspire them to become lifelong learners. Under her leadership, the CGU achieved over 90% of its Action Plan activities during the period under review. Notable initiatives include the career guidance and counseling programs, the Graduate Online store, the Graduate Entrepreneur program where eight students were awarded the NEDA grant, the department-specific career counseling program, the Career Fair 2024 chaired by the Rotaract club of UoK, and collaborative training with prominent organizations such as ICTA, NEDA, IOM, Cargills, Hayleys, the British Council, and the Sri Lanka Scouts Association. Additionally, the CGU hosted the Graduate Entrepreneur Exhibition and Sale successfully for the second time at the university. The website of the CGU was awarded 2nd place in 2023 and in 2024.



Dr. E.J.A. Samarakoon

Co-Director

Confucius Institute

Dr. Egodahage Jani Alwis Samarakoon is a highly accomplished academic with a distinguished background in linguistics and Chinese language studies. She holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language (in Chinese Language), earned in 2017 from Central China Normal University in Wuhan, China. She also completed a Master of Arts in Linguistics & Applied Linguistics (in Chinese Language) in 2010 from the same institution, along with another Master's degree in Linguistics from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, in 2006. Additionally, she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, completed in 2001, with a focus on Chinese Language, Japanese Language, and Linguistics.

Throughout her academic journey, Dr. Jani Samarakoon has been the recipient of several prestigious awards. She was honored with the Excellent Doctoral Dissertation Award for her exceptional doctoral dissertation at Central China Normal University in 2017. In recognition of her excellence in postgraduate studies, she was awarded the Chinese Government Scholarship for her studies from 2006 to 2010 and from 2014 to 2017. Furthermore, her Master's dissertation earned her the Excellent Student of the Language Research Institution Award in 2010.

Dr. Egodahage Jani Alwis Samarakoon has made significant contributions to the field of Applied Linguistics, particularly in comparative studies between Sinhala and Chinese languages, as well as in teaching Chinese as a foreign language.

Her talents also extend beyond the classroom, as she was awarded the First Prize in the Hubei Province Essay Competition, organized by the News Office of the People's Government of Hubei Province, China, in 2009. Dr. Jani Samarakoon's achievements are further underscored by her receipt of the Chinese Government Scholarship for her postgraduate studies from 2006 to 2010, highlighting her dedication and scholarly contributions.

Her primary, secondary, and high school education was at Visakha Vidyalaya, Colombo 5. She served as a prefect in high school and also participated in co-curricular activities such as Girl Guiding and was a member of the school's Western Band. She is also an active member of the Old Girls' Association of Visakha Vidyalaya.

She has been appointed as the Co-Director (for Sri Lanka) of the Confucius Institute (CI) at the University of Kelaniya since 2021. During this period, she organized many programs to enhance the relationship between China and Sri Lanka. These efforts have contributed to improving Chinese language knowledge among students in Sri Lanka. She has organized, cultural events, teacher training programs for Chinese language school teachers, Chinese language proficiency exams (HSK/HSKK), etc. During her HSK and HSKK Examination organization period, 10 Chinese testing centers in China and 66 foreign countries testing centers worldwide were awarded the title of "Excellent Testing Center for the Chinese Exam in 2021". It is a matter of pleasure and pride that the Confucius Institute of the University of Kelaniya has won this honor in Asia.

She organizes the Chinese Bridge competition, which is held every year for undergraduates studying Chinese language overseas. Under her organization, the University of Kelaniya undergraduates who study the Chinese language have won the overall championship every year. Scholarship programs are organized under her guidance for undergraduates and outsiders studying the Chinese language at the University of Kelaniya.

As the Co-Director (for Sri Lanka) of the CI at the University of Kelaniya, she coordinates the Certificate Course in Chinese Language, the Intermediate Certificate Course in Chinese Language, and the Advanced Certificate Course in Chinese Language. These courses are available not only to undergraduates from the University of Kelaniya but also to outsiders who are willing to study the Chinese language and culture.

During her tenure, she has made significant contributions to the Confucius Institute at the University of Kelaniya as the Co-Director (for Sri Lanka).



Prof. K. L. K. N. C. Premawardhena

Director

Center for International Affairs

Senior Professor Neelakshi C. Premawardhena's tenure as Director of the Centre for International Affairs has been defined by visionary leadership, strategic foresight, and an unwavering commitment to global engagement and collaboration. Under her leadership, the Centre has evolved into a dynamic hub of internationalisation, fostering numerous initiatives that have significantly expanded the global footprint of the University of Kelaniya.

In 2024, her leadership facilitated several new international collaborations, reinforced existing partnerships, and secured numerous scholarship grants for university staff and students through international funding programs including Erasmus+ and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Additionally, the Freemover Program—introduced in 2023 for international students from non-partner universities—continued to thrive in 2024, further enhancing the university's global appeal. 2024 also saw the conclusion of the project “Bridging the Gap – Creating Opportunities” led by Prof. Premawardhena under the auspices of the Alumni Academy of University of Siegen, Germany on Urbanisation and Rural Development where undergraduates of the Faculty of Humanities and Science were involved in teaching English and ICT to children from selected underprivileged schools. The Erasmus Days 2024 were celebrated as a hybrid event, bringing together local and international Erasmus alumni to commemorate this milestone and local Erasmus alumni of University of Kelaniya were invited to share their experiences at an awareness session organized by the Overseas Education Division of the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education.

Professor Premawardhena's adept management and dedication have been instrumental in the successful implementation of these global initiatives, contributing significantly to the academic and cultural enrichment of the university community. Her tireless efforts have elevated the University of Kelaniya's profile on the global stage, leaving a lasting legacy of excellence in international affairs. Recognizing her outstanding leadership, vision, and transformative impact on internationalization, Professor Premawardhena has been consecutively honored with the Successful Director of a Centre/Unit award at the Vice Chancellor's Awards since 2018. This accolade underscores her unwavering dedication and the profound influence she continues to have on the University of Kelaniya's international success.



Mr. R. S. G. Rajapaksha

Director

Communication and Media Unit

Mr. Saman Rajapaksha is a Senior Lecturer attached to the Department of Mass Communication of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kelaniya. Senior Lecturer Saman Rajapaksha completed his Master of Philosophy degree (MPhil) in 2013 in the field of Buddhist Communication Theory and Models. In the year 2005, he completed his first degree, a Bachelor of Arts (Honors) in Mass Communication, and began his professional career 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 he has been working towards the academic advancement of the University. He has published extensively in the fields of Asian Communication Studies, Religious Communication, Cultural Studies, Media Studies, Print Media, and Radio Media Studies.

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. Furthermore, Mr. Rajapaksha, who worked as a committee member of the Kelaniya University Sports Advisory Council in 2013 and 2014, also served as a committee member of the Arts Council in 2013. Moreover, Mr. Rajapaksha has been performing duties as a member of the Editorial Board for the preparation of the 'Student Handbook' since 2022. He also contributed to evidence gathering for Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Ranking 2025. Further, he currently works as the Managing Director of 'UoK Pulse,' the official music ensemble of the University of Kelaniya.

Senior Lecturer Saman Rajapaksha has been working as the Director of the Communication and Media Unit of the University of Kelaniya since August 2021. Notably, Mr. Rajapaksha assumed duties as the Director of the Communication and Media Unit for the second consecutive term in August 2024. Currently, 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. During the period under review, Senior Lecturer Saman Rajapaksha introduced a number of initiatives such as the "Vidulakara TV" YouTube channel, "Vidulakara" Newspaper, "UoK Media" Facebook page, "Nemadala" e-newspaper, "Gnāna Yatra" and "Young Journalists" workshop series conducted for students and journalists, etc.



Prof. C. Pathirawasam

Director

Center for Quality Assurance

Professor C. Pathirawasam serves as the Director of the Center for Quality Assurance at the University of Kelaniya and is a distinguished professor in the Department of Commerce and Financial Management within the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies. As the Director, he has made invaluable contributions to the Center and the University, tirelessly dedicating his time and expertise to enhance its quality standards.

His efforts have significantly benefited all seven faculties of the University. By sharing his extensive knowledge and experience, he has fostered collaboration among Academic staff, Administrative and University Students.

In his commitment to improving academic quality, Professor Pathirawasam has been instrumental in the development of key policy documents that address various aspects of academic and administrative excellence. Notable among these are: The Academic Staff Performance Appraisal System, The Policy on Human Resources Planning for Academic Staff, and The Policy on Recognition of Institutions Seeking Affiliation with the University of Kelaniya for Conducting Programs of Study Leading to University-Awarded Qualifications. These policies have added substantial value to the University's operational framework, setting benchmarks for quality and governance.

Beyond policy development, Professor Pathirawasam played a pivotal role in establishing the Hela Bojun Canteen in University of Kelaniya in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Finance, reflecting his dedication to holistic university development.

He has also conducted numerous awareness programs aimed at empowering academic staff and students across all faculties, generously sharing his knowledge and best practices. His unwavering commitment and visionary leadership have earned him recognition as one of the most impactful directors in the University's history, driving its progress toward academic and institutional excellence.



Dr. R.A.C.P. Rajapakse

Director

Center for Strategic Planning & University Statistics

The Centre for Strategic Planning and University Statistics (CSPS) has emerged as the central data hub for the University of Kelaniya. Established in 2015 as the University Statistics and Data Monitoring Unit, the CSPS has grown significantly, becoming a vital resource for data-driven decision-making at both university and national levels. The centre is dedicated to leveraging advanced analytics and information technologies to deliver high-quality data and insights to a diverse range of stakeholders. Under the current leadership of Dr. Chathura Rajapakse, a senior lecturer and a data analytics practitioner attached to the Faculty of Science, the CSPS team, comprising Ms. Hiruni Perera, Ms. Nipuni Sulakkhana, and Ms. Rashmila Cabral, is committed to driving data-driven innovation and excellence at the University of Kelaniya.





Dr. C.W. Subasinghe

Director

Center for Sustainability Solutions

Dr. Wasanthi Subasinghe, Director of the Centre for Sustainability Solutions (CSS) at the University of Kelaniya, has demonstrated exceptional leadership in 2024, driving numerous national and global accomplishments and solidifying the university's position as a leading institution in environmental sustainability. Under her tenure, CSS has successfully completed activities related to energy, waste, and water management, biodiversity conservation, resource management, sustainability education, and community awareness, fostering institutional excellence in sustainability.

Key accomplishments under her tenure as the director of CSS include:

- **University Ranking:** The University of Kelaniya secured the No. 1 rank in Sri Lanka in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2023, improving its global standing to 226th out of 1,183 universities.
- **Presidential Recognition:** Received a Merit Award at the Presidential Environmental Awards 2023 under the category of "Best Government Institution that Contributes to the Environment."
- **Sustainability Reporting:** Launched the Inaugural Sustainability Report of the University of Kelaniya, marking a significant milestone in documenting and communicating the university's progress in environmental sustainability and social responsibility.
- **Digital Innovation:** Launched the "TreeID" project, a QR code-based, digitalized plant species catalog for the University.
- **Energy Management:** Developed energy management action plans and policies for the university.
- **Forest Restoration:** Conducted a forest restoration project at Yagirala Forest Reserve in collaboration with private sector organizations and university volunteers.
- **Leadership Development:** Successfully completed the 7th cycle of the Sustainability Leadership Training Program (SLTP), a platform that empowers undergraduates with knowledge of SDGs, leadership skills, and a commitment to volunteerism.

In addition to these achievements, Dr. Subasinghe guided multiple impactful initiatives such as beach clean-up programs, tree planting programs, awareness programs for students, academic

and non-academic staff, programs to improve resource efficiency, and community awareness activities.

The Centre for Sustainability Solutions' commitment to environmental sustainability under Dr. Subasinghe's leadership was recognized by the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) by awarding the "Environment Award 2024 – Institutional Category."

Through her steadfast leadership and innovative approaches, Dr. Wasanthi Subasinghe has transformed the Centre for Sustainability Solutions into a driving force for sustainable development, setting new benchmarks for environmental stewardship in higher education. Her dedication continues to inspire and mobilize the university community toward achieving a greener, more sustainable future.





Dr. P. W. Samarasekere

Director

Industry Interaction Cell for Computing & Technology

Dr. Pradeep W. Samarasekere is a distinguished academic and industry leader with over a decade of experience spanning both the United States and Sri Lanka. As a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Computing and Technology at the University of Kelaniya, he has earned recognition for seamlessly bridging the realms of academia and industry through groundbreaking research, innovation, and leadership. Renowned as an expert in rare earth metallurgy and advanced materials, Dr. Samarasekere has made significant contributions to sustainable chemistry, clean energy technologies, and the extraction of precious metals. His pioneering work includes the development of novel methods for rare earth metal extraction, selective recovery of valuable metals from electronic waste, and innovative, cost-effective approaches to clean energy. These efforts have led to numerous patents, cementing his reputation as a leader in interdisciplinary innovation. Dr. Samarasekere's exceptional achievements have been recognized through several prestigious awards. In 2020, the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Directors (CVCD) honored him with the Lifetime Excellence Award for Best Inventor, the highest recognition for innovation within the Sri Lankan university system. He has also been awarded the Vice Chancellor's Award for Best Innovator at the University of Kelaniya, along with international accolades, including the Inventor Patent Award and the Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship Inventors Award from the University of Houston. On the global stage, Dr. Samarasekere's innovations have garnered widespread acclaim, earning him the Grand Prize at the U.S. Department of Energy's National Clean Energy Challenge, the National Cleantech University Prize at Caltech, and the Edison Award for Best New Product in Energy Sustainability. His entrepreneurial excellence has been further recognized by the Kairos Society, which named his work among the Top 50 Emerging Global Enterprises. His research has attracted over \$2 million in funding as a Principal Investigator, underlining his ability to lead high-impact projects. Since 2021, Dr. Samarasekere has also served as the Director of the Centre for Technology Transfer & Industry Linkage, where he has played a pivotal role in fostering innovation and bridging the gap between academia and industry through impactful collaborations and knowledge transfer initiatives. In 2019, Dr. Samarasekere assumed the role of Director of the Industry Interaction Cell for Computing and Technology (IICfCT) at the University of Kelaniya. Under his visionary leadership, the IICfCT has become a vital link between academia and industry, fostering collaborations that enhance students' employability and drive innovation. Dr. Samarasekere has spearheaded initiatives such as annual career fairs, skill-building workshops, industry-academia field visits, and

internship programs. Additionally, he has facilitated contract research, industrial project management, and professional training, ensuring real-world exposure for students and generating income to support the Faculty's growth. Dr. Samarasekera's academic journey began with a B.Sc. in Chemistry from the University of Colombo, followed by a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Houston, Texas, USA. During his tenure in the United States, he co-founded REEcycle Inc., where he served as Chief Technology Officer, leading efforts in sustainable rare earth recycling. Upon returning to Sri Lanka in 2017, he joined the University of Kelaniya to contribute to academia while continuing his passion for innovation and research. Through his unwavering commitment to excellence, research, and strategic leadership, Dr. Pradeep W. Samarasekera has solidified his position as a transformative figure in both academia and industry. His contributions not only drive scientific advancement but also inspire the next generation of innovators





Dr. K.R.N. Harshani

Director

Kalana Mithuru Sewana

Dr. K.R.N. Harshani is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Library and Information Science at the University of Kelaniya, where she has made significant contributions to academic and professional communities. Throughout her career, she has earned numerous tributes, including the Best Research Paper Award at the 15th World Congress of the Academy for Global Business Advancement in Thailand and the "Most Competent Employee – Gold Medal" from the Faculty of Applied Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.

Dr. Harshani is a prolific scholar, publishing numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals, academic publications, and book chapters. Her research interests span a wide range of topics, including library service quality, library marketing, counseling librarianship, bibliotherapy, and community outreach activities. Her leadership roles include serving as a conference chair, reviewer, editor, and member of scientific committees for national and international conferences.

Dr. Harshani is also a chartered librarian and a fellow member of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA). Beyond her academic responsibilities, she is the Director of Kalana Mituru Sewana (KMS) at the University of Kelaniya, where she supports undergraduate students in various personal and academic growth areas. She also serves as the Deputy Director of Student Welfare at the university. Additionally, Dr. Harshani is a certified trainer, coach, career guidance counselor, and NLP (Neuro-Linguistic Programming) practitioner. She actively contributes to community service, serving as a resource person for student clubs, including LEO and Rotaract.

5. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR THE MOST IMPACTFUL WEBSITES IN 2024

5.1 The Best Websites of the Unites/Centers

3 rd Place	Confucius Institute
2 nd Place	Career Guidance
1 st place	Centre for International Affairs

5.2 The Best Department Websites of the University

3 rd Place	Department of Linguistics
2 nd Place	Department of Mass Communication
1 st place	Department of Public Health

5.3 The Best Website of the Postgraduate Institute

2 nd Place	Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies
1 st place	Postgraduate Institute of Archeology

5.4 The Best Faculty Websites of the University

3 rd Place	Faculty of Science
2 nd Place	Faculty of Social Sciences
1 st place	Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies

5.5 Overall Best Web Category – The Best Websites in the University

3 rd Place	UOK Today
2 nd Place	University Library Website
1 st place	Centre for Distance and Continuing Education

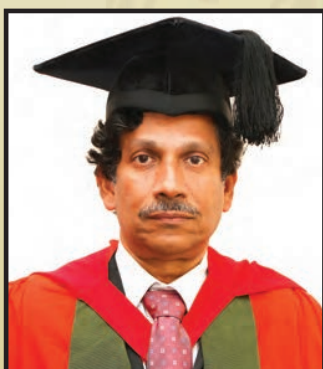
6 COMMENDATIONS FOR BRINGING HONOUR TO THE UNIVERSITY IN 2024

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 2024



Prof. N. Jayathilake
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Awarded under the Presidential Awards for Inventions (2017–2020 was held on 1st August 2024 at the BMICH



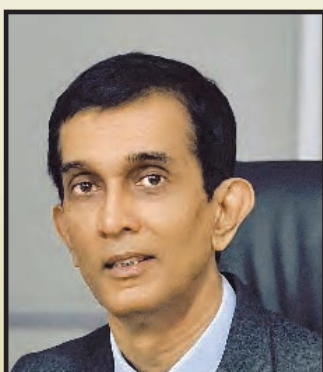
Prof. S.R.D. Kalingamudali
Dean
Faculty of Science

Awarded under the Presidential Awards for Inventions (2017–2020 was held on 1st August 2024 at the BMICH



Prof. J.A. Liyanage
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Awarded under the Presidential Awards for Inventions Year 2017–2020 was held on 1st August 2024 at the BMICH



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

Awarded under the Presidential Awards for Inventions Year 2017–2020 was held on 1st August 2024 at the BMICH



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

Most Outstanding Young Researcher, Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors, Sri Lanka.



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

The Most Outstanding Senior Researcher, Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors, Sri Lanka.



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

Named as one of the top 100 Scientist Asia by Asian Scientist Magazine in 2024



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

SLAAS postgraduate Research Award 2023 at the 79th Annual Session of SLAAS held at BMICH on 10th December 2023.



Dr. K.H.W.L. de Silva

***Department of Plant & Molecular Biology
Faculty of Science***

Best Scientific Award for research on mangroves' potential to combat climate change at the 2nd International Conference on Mangroves for Sustainability



Mr. N.P.A.R. Subasinghe

***Department of Drama ,Cinema and Television
Faculty of Humanities***

Best Costume Award for the play " Indrajalika Pemwathiya" at the State drama festival 2022, held on 19th December 2023



Dr. A.W.A.P.L. Wanigasooriya

***Department of Library & Information Science
Faculty of Social Sciences***

Won the best innovator of the year – 2024 from the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka



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

Elected as a Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, Sri Lanka in 2024.



**7. APPRECIATION FOR OUTSTANDING, SELFLESS AND DEDICATED SERVICE
PROVIDED AS THE MEMBER OF UNIVERSITY RANKINGS COMMITTEE
2023/24**



Prof. D. S. G. Mettananda
Chairperson
Research Council



Dr. R. L. C. S. Pushpakumara
Dean
Faculty of Computing & Technology



Dr. R.A.C.P. Rajapaksha
Director
Strategic Planning and Data Monitoring Unit



Dr. A.P.R. Wickramarachchi

Director

Information & Communication Technology Centre



Dr. C.W. Subasinghe

Director

Centre for Sustainability Solutions



Mr. G. H. B. A. de Silva

University Webmaster

8. VICE CHANCELLORS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND CREATIVE WORKS IN 2024

8.1 Faculty wise awards

8.1.1. Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

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



Prof. H.A.K.N.S. Surangi
Department of Commerce & Financial Management
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

H.A.K.N.S. Surangi is a Professor of Entrepreneurship in the Department of Commerce and Financial Management at the University of Kelaniya. With over 18 years of experience as a lecturer in the field of entrepreneurship, she has established herself as a dedicated academic and researcher. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Commerce (BCom) with First-Class Honors and an MPhil in Entrepreneurship, both from the University of Peradeniya. She later completed her PhD in Entrepreneurship at the University of Lincoln, United Kingdom.

Professor Surangi's research primarily focuses on female entrepreneurship, entrepreneurial networking, social capital, entrepreneurial learning, and small business development. Additionally, her interests extend to areas such as ethnic minority and immigrant entrepreneurship. She has published extensively in several indexed journals, including those ranked Q1 and Q2. As an active contributor to academia, she frequently reviews manuscripts for top-ranked journals and supervises PhD students, with two currently under her guidance. Her achievements include receiving prestigious awards such as the Best Paper Award, the Vice Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Researcher, and the Outstanding Reviewer Award at various national and international conferences. From 2019 to 2021, she served as the MCom Coordinator at the Department of Commerce and Financial Management. She is currently the Director of the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies' Quality Assurance Cell and Head of the Department of Commerce and Financial Management, contributing to the continuous improvement of academic standards and practices within the faculty.

b. Outstanding Young Researchers

Merit Awards



Ms. A.G.H.S.K. Wijerathna

Department of Accountancy

Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Ms. A.G.H.S.K. Wijerathna is a lecturer attached to the Department of Accountancy, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies. She obtained her Master of Science in Applied Finance from the University of Sri Jayawardenepura, Sri Lanka, in 2022. Further, she completed her Bachelor of Business Management (Special) Degree in Accountancy from the University of Kelaniya in 2018. Also, she is a CIMA (UK) passed finalist. She has nearly 04 years of industry experience working as an auditor attached to the external audit division of KPMG, Sri Lanka, a global audit firm. She has published in reputed international journals, including a publication in a SCOPUS-indexed and SJR Q1-ranked journal. Her research interests include corporate governance, green finance, corporate finance, auditing, and taxation



Mrs. W.B.M.D. Basnayake

Department of Finance

Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Mrs. Dananjani Basnayake is a senior lecturer attached to the Department of Finance, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya. She is currently pursuing her PhD at the Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics, Griffith Business School, Griffith University, Australia under the Griffith University International Postgraduate Research Scholarship. She received her MBA from the Postgraduate Institute of Management, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, in 2016 and obtained her bachelor's degree from the Department of Finance, University of Kelaniya in 2011. Moreover, she holds ACMA, CGMA (UK), and associate membership in CPA, Australia. She is an innovative and knowledgeable professional with over ten years of experience as an academic at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka and she has served as a sessional tutor at Griffith University, Australia. She is currently serving as a coordinator for multiple Australia Awards projects conducted by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). During her PhD, she secured 1st place in the 3 minutes thesis Department heats, and Runner-up at Griffith Business School and became the Griffith Finalist at the Griffith University level. She also published two of her PhD research studies in an ABDC A-ranked, high-impact factor journal and a Griffith University discussion paper series in 2024. She presented one of her PhD studies at the XVIII World Conference of the Spatial Econometrics Association, a prestigious conference for spatial econometrics, held in the Netherlands in June 2024. She has completed a Higher Degree Research internship at the Asian Development Bank Institute and produced an ADB working paper and blog piece which is currently under review at ADBI. Besides that, she has several research currently under review in high-ranked reputed journals. Her research interests cover several aspects across financial inclusion, corporate governance, Corporate Social responsibility, and climate finance.

2nd Place



Mrs. M.D.R. Harshani

Department of Human Resource Management

Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Ms. M. D. R. Harshani's research interests and contributions primarily focus on the fields of Human Resource Management, Organizational Behavior, Employee Engagement, and Human Resource Development. Her studies explore various contemporary and practical topics such as work engagement, reverse mentoring, knowledge sharing, flexible work arrangements, emotional intelligence, and employee well-being. Her extensive body of research includes journal articles, book chapters, and conference presentations. Notable works address themes like the impact of flexible working arrangements on job performance, determinants of job hopping, and the role of occupational health and safety practices. Additionally, she examines historical and modern perspectives on reward management practices and the influence of digital detox strategies on employee well-being.

These efforts highlight her commitment to advancing theoretical understanding and practical applications in the workplace, particularly within Sri Lankan contexts and beyond.



Ms. E. Rebecca

Department of Human Resource Management

Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Edward Rebecca is a dedicated academic and researcher in the Department of Human Resource Management (HRM) at the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies (FCMS), University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. Her commitment to academic excellence is evident through her numerous contributions to research and publications. Notably, her research paper, published in a SCOPUS-indexed journal in 2023 and 2024, received the Senate Award for Scholarly Excellence, recognizing its innovative approach to dynamic work environments. She has published numerous journal articles, particularly in Scopus and the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and contributed to conference papers and magazine articles. Additionally, she has authored a few books and book chapters, with her most recent work published in 2023 and 2024. In recognition of her achievements, she was awarded First Place for Outstanding Young Researcher at the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya, in January 2024.

She began her academic career as a Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Human Resource Management at the University of Kelaniya in 2019. She currently serves as a Senior Lecturer – Gr II in the same department, where she integrates her corporate experience with academic insights. In addition to her teaching role, she serves as an Editorial Assistant for the Kelaniya Journal of Human Resource Management (KJHRM) and supervises research projects for both undergraduate and master's students. She is also a reviewer for several prestigious journals.

She holds a Bachelor of Business Management (Special) Degree in Human Resource Management, graduating with First-Class Honors from the University of Kelaniya in 2017. She later earned a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM) at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka, between 2020 and 2022. Her professional journey in the corporate sector has significantly shaped her academic work. She worked as an Executive in Human Resources at Distilleries Company of Sri Lanka PLC (DCSL), gaining valuable insights into strategic HR functions. Her earlier positions at Ceylon Tea Services PLC (Dilmah) and several other corporate sectors helped hone her skills in HR operations.

Furthermore, Edward Rebecca has pursued professional certifications to expand her knowledge base. She completed an Advanced Certificate in Research Methodology in Management from PIM and has actively engaged with institutions such as the AAT Institute, the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka (IBSL), and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA). These experiences have provided her with a well-rounded perspective essential for navigating today's interdisciplinary and multifaceted business landscape.

1st Place



Dr. D.M.N.S.W. Dissanayake

Senior Lecturer

Department of Commerce & Financial Management

Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Srinath Dissanayake is an academic and researcher in the field of entrepreneurship, currently serving as a Senior Lecturer at the University of Kelaniya. His educational journey culminated in a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Waikato, New Zealand, which he obtained in 2021, focusing on entrepreneurial action within community and Buddhist contexts in Sri Lanka. In 2023, he received the award for Best Director of a Centre/Unit at the Central Business Incubator, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya, highlighting his leadership and impact in fostering entrepreneurial initiatives. He was awarded the Fetzer Scholarship for two consecutive years (2019 and 2020) at the Academy of Management Conference, recognizing his research contributions in management, spirituality, and religion. He is currently engaged in several significant roles at the University of Kelaniya such as the coordinator for the Master of Business Studies program and the Higher Diploma in Business Program offered by the Department of Commerce and Financial Management. His research contributions are reflected in various reputable journals, including: Journal of Entrepreneurship in Emerging Economies, Journal of Management, Spirituality & Religion, World Scientific Encyclopedia of Business Sustainability, Ethics and Entrepreneurship.

c. The Outstanding Researchers

Merit Awards



Prof. U.L.T.P. Gunasekare

Department of Accountancy

Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Professor Thamara Gunasekare received a Ph.D. in Management from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, earned her MBA from the University of Colombo, and a BSc in Business Administration (Special) Degree from the University of Sri Jayawardenepura, Sri Lanka. Her leadership roles include serving as the Grant Coordinator for the World Bank-funded Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development Program (AHEAD) from 2019 to 2022, Program Coordinator for the Master of Business in Accounting/Finance Degree, and Director of the Centre for Management Research. Additionally, she served as Head of the Department of the Department of Accountancy, University of Kelaniya for a three-year term. Professor Gunasekare has contributed extensively to academia, authoring numerous research articles published in both national and international indexed journals.

Professor Gunasekare is a distinguished academic and a highly respected figure in Sri Lanka's higher education and research community. Over the course of a prolific career, Professor Gunasekare has made remarkable contributions to academia, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to advancing knowledge, mentoring the next generation, and addressing contemporary challenges through innovative research and pedagogy.

2nd Place



Prof. K.G.M. Nanayakkara

Department of Commerce & Financial Management

Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Madurika Nanayakkara is a Professor in Finance at the Department of Commerce and Financial Management, University of Kelaniya with 15 years of experience as a lecturer in Accounting and Finance. She holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Green Finance from Federation University Australia. Professor Nanayakkara earned her Bachelor of Business Management (Accountancy) Special Degree with First-Class Honours from University of Kelaniya and her Master of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Colombo, where she was awarded a Gold Medal for the course unit in Contemporary Thought in Management. She 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. Her research focuses on Green Finance, Financial Distress, and Auditing, and she has published extensively in these areas. Professor Nanayakkara has received numerous accolades, including the Vice-Chancellor's Award and multiple Senate Awards from the University of Kelaniya, as well as recognition for Best Paper, Best Presenter, Outstanding Reviewer, and Best Poster at various national and international research conferences. Currently, she serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Business and Technology and is a member of the editorial boards of the Journal of Multidisciplinary and Translational Research (JMTR) at the University of Kelaniya and the Journal of Financial Markets and Governance in Bangladesh.

1st Place



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8.1.2. Faculty of Computing and Technology

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



Dr. I.W. Siriwardane

Department of Applied Computing

Faculty of Computing & Technology

Dr. Induni W. Siriwardane obtained her B.Sc. (Hons) degree specialized in Chemistry from the University of Colombo in and then completed her M.Sc. (by research) degree in chemistry and nanotechnology from the University of Iowa, USA. Next she obtained PhD in Chemistry from the University of Colombo, during which she has specialized in developing nanomaterials for water and gas purification applications. She has been working as a Research Scientist and a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology (SLINTEC). Further, she has obtained her Master's Degree in Business Management (MBA) with Merit from the Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM). She was a co-founder of "PIM Genesis", the PIM business incubator. She joined the Faculty of Computing and Technology, University of Kelaniya in 2022 and serving as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Applied Computing and also serves as the Director of the Center for Advanced Materials and Smart Manufacturing (CAMSM) of the Faculty of Computing and Technology. During her research carrier, she has involved in many research in developing nanomaterials for the applications in water purification, cosmetics and polymer composites, during which she was able to file two patents, publish several articles in peer reviewed journals and to win several awards for research, including the President's Award for Scientific Publications for the year 2017. She won the OWSD Early Career Research Fellowship for the project "Nanoencapsulation of active ingredients to make value added export-oriented nutraceutical products from Sri Lankan plant bio resources" in 2023.

8.1.3. Faculty of Humanities

a. *The Outstanding Researchers*



Prof. K.L.K.N.C. Premawardhena
Department of Modern Languages
Faculty of Humanities

Senior Professor Neelakshi C. Premawardhena is the Cadre Chair of the Department of Modern Languages whose outstanding contributions to research in the Humanities have earned her the prestigious Outstanding Researcher in Humanities 2024 award. With an illustrious career marked by scholarly excellence, she has significantly advanced knowledge in her field, demonstrating a profound commitment to research.

Professor Premawardhena's impactful scholarly contributions in 2024 include publications in two indexed journals, two Scopus-indexed conference papers, and two book chapters, each exemplifying her scholarly versatility and depth. Professor Premawardhena has represented the University of Kelaniya at prestigious international conferences, serving as an invited speaker at high-profile academic events.

Beyond her individual achievements, Professor Premawardhena has made invaluable contributions as an Associate Editor for several international academic journals including International Journal of Emerging Technologies in Learning (iJET) and International Journal of Information Technology and Applied Sciences (IJITAS), International Chair for Asia at the 15th International Conference on Interactive Mobile Communication Technologies and Learning Greece, as a member of the Programme Committee of 27th International Conference on Interactive Collaborative Learning, Estonia and the first International Conference on Intelligent Technology for Educational Applications, 20-22 July 2024, Malaysia. Her role in this capacity reflects her commitment to upholding the highest standards of scholarly publication and fostering a vibrant academic dialogue within the global Humanities community. As a dedicated mentor, Professor Premawardhena has successfully supervised a number of Master's students in 2024, nurturing the next generation of researchers and scholars. Her

guidance has enabled her students to develop innovative research, further expanding the boundaries of knowledge in the Humanities.

Professor Premawardhena's scholarly work continues to address contemporary issues, challenge established paradigms and contribute to the enrichment of the Humanities as a discipline. At the inaugural Excellence in Humanities Awards of the Faculty of Humanities in 2023 she secured the awards for Scholarly Excellence in Humanities and Service Excellence in Humanities. Through her dedication, leadership, and intellectual contributions, Senior Professor Neelakshi C. Premawardhena serves as an inspiration to her peers and students alike, setting a benchmark for excellence in research and academia.



8.1.4. Faculty of Medicine

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



Prof. P.A.S. Edirisinghe
Department of Forensic Medicine
Faculty of Medicine

Anuruddhi Samanthika Edirisinghe is the Carder Chair & Senior Professor of Forensic Medicine, in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. She commenced her career in Forensic medicine in 2000 and obtained her DLM in 2001 and MD in 2003 from the University of Colombo. She completed her overseas training in the University of Edinburgh and returned back to Sri Lanka in 2006 and commenced work as a full time academics. She is the first female to hold a forensic carder chair post in a National University in Sri Lanka.

She has journal publications over 50 (35 index), one book, 5 book chapters and over 300 presentations in local/international scientific conferences including plenaries, keynotes, and orations. Her research interests include child abuse, sexual and gender based violence, homicides, vulnerable road users, drunken drivers, unnatural female deaths etc. She has conducted national research on unnatural female deaths in Sri Lanka with a multi-disciplinary team which led to a book titled Fatalities (2021) in collaboration with UNFPA. Further she authored three book chapters on the 3rd Edition of Encyclopedia of Legal and Forensic Medicine, published by Elsevier 2024.

Presently she is the chairperson of the women health committee of Sri Lanka Medical Association and a member in the National Police Academy of Sri Lanka. In 2023 November she has been appointed as the President of International Association of Clinical Forensic Medicine. In 2024 July She and a multi-disciplinary team from the University of Kelaniya was invited to conduct a national research on SGBV and the criminal justice system.

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



Professor. D.S.G. Mettananda

Department of Pediatrics

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 National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka, the Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health in the UK and the Royal College of Physicians in London and Edinburgh. 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 Chairperson of the Research Council of University of Kelaniya.

In 2024, Professor Mettananda authored 17 scientific publications in peer-reviewed indexed journals, including Nature, Lancet, Lancet Regional Health- Southeast Asia, Lancet Infectious Diseases, BMJ Open, BMC Pediatrics, and Journal of the American College of Cardiology. He has an h-index of 26.

c. Outstanding Young Researchers

2nd Place



Dr. K.W.S.M. Wijayawardhana

Department of Anatomy

Faculty of Medicine

Dr Sameera Wijayawardhana is a Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Anatomy at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya since 2023. She obtained Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) in 2021 from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, with Second class (upper) honours and distinctions in biochemistry. She completed her internship in general medicine and general surgery at the Teaching Hospital, Kalutara. She served at the National Hospital of Sri Lanka and the National transfusion services.

She is an early carrier researcher with seven peer reviewed articles in indexed journals. She has presented over 30 conference abstracts. Her research presentations were awarded with Dr Henry Rajarathnam award for the best free paper in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism for oral presentation at Ceylon College of Physicians and First runner up of the oral presentation of 24th annual scientific congress of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians. Her research interests include medicine, paediatrics, neurology, surgery, clinical anatomy, growth and development, non-communicable diseases, medical education, artificial intelligence and statistical modelling.

1st Place



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

Dr. Anuradha Baminiwatta has been a Lecturer 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 a First Class. He won the Bobby Somasundaram Gold Medal for the best performance at the selection examination for MD Psychiatry in 2020, and is currently undergoing his post-MD training. His primary research interests include mindfulness, stigma, depression, suicide, psychiatric education, neuropsychology, and bibliometrics. He has published 39 peer-reviewed articles, including 32 in Scopus-indexed journals, with 21 as the first author. He has presented 52 conference abstracts and received 15 awards for his presentations. To date, his work has garnered over 450 Google Scholar citations. He has supervised five undergraduate research projects. He previously won the Vice Chancellor's Award for the Most Outstanding Young Researcher in the Faculty of Medicine in 2021 and 2023.

d. The Outstanding Researchers

Merit Awards



Prof. W. M. M. L. Chandradasa

Department of Psychiatry

Faculty of Medicine

Miyuru Chandradasa 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. He has obtained child psychotherapy and developmental psychiatry training at the University of Melbourne, Australia and has published 108 articles in peer-reviewed journals, including 77 Scopus-indexed publications. Prof Chandradasa is the first and only child psychiatrist affiliated with the University of Kelaniya.





Prof. D. de Silva

Department of Physiology

Faculty of Medicine

Professor Deepthi de Silva is currently the Professor in Medical Genetics, Department of Physiology, Faculty of medicine, University of Kelaniya.

Her primary education was at Visakha Vidyalaya, Colombo and she completed her secondary education at Albyn School, Aberdeen, Scotland. She graduated in Medicine from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland and gained MRCP(UK). Following general medical and paediatrics training, she specialized in Clinical genetics gaining the certificate in completion of specialist training.

She is both a teacher and examiner at undergraduate and post graduate levels in Physiology and clinical genetics. She is a member of the editorial board of the Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health and the ethics review board of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians. She has delivered three invited orations and multiple guest lectures.

Her current interests in clinical genetics include syndrome diagnosis, genetics of orofacial clefting, epilepsy, deafness, retinoblastoma, psychosocial impact of genetic testing and development of cost effective genetic testing for use in Sri Lanka.

2nd Place



Prof. K.C.D. Mettananda

Department of Pharmacology

Faculty of Medicine

Professor Chamila Mettananda, MBBS, MD, PhD, MRCP, is a compassionate clinician, researcher and academic. She completed her postgraduate training in Acute General Medicine at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, UK and PhD in cardiovascular epidemiology at the Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Oxford. She is a professor in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Kelaniya and an honorary consultant physician to the North Colombo Teaching Hospital, Sri Lanka. She is the current head of the Department of Pharmacology. She is the current chairperson of the Speciality Board in Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics at the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine University of Colombo.

Her research interests are cardiovascular epidemiology, stroke, and metabolic syndrome. She has over 55 publications in peer-reviewed journals, including the Lancet, PLOS One, BMJ Open, etc., with over 4000 citations. She is a member of the Global Burden of Disease collaborator network. She has developed a cardiovascular risk prediction model for Sri Lankans using machine learning follow-up data from a cohort of Sri Lankans. She is an editorial board member of the Journal of Ceylon College Physicians, Asian Journal of Internal Medicine and Sri Lanka Prescriber.

She is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, American College of Physicians and Ceylon College of Physicians. She served as the secretary of the Sri Lankan Society of Internal Medicine, the Ceylon College of Physicians and the Sri Lankan Association of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics. She is a member of the National Advisory Board for Non-communicable Diseases of the Ministry of Health and has contributed to several national NCD guidelines. She is also a member of the Formulary revision core committee of the Medial Supplies Division and a member of the Safety and Risk Evaluation Subcommittee of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority of Sri Lanka.

1st Place



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8.1.5. Faculty of Science

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

Merit Award



Dr. H.A.K. Ranasinghe

Department of Zoology & Environmental Management

Faculty of Science

Dr. Koshila Ranasinghe earned her B.Sc. (Honours) degree in Zoology with a First Class and Professor H.H. Costa Memorial Gold Medal and the Gold Medal presented by the Alumni Association of the Faculty of Science in the year 2017, from University of Kelaniya. Further, she earned her PhD at the age of 27 from University of Kelaniya, as one of the younger PhD graduates from the Faculty of Science. She gained 08 Science-Citation Indexed Journal Full Paper Research Publications only from her PhD research, earning her University Senate Honours for 2019, 2020 and 2021 as a research student. She has authored 48 peer-reviewed research papers and abstracts in conference proceedings and 72 GenBank submissions. In December 2023, she joined to University of Kelaniya as a Lecturer in Zoology.

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



Professor. D. S. M. de Silva
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

DSM De Silva has been a member of the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science at the University of Kelaniya since 1996. She earned her PhD in Engineering Materials from the University of Sheffield, UK, following her BSc from the University of Kelaniya. Prof. De Silva's research spans photovoltaic materials and devices for solar energy applications, biochar production for water purification, and the analysis of microplastics in environmental samples.

Her work in microplastic analysis initiated through a university research grant (RP/03/02/06/02/2021) has attracted substantial international funding, including a 76 million LKR grant from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and 10 million LKR worth of grants from the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) under the Blue Planet Fund, UK. Prof. De Silva has made significant academic contributions, authoring five SCI-indexed journal publications and two referred non-indexed journal publications during the evaluation period.

Further, during the period of consideration, 1 PhD, 1 MPhil & 2 MSc research projects were completed under her supervision, and she is currently supervising 11-MPhils candidates. Her achievements were recognized at last year's Vice-Chancellor's Awards ceremony, where she was awarded for securing the highest external research funding and recognized as one of the top researchers in her faculty.

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



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Department of Chemistry

Faculty of Science

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c. Outstanding Young Researchers

Merit Awards



Dr. I.U. Hewapathirana

Software Engineering Teaching Unit

Faculty of Science

Dr. Isuru Udayangani Hewapathirana has been serving as a Senior Lecturer in the Software Engineering Teaching Unit at the Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya, since 2018. She earned her B.Sc. Honours in Statistics with First Class from the University of Colombo in 2010 and completed her Ph.D. in Statistics at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, in 2017. Dr. Hewapathirana's doctoral research was supported by a fully funded scholarship from the Crime Science Research Institute of Wynyard Company, New Zealand.

Her research interests encompass machine learning, social network analysis, and anomaly detection. She has authored 14 peer-reviewed research papers, one book chapter, and one book, and has contributed to six abstracts presented at national and international conferences. Her work is indexed in prominent databases, including Scopus, Web of Science, and SCImago.

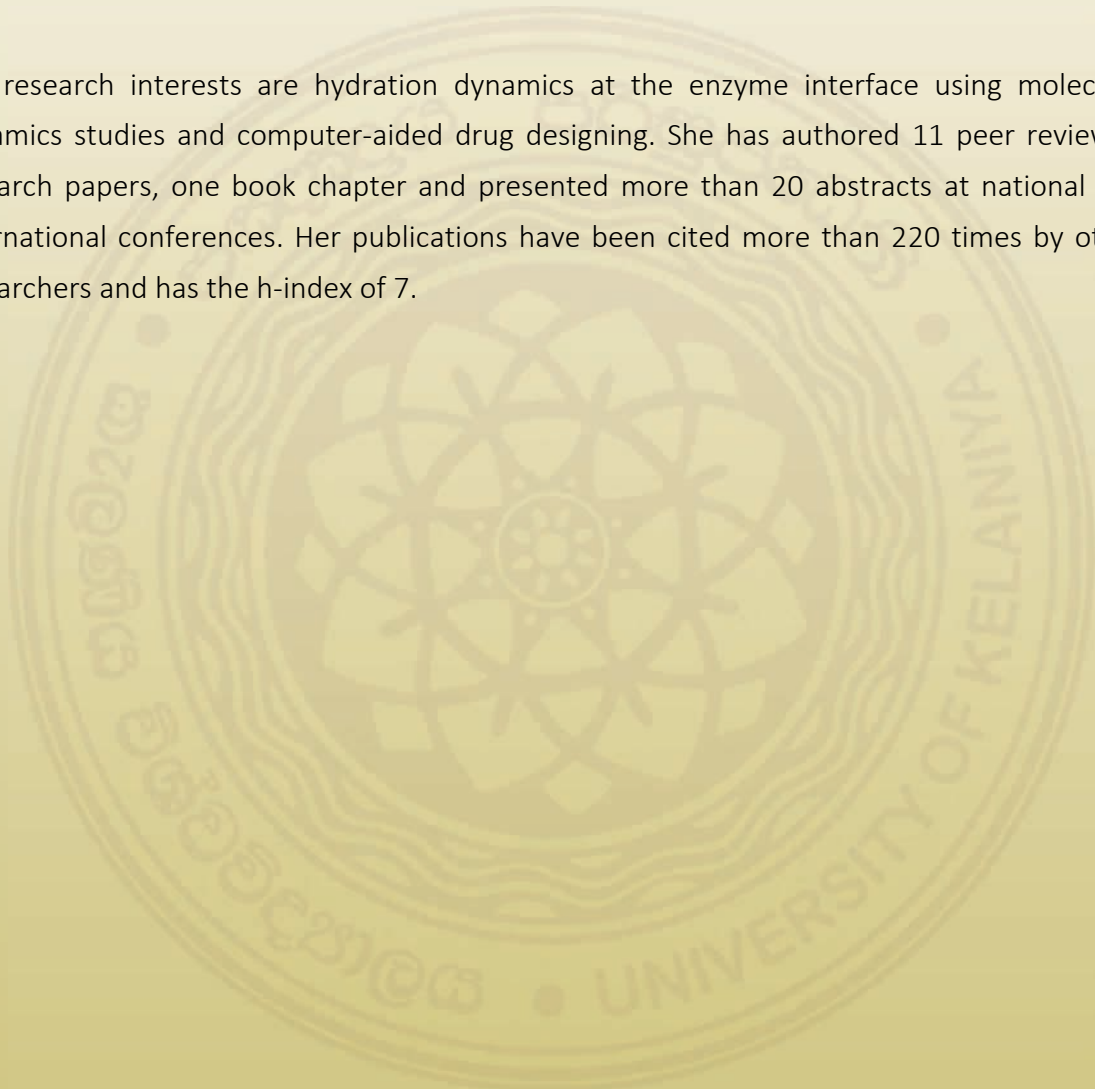
Dr. Hewapathirana currently serves as the Editor of the Sri Lankan Journal of Applied Statistics (SLJAS). She has also contributed as a scientific reviewer and co-chaired several national and international research conferences and journals. In addition, Dr. Hewapathirana has served as a resource person for workshops on data analytics and machine learning with Python, sharing her expertise with industry professionals.



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 11 peer reviewed research papers, one book chapter and presented more than 20 abstracts at national and international conferences. Her publications have been cited more than 220 times by other researchers and has the h-index of 7.





Dr. K. Subasinghe

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

Dr. Kalya Subasinghe is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. She obtained her BSc (Special) in Environmental Conservation Management from the University of Kelaniya and her MSc in Fish and Wildlife Management from the University of Peradeniya. She earned her PhD degree from the Australian National University in 2022, where her research was on Avian Morphometrics and Climate Change. Her PhD work involved extensive collaboration with museums, wildlife collections across Australia, and collaborations with Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO). Within her current academic role, she delivers lectures on subjects related to wildlife management, protected area management and ornithology and supervises research projects of undergraduates and postgraduate students in related disciplines. She is currently leading two funded research projects on the ecology and conservation of nocturnal birds and on human-wildlife conflict and working with IUCN in developing a local assessment scale to identify Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) in achieving Target 3 of the Global Biodiversity Framework.



Dr. B.M.T. Kumarika

Department of Statistics & Computer Science

Faculty of Science

Dr. B M Thosini Kumarika is a Senior Lecturer in Computer Science at the Department of Statistics & Computer Science, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. She obtained her PhD in Computer Science from Department of Computer Science, Georgia State University, USA in 2021. She holds Bachelor of Science Honours in Computer Science with First Class from University of Kelaniya. Also, she was awarded Gold Medal for the best performance in Computer Science from University of Kelaniya in 2014. She was also awarded the Molecular Basis of Disease Fellowship for interdisciplinary research related to computational biomedicine offered by Georgia State University, USA. She joined the Department of Statistics & Computer Science as a Lecturer in Computer Science in 2015 and has over 10 years of experience in teaching computer science for undergraduates and postgraduates in Sri Lanka and USA. Her research interests include Deep Graph Learning, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. She has conducted several research studies in enhancing Machine Learning and Deep Learning in various domains and has published her research findings in numerous SCI journals and reputed conferences. Her publications have been cited by more than 300 times by other researchers and has the h-index of 7.



Dr. W.G.C. Kumarage

Department of Physics & Electronics

Faculty of Science

Dr. W. G. Chathuranga Kumarage is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Physics and Electronics at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. He obtained his Bachelor of Science (BSc) from the University of Kelaniya in 2009 and completed a Diploma in Information Technology at the University of Colombo in 2007. In 2012, he earned his Master of Science (MSc) in Physics of Materials from the University of Peradeniya.

Dr. Kumarage pursued his first Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Physics at the University of Peradeniya, completing it in 2018 with a thesis titled Studies on Modified Chemical Bath Deposited CdS Thin Films as Solar Cell Window Materials. His research, supervised by Dr. B. S. Dassanayake, Dr. C. P. Jayalath, and Prof. R. P. Wejesundera, focused on advancing the materials science of thin films for photovoltaic applications.

With an aspiration to become a leading expert in nanoscience and semiconductor technology in Sri Lanka and the region, Dr. Kumarage embarked on a second PhD in 2020 in the field of Physical Sciences for Engineering at the SENSOR Laboratory, University of Brescia, Italy. Under the supervision of Prof. Elisabetta Comini, his research centered on Nanostructured Magnetic Materials for Gas Sensor Applications. In 2023, he completed this second PhD with a thesis titled Properties and Gas Sensing Performances of Low-Dimensional Metal Oxides Nanostructures.

Dr. Kumarage's contributions to academia are substantial. He has published over 25 peer-reviewed international journal articles, presented more than 40 international conference abstracts, and contributed to two books and one book chapter.

In addition to his teaching and research, Dr. Kumarage actively engages in international collaborations. He works with esteemed institutions such as the University of Brescia and University of Trento in Italy, Kumamoto University in Japan, the National Institute of Materials Physics in Romania, the Centre for Functional and Surface Functionalized Glass in Slovakia, and EMPA in Switzerland.



Dr. K. C. Ayanthi

Department of Industrial Management

Faculty of Science

Dr (Ms.) K.C. Ayanthi is a lecturer in the Department of Industrial Management, the University of Kelaniya. She completed her B.Sc. (Hons) in Transport and Logistics Management degree from the Department of Transport and Logistics Management, Faculty of Engineering, University of Moratuwa, in 2014. She received her Master of Engineering degree in International Development Engineering (Sustainable Engineering Program) from the Department of International Development Engineering with a minor in Industrial Engineering and Management from the Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan, in 2017. She received her Doctor of Engineering degree in Global Engineering for Development, Environment, and Society from the Department of Transdisciplinary Science and Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan, in 2020. After completing her post-graduate studies, she served at the Resilience Engineering Research Center of the University of Tokyo as an academic support specialist and project researcher from 2020 to 2021. Her research findings are published in prestigious journals and international conference proceedings. Her research interests include maritime transport and shipping industry modelling and analysis, supply chain planning and optimization, transport planning and policy analysis, green logistics, emission control measures and sustainability, logistics and transport system optimization, and competition and cooperation strategy analysis. She contributes as a research collaborator in the Arctic shipping sustainability project of the University of Tokyo, Japan, and maritime industry consultancy projects of the University of Moratuwa. She serves as editor, editorial member, and reviewer in reputed international journals. She has authored numerous publications in refereed international journals and conferences and won the best paper awards at six international conferences. She has served as conference chair, secretary, chief editor, keynote speaker, and editorial member at international conferences.



Dr. K.R.T.V. Mahanama

Department of Industrial Management

Faculty of Science

Thilini Mahanama is a lecturer in the Department of Industrial Management at University of Kelaniya. She pursued her PhD in Mathematics and a MS in Statistics at Texas Tech University, USA, after earning a BSc [Special] degree in Mathematics from University of Kelaniya. Following her doctoral studies, Thilini contributed as a research intern at the United States Food and Drug Administration and currently serves as an affiliated researcher in the Mathematical Finance Program at Texas Tech University.

Thilini has been recognized with several prestigious awards during her academic career. She is a recipient of the Helen Devitt Jones Graduate Fellowship, Hilderbrand Scholarship, and SIAM graduate scholarship from Texas Tech University. Her scholarly work has been honored with the National Science Foundation Scholarship, the Women in Statistics and Data Science Scholarship, three Student & Early Career Funding Awards from American Statistical Association; and three Student Travel Awards from Society from the Industrial and Applied Mathematics.

Thilini's undergraduate research earned her the SLASS Physical Science Award for the best undergraduate thesis in Mathematics from the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science. She was a recipient of the Academic Excellence and Sports Excellence offered from the University of Kelaniya for her achievements, including earning First Class degree in Mathematics degree and the Colours Insignia in Karate.



Dr. H.A.K. Ranasinghe

Department of Zoology & Environmental Management

Faculty of Science

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2nd Place



Professor. D. A. D. A. Daranagama
Department of Plant and Molecular Biology
Faculty of Science

Prof. Dinushani Anupama Daranagama is currently a Professor in the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. With a profound interest in plant-fungal interactions, metabolomics, and post-harvest biology, she has contributed extensively to advancing agricultural and environmental sciences.

Prof. Daranagama earned her Ph.D. in Mycology and Bioinformatics from Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand, in 2018, and holds a B.Sc. (Hons) in Botany from the University of Kelaniya. Over her academic journey, she has held several roles, including Director of the Research and Services Center at the university, where she leads interdisciplinary research initiatives. Her work encompasses mentoring postgraduate scholars and engaging in collaborative research on fungal diversity and biocontrol applications.

Prof. Daranagama has published over 51 peer-reviewed journal articles, authored two textbooks, and contributed to book chapters and reviews. Her research has been widely recognized, with an h-index of 26 and over 6,000 citations. Among her awards are multiple Vice-Chancellor's Awards for research excellence at the University of Kelaniya, the Presidential Award for outstanding scientific publications and the Outstanding Graduate Award from the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

1st Place



Dr. A.G.M.J. Gunaratne
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Dr. Medha J. Gunaratna is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. She obtained her B.Sc. (Honours) degree in Chemical Biology from the University of Colombo in 2011 and earned her Ph.D. in Chemistry from Kansas State University, U.S.A., in 2017.

Her research interests focus on the synthesis of small bioactive molecules, the isolation and characterization of bioactive natural products from plants, and the value addition of natural products. Dr. Gunaratna has authored 10 peer-reviewed research papers, contributed a book chapter, and presented over 20 abstracts at national and international conferences. She has successfully supervised eight postgraduate students (M.Sc.) and is currently supervising two M.Phil. students.

Her teaching areas include organic synthesis, stereochemistry, natural products, heterocyclic chemistry, toxicology, food chemistry, and basic biochemistry.

Dr. Gunaratna has held several positions, including serving as the Conference Secretary for ICAPS 2023, Secretary of Section E2 of SLAAS in 2024, and Joint Secretary of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon for the Council years 2021/22 and 2023/24.

d. The Outstanding Researchers

Merit Awards



Senior Prof. J.A. Liyanage

Department of Chemistry

Faculty of Science

Senior Professor Janitha A Liyanage obtained her BSc special Degree in Chemistry from University of Sri Jayawardenepura, and the PhD in Chemistry from Cardiff University of Wales, in the United Kingdom in the field of Analytical and Speciation in Bioinorganic Chemistry.

She was awarded many post-doctoral fellowships and carried out research in Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute in Japan, Commonwealth Scientific Information and Research Organization (CSIRO) in Australia and Cardiff University of Wales, Cardiff, United Kingdom.

Prof Liyanage was the Director of the Gampaha Wickramarchchi Ayurveda Institute for 6 and half years, Vice Chairperson of the University Grants Commission, and the Vice Chancellor of the Gampaha Wickramarchchi University of Indigenous Medicine.

She served as the Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Russian federation, Belarus, Armenia, Moldova, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan from October 2021 to May 2024. Prof Liyanage is a recipient of Presidential Award for Inventions in 2024 and Presidential Award for Scientific Research in 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2014. She also won the Vice Chancellor's Award for the Best Researcher in the Science faculty of University of Kelaniya in 2006, Vice Chancellor's Award for bringing the highest outside grant to the University in 2019 and Vice Chancellor's Award for bringing honour to the University in 2007, 2008, 2010, 2015.

She was awarded many Senate awards for publications in 2015, 2020, 2021 and 2024. There are five Sri Lankan Patents under the name of Prof Janitha A Liyanage. Prof Liyanage was the General President of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science in 2020, President of the Institute of Chemistry, Ceylon for 2024-2025 and the Plenipotentiary Representative of Sri Lanka to International Council for Scientific and Technical Information in Russia from 2021.



Senior Prof. L. D. Amarasinghe

***Department of Zoology and Environmental
Management***

Faculty of Science

Senior Professor Deepika Amarasinghe earned her BSc (Special) Degree in Zoology from the University of Kelaniya in 1986 and her PhD from the Imperial College of Science, Technology, and Medicine of the University of London in 1993. She is a Fellow Biologist of the Institute of Biology, Sri Lanka. She is a member of the Advisory Board on Conservation of the National Library and Documentation Board of Sri Lanka.

Her research mainly involves Parasitology, Plant Nematology & applied and Medical Entomology. During the year of consideration, 2022/2023, Prof Amarasinghe has published her work in several conference proceedings, Nationally and Internationally. During this period, she received several senate honours for publishing her research in Science citation indexed journals. She has an H index of 18, according to Google Scholar ranking.





Prof. G.A.S.M. Ganehiarachchi

***Department of Zoology and 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 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 behavior 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 40 abstracts in national and international conference proceedings. Currently he is serving as a principal supervisor for two PhD students. This is his fourth consecutive year of receiving the outstanding Researcher in the Faculty of Science Merit award.



Prof. U. P. K. Epa

***Department of Zoology and Environmental
Management***

Faculty of Science

Prof. U.P.K. Epa earned his PhD in aquaculture from Deakin University, Australia. He is a fellow of the Institute of Biology (IBiol), Sri Lanka. He has also been associated with the International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (ICLARM). Prof. Epa has presented many papers at national and international conferences. His areas of interest include aquaculture, fisheries, aquatic ecology and conservation biology. Further, he serves as an environment management consultant in several government and corporate sector organizations. He is an editorial member of the Indian Weed Science and ATSK Journal of Biology.





Prof. W.M.D.N. Wijeyaratne

***Department of Zoology and Environmental
Management***

Faculty of Science

Prof. (Mrs) W.M. Dimuthu Nilmini Wijeyaratne obtained BSc (Honours) in Zoology from the University of Kelaniya and obtained PhD in Environmental Conservation and Management from the North Dakota State University, USA. She has been successful in securing research grants from the National Research Council, Sri Lanka and from the International Foundation for Science (IFS), Sweden.

In the year 2024, Prof. Wijeyaratne has published three full papers in peer reviewed indexed journals, a one book chapter and several abstracts. Her work so far has contributed to more than 30 publications in peer-reviewed international journals, 03 book chapters and many abstracts presented in both international and national research conferences. Her research interests include a wide range of disciplines covering, carbon sequestration of blue carbon ecosystems in Sri Lanka, ecology, environmental monitoring, sustainable utilization and management of the freshwater wetlands and blue carbon ecosystems.



Prof. P.A.S.R. Wickramarachchi

Department of Chemistry

Faculty of Science

Prof. Suranga Wickramarachchi is a Professor at the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya. She obtained her B.Sc. (Chemistry) Honors degree from the University of Kelaniya. She earned her PhD in 2006 from the Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield, UK. She won the highly competitive, merit based scholarship granted by the Engineering and Physical Science Research Council (EPSRC) of the United Kingdom to fund her PhD studies. Her PhD was on vibrational spectroscopic studies of long chain alkanes. For her outstanding findings during her PhD research she was declared as the winner of the Jeremy J Laskowski Prize for Excellence in PhD Research in 2006 by the Sheffield Hallam University. Her expertise are in Organic Spectroscopy and Natural Products. Her research interests include synthesis, applications and toxic potential of silver nanoparticles, and development of controlled release formulations to prolong the bioavailability of bioactive compounds. She served as a Visiting Academic at the Lincoln University, New Zealand during her sabbatical and gained training on developing of controlled release formulations. She has published her research findings in peer reviewed, indexed journals and has over 25 publications in peer reviewed and indexed journals. In recognition of her research work she was awarded the SUSRED Award (Support Scheme for Supervision of Research Degrees) in 2016 by the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka.

During the year 2023 she has published three full papers in peer-reviewed indexed journals including one in a Q1 journal and also contributed to two book chapters published by Elsevier. She has also produced two MSc graduate students in year 2023.



Prof. B.T.S.D.P. Kannangara

Department of Plant and Molecular Biology

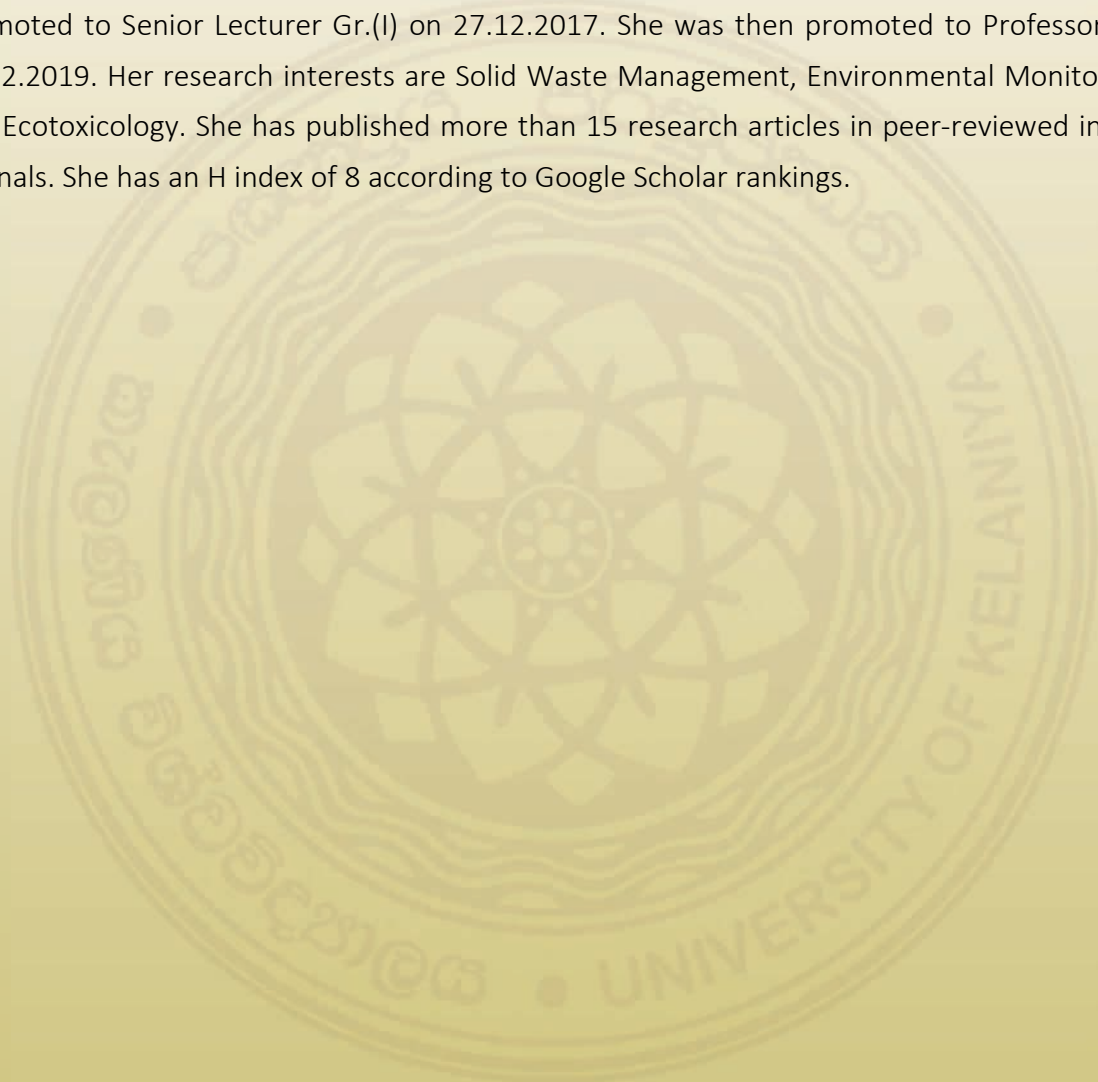
Faculty of Science

Prof. B T S D P Kannangara was appointed as a probationary lecturer in 1994, and serving to the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya. 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 14 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 president's awards for scientific publications in international scientific journals cited in the science citation index in 2009 and 2020. Prof. Kannangara has received two SUSRED awards for the year 2017 and one for the year 2021 in recognition of the supervision of three 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 and won a merit awards for the same in the years 2022 and 2023. Prof. Kannangara has also obtained many senate awards for national and international publications in indexed journals.



Prof. M.D.M.D.W.M.M.K. Yatawara
***Department of Zoology and Environmental
Management***
Faculty of Science

Professor M.D.M.D.W.M.M.K.Yatawara graduated with BSc (Honors) in Zoology in 2002 from the University of Kelaniya, obtained her MSc in Aquaculture and Fisheries Management in 2005 from the same university and PhD in Environment Science in 2010 from China University of Geosciences, P.R. China. She joined the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management of the University of Kelaniya on 14.12.2011 as a Senior Lecturer Gr. (II). She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr.(I) on 27.12.2017. She was then promoted to Professor on 12.12.2019. Her research interests are Solid Waste Management, Environmental Monitoring and Ecotoxicology. She has published more than 15 research articles in peer-reviewed index journals. She has an H index of 8 according to Google Scholar rankings.





Prof. V.P.A. Weerasinghe

Department of Zoology & Environmental Management

Faculty of Science

Professor (Mrs.) V.P.A. Weerasinghe is a professor in the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management at the University of Kelaniya. She earned a BSc Honours Degree in Agriculture from the Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, in 1996. She holds an MSc in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (2000), an MSc in Photogrammetry and Geoinformatics from Stuttgart University of Applied Sciences, Germany (2002), and a PhD in Agricultural Sciences from the University of Hohenheim, Germany (2007). She joined the University of Kelaniya in 2008 as a senior lecturer in grade II. Her research focuses on using GIS and remote sensing techniques for environmental management and improving the livelihoods of farmers through the introduction of novel and integrated farming methods. She has done many soil and water monitoring and management studies in Beira Lake, Pugoda River, Pattivila Ela, Bibli Oya, Uma Oya, Kalu Oya basin etc. Apart from that, she has done mapping research in mangroves, paddy and other land uses for many other ecosystems. The outcomes of those works were benefited to many industries, government and non-governmental institutions. She has authored more than 40 peer-reviewed full papers, four textbooks, and four book chapters, and has presented over 50 abstracts at national and international conferences. During 2023–2024, she received two Senate Awards for publishing research articles in indexed journals.

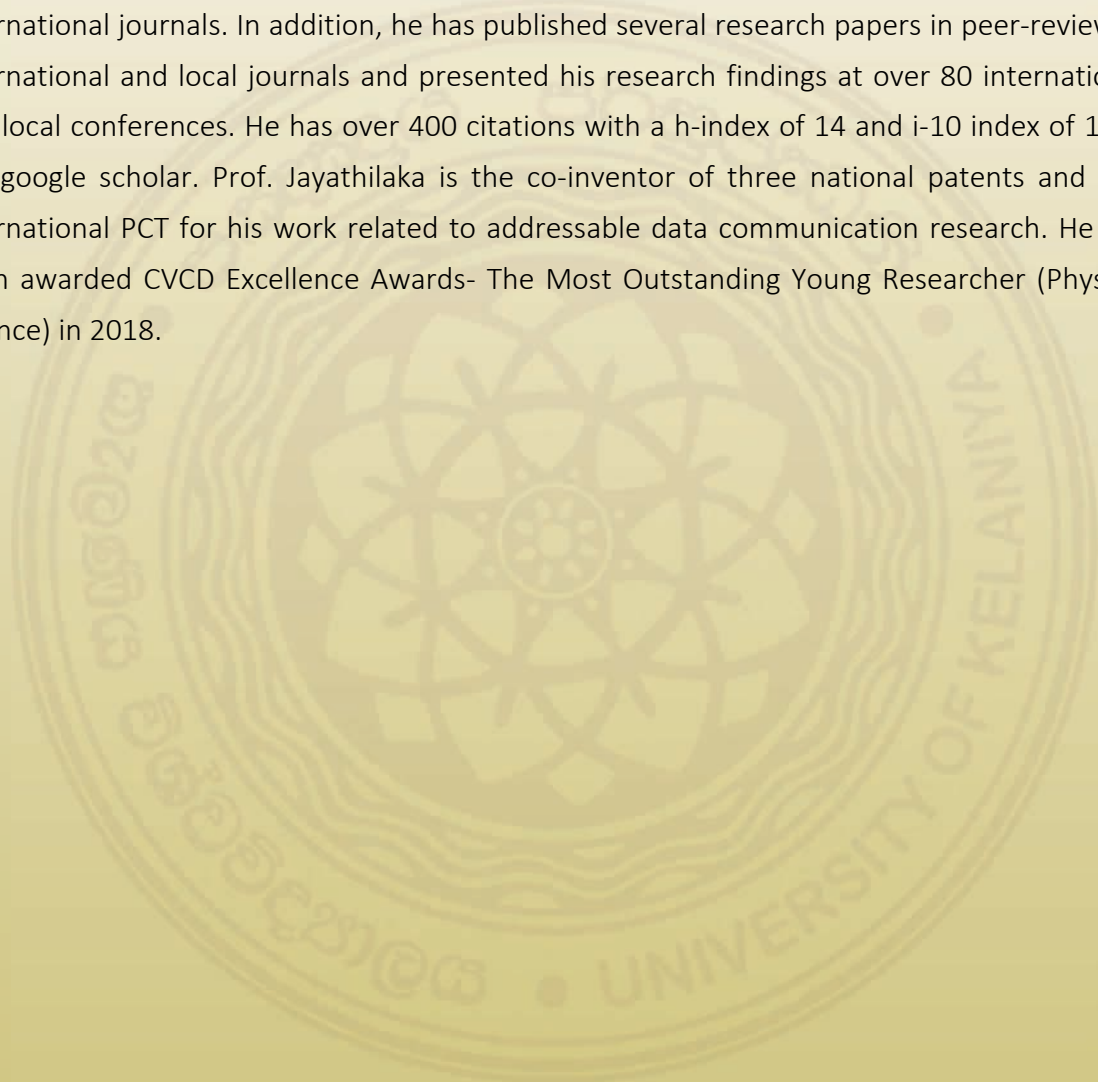


Prof. K. M. D. C. Jayathilaka

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 35 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 400 citations with a h-index of 14 and i-10 index of 18 in the google scholar. Prof. Jayathilaka is the co-inventor of three national patents and one international PCT for his work related to addressable data communication research. He has been awarded CVCD Excellence Awards- The Most Outstanding Young Researcher (Physical Science) in 2018.





Prof. N.V. Chandrasekara

Department of Statistics & Computer Science

Faculty of Science

Prof. Vasana Chandrasekara is a professor 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, data analytics, time series analysis, econometrics and statistical modelling. She owns 107 publications, including 2 book chapters, 50 abstracts and extended abstracts, 23 full papers at national and international conference proceedings and 32 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 298.2 in Research Gate.

She has won several awards including the National Educator Awards 2024 (Bronze), SLAAS GRC Postgraduate Research Award 2018 Section E1 (Merit) awarded by the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science, Vice Chancellor's award for the outstanding young researcher of the Faculty of Science - 2nd place in 2022 & 2019, outstanding researcher of the Faculty of Science – Merit 2021 & 2023 and Senate Honours for conducting high quality research in the years 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 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 International Statistics Conference (ISC 2024) and an editorial board member of the Sri Lankan Journal of Applied Statistics, International Journal of data mining, modeling and management. Further, she serves the Institute of Applied Statistics (IASSL) as an EXCO member and holds MIASSL.



Prof. R.M.C.S. Ratnayake

Department of Plant & Molecular Biology

Faculty of Science

Professor R.M.C.S. Ratnayake is a professor in Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya. He obtained his BSc (Honours) degree in Botany from the University of Peradeniya in 1994 and M. Phil from Post Graduate Institute of Science, Peradeniya on "floristic diversity and forest regeneration" in 2001. He earned his PhD in 2005 from the University of Hong Kong with a scholarship from the government of Hong Kong on "reproductive biology and pollination of tropical Annonaceae". He joined the Department of Botany, University of Kelaniya, in 1995 as a lecturer, and subsequently, he was promoted to professor in Plant and Molecular Biology. In his research career, he secured funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF) Sri Lanka, the Nagoa Foundation, Japan, the Biodiversity Secretariate, the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Higher Education, University research grants, and AHEAD grants. He published over 25 full papers in peer-reviewed indexed journals in Sci Citation Index, Scopus, Clarivate Analytics, Web of Science, and SciMago. He has also mastered several international and national abstracts in scientific forums. He wrote several study guides and one textbook for school children. He has received several Senate awards from the University for conducting high-quality research and publishing in internationally indexed journals. His research areas are diverse, including Plant reproductive biology, Pollinators and Pollination ecology, Plant phenology, Allelopathy, Alien invasive plants, Organic agriculture, Plant ecology, and forest regeneration. He supervised some postgraduate students for their PhD, M.Phil., and M.Sc. His h - h-index in Google Scholar is eight, and his h- h-index value is seven in the research gate. He is a member of the Association of Tropical Biology and a life member of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science. He is a Chartered biologist and fellow biologist in Sri Lanka. Professor Ratnayake served as the secretary and committee member of the Institute of Biology for several years. He is currently a member of the University of Kelaniya's Ethics Review committee and has served as Head of the Department of Plants and Molecular Biology since 2021.



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

Professor M. P. Deeyamulla earned his Ph.D. in Atmospheric Chemistry from the University of Cambridge, UK. With a diverse research background, his expertise includes biomonitoring of air pollution, precipitation chemistry as an indicator of air quality, bioremediation of environmental pollutants, stable isotope applications in environmental studies, and the investigation of microplastics in the atmosphere. The primary focus of his interdisciplinary research is to enhance understanding of the environmental and health impacts of air pollution across various scales. His work provides critical policy-relevant scientific insights and contributes to the development of cost-effective technologies to mitigate the adverse effects of air pollution. Professor Deeyamulla has supervised over 30 undergraduate final-year research projects, along with one Ph.D. and five M.Phil. graduates, fostering the next generation of researchers and professionals in the field. He is a Fellow of the Cambridge Commonwealth Society and a member of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), UK. Notably, he served as the Chairman of the Royal Society of Chemistry, Sri Lanka Section, in 2012 and as the Secretary of Section E-2 (Chemical Sciences) of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science in 2008. Currently, Professor Deeyamulla is an editorial board member of two prestigious international journals: PLOS ONE and BMC Environmental Sciences (Springer Nature).

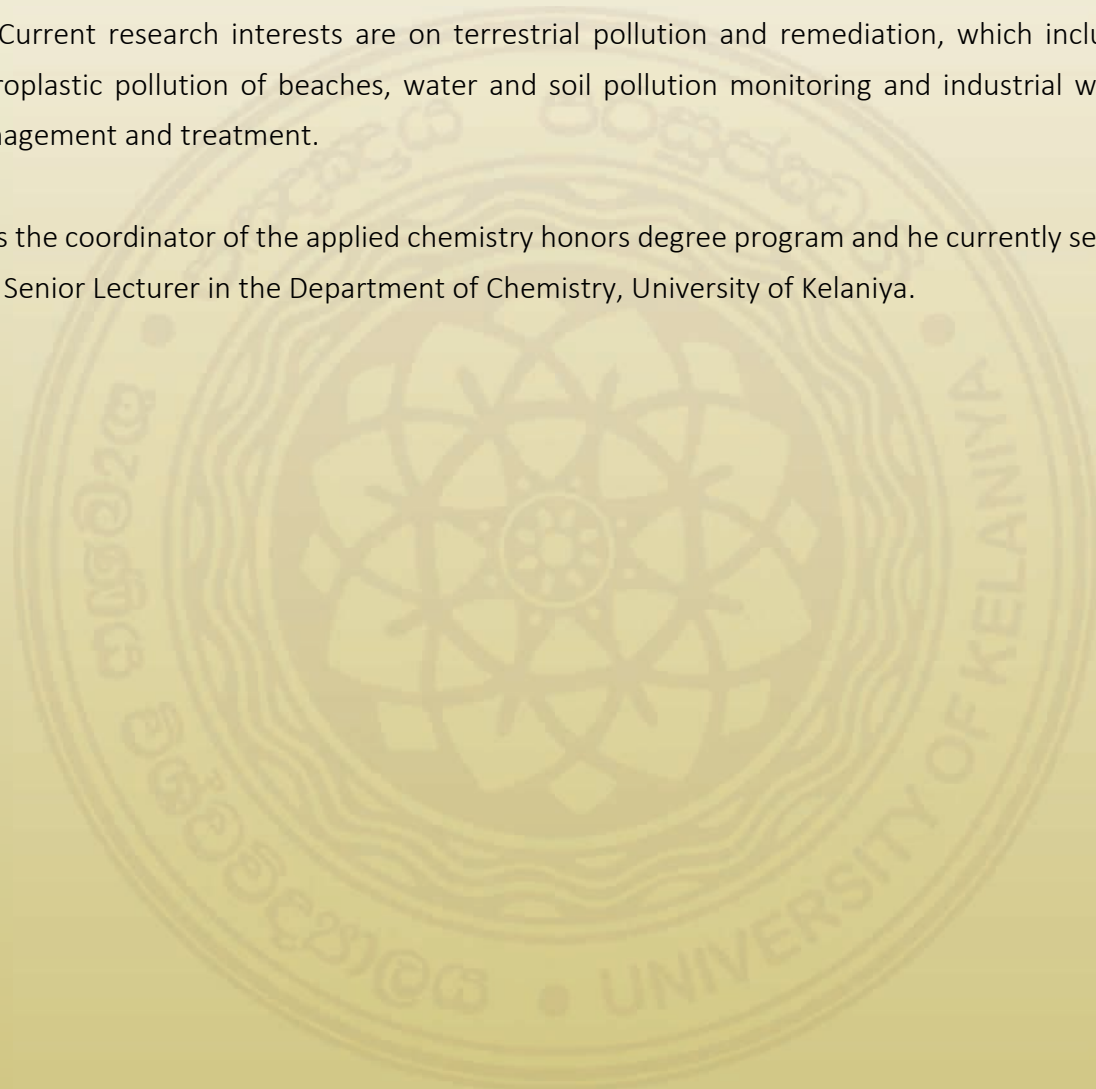


Dr. R.C.L. de Silva
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Dr. Rusel C L De Silva received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from university of Colombo, Sri Lanka in 1997. He graduated with a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Iowa, USA in 2004. His PhD work was on metal oxide based heterogeneous catalysts to be used as deNOx catalysts in diesel engines, which was funded by the Honda Research Institute-USA.

His Current research interests are on terrestrial pollution and remediation, which includes microplastic pollution of beaches, water and soil pollution monitoring and industrial waste management and treatment.

He is the coordinator of the applied chemistry honors degree program and he currently serves as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya.



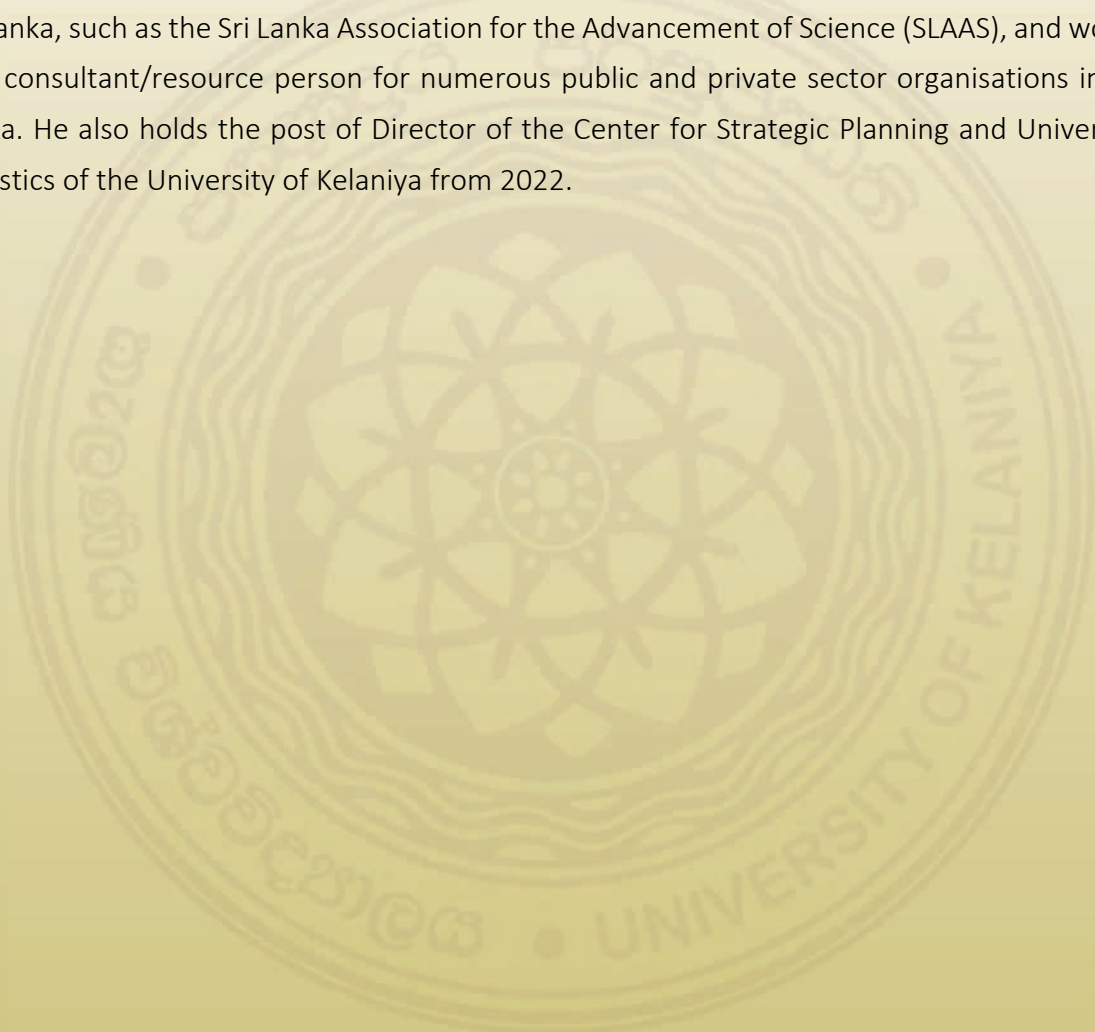


Dr. R.A.C.P. Rajapakse

Department of Industrial Management

Faculty of Science

Dr. Chathura Rajapakse is an artificial intelligence practitioner and researcher currently serving as a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Industrial Management, Faculty of Science. Having earned his Doctor of Engineering and Master of Engineering degrees in computational intelligence from the prestigious Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan, he has been actively involved in many applied research projects spanning artificial intelligence, blockchain technology, and data science. He has also been engaged with leading scientific communities in Sri Lanka, such as the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS), and works as a consultant/resource person for numerous public and private sector organisations in Sri Lanka. He also holds the post of Director of the Center for Strategic Planning and University Statistics of the University of Kelaniya from 2022.





Dr. R.P.G.K. Rajapaksha
***Department of Zoology and Environmental
Management***
Faculty of Science

Dr. Gayani Rajapaksa is a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Science, Department of Zoology and Environmental Management in University of Kelaniya. She received her Bachelor of Science First class honors (Zoology Special) degree from the University of Colombo and obtained the Doctor of Philosophy in Cell and Molecular Biology degree from the University of Houston, Texas, USA. Dr. Rajapaksa conducts research mainly in animal physiology and cell biology. In the year 2024, she produced three peer-reviewed journal publications including one publication in Nature - Scientific Reports and ten conference proceedings. She won third place in Outstanding Young Researcher of the Faculty of Science in the year 2017. Dr. Rajapaksa has authored 10 peer-reviewed indexed-journal articles and 50+ conference proceedings. Her citation record includes h-index of 7, i10-index of 6 and 340+ citations as in the Google Scholar. Her work has been published and highlighted in leading peer-reviewed scientific journals including Oncogene – Nature, Frontiers in Zoology, Scientific Reports - Nature, Breast Cancer Research, The journal of Steroid Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Molecular Cancer Research.



Dr. B.G.N. Sewwandi

***Department of Zoology and Environmental
Management***

Faculty of Science

Dr. Sewwandi is a Senior Lecturer in Environmental Conservation and Management at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, with extensive expertise in water resources management, heavy metal contamination, climate change, and applying novel and nature-based solutions for environmental remediation and urban environment management. Holding a PhD in Environmental Science and Infrastructure Engineering from Saitama University, Japan, an MPhil in Integrated Water Resources Management, and a BSc in Agriculture from the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, Dr. Sewwandi combines a multidisciplinary approach to address environmental challenges. She has published widely in peer-reviewed, high-impact journals, earning Senate Honors for Q1-ranked publications, and has contributed as an editor and reviewer for academic works. She has supervised numerous undergraduate and postgraduate research projects and has collaborated with international researchers from Sri Lanka, India, the UK, and Japan. Their professional contributions include optimizing sludge stabilization, designing eco-efficient treatment systems, and enhancing wastewater treatment through innovative nature-based solutions, underscoring their commitment to sustainable environmental management and education.



Dr. C.C. Kadigamuwa
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Dr. Chamila Chaturanga Kadigamuwa is a senior lecturer attached to the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. He obtained his BSc Honors degree in Chemistry from the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. Then, he earned his PhD in Chemistry from the Department of Chemistry, Wichita State University, USA where he worked on the etiology of Parkinson's and other neurodegenerative diseases. He continued his academic research as a postdoctoral research fellow at the National Cancer Institute / National Institutes of Health (NCI/NIH) in Bethesda, USA. His postdoctoral research was focused on understanding the molecular mechanism of tumor necrosis factor (TNF) signaling and the regulation of cell death and the role of cell death in tumorigenesis. Currently, his research is focused on the anti-oxidant, anti-inflammatory, and anti-cancer properties of mixtures of herbal products available in Sri Lanka.

From 2023-2024, Dr. Kadigamuwa published 3 research articles published in journals indexed in SCOPUS Index. Also, he has published 2 full papers and 4 abstracts in international conferences during 2023-2024. In addition, in 2024, he authored 1 book chapter in Bentham Science Publishers. His publications got 65 citations in the year 2024. Further, two MSc students were graduated under his supervision in 2024.



Dr. K.H.W.L. de Silva

Department of Plant and Molecular Biology

Faculty of Science

Dr. K.H.W.L. de Silva is a senior lecturer at the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya; she possesses academic credentials, including a B.Sc. (Hons) and MPhil in Botany from the University of Kelaniya and a PhD in Hydrobiology from the Chinese Academy of Sciences. She was a consultant with the biodiversity team at IUCN Sri Lanka and an Assistant Editor at the Institute of Biology, Sri Lanka. Dr. de Silva's current responsibilities include directing the EDCON and Floriculture Research Center at the University of Kelaniya, serving on the Ethics Review Committee of the Medical Research Institute, and contributing as a member of the scientific committee for the Lanka Mangrove Museum. She also teaches at the Institute of Chemistry Sri Lanka. Her accolades include a President's Award for Scientific Research (2021) and the Best Scientific Award for research on mangroves' role in climate change at the 2nd International Conference on Mangroves for Sustainability (2024).



2nd Place

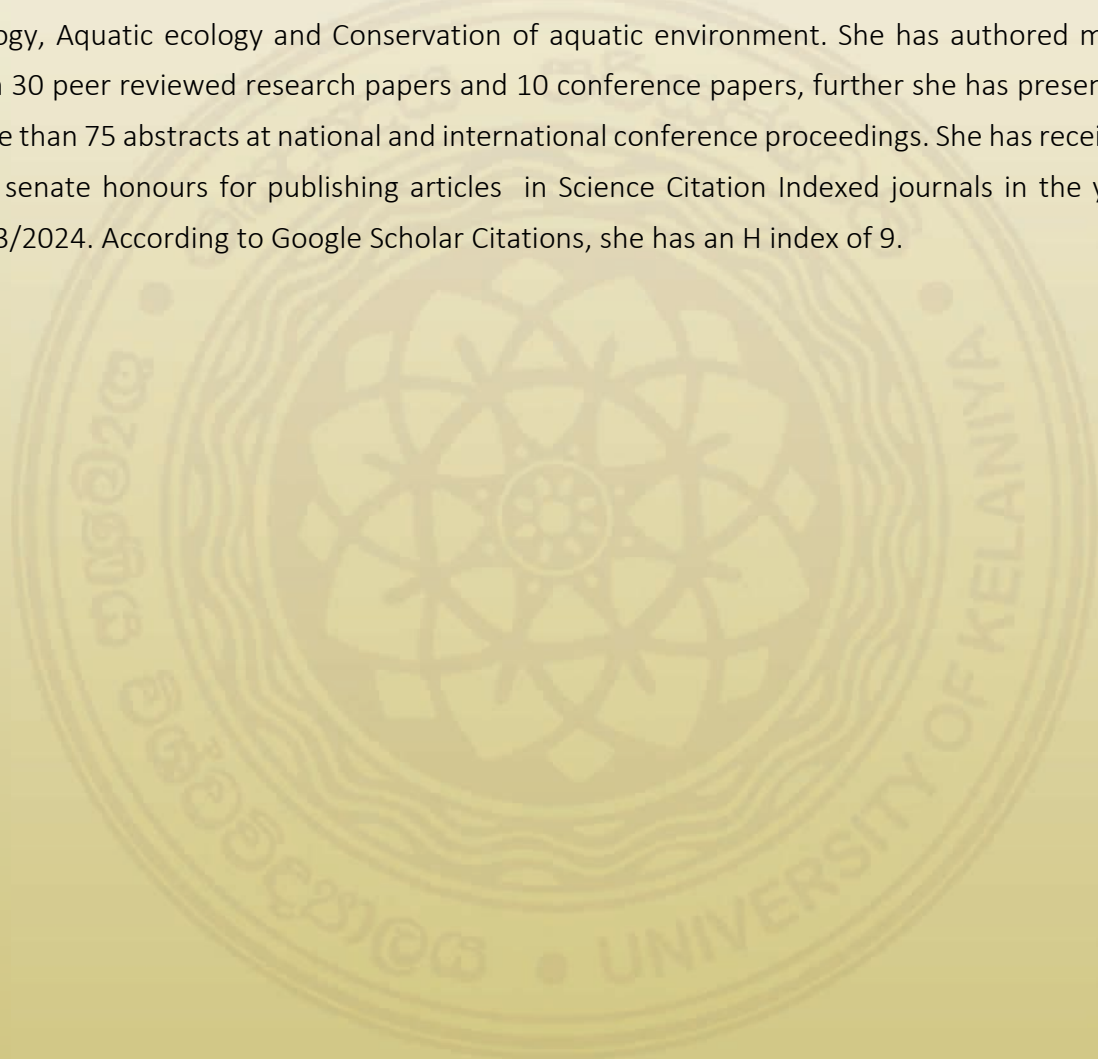


Dr. H.A.C.C. Perera

Department of Zoology & Environmental Management

Faculty of Science

Dr. Chintha Perera is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management. She graduated with BSc (Honours) in Zoology in 2002 from the University of Kelaniya and obtained her PhD in 2013 from the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences P.R. China. Her research interests are the Marine Fisheries, Fisheries Management, Fisheries biology, Aquatic ecology and Conservation of aquatic environment. She has authored more than 30 peer reviewed research papers and 10 conference papers, further she has presented more than 75 abstracts at national and international conference proceedings. She has received two senate honours for publishing articles in Science Citation Indexed journals in the year 2023/2024. According to Google Scholar Citations, she has an H index of 9.



1st Place



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

DSM De Silva has been a member of the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science at the University of Kelaniya since 1996. She earned her PhD in Engineering Materials from the University of Sheffield, UK, following her BSc from the University of Kelaniya. Prof. De Silva's research spans photovoltaic materials and devices for solar energy applications, biochar production for water purification, and the analysis of microplastics in environmental samples.

Her work in microplastic analysis initiated through a university research grant (RP/03/02/06/02/2021) has attracted substantial international funding, including a 76 million LKR grant from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and 10 million LKR worth of grants from the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) under the Blue Planet Fund, UK. Prof. De Silva has made significant academic contributions, authoring five SCI-indexed journal publications and two referred non-indexed journal publications during the evaluation period.

Further, during the period of consideration, 1 PhD, 1 MPhil & 2 MSc research projects were completed under her supervision, and she is currently supervising 11-MPhils candidates. Her achievements were recognized at last year's Vice-Chancellor's Awards ceremony, where she was awarded for securing the highest external research funding and recognized as one of the top researchers in her faculty.

8.1.6. Faculty of Social Sciences

a. Outstanding Young Researchers



Mrs. W. M. M. S. K. Werake

Department of Economics

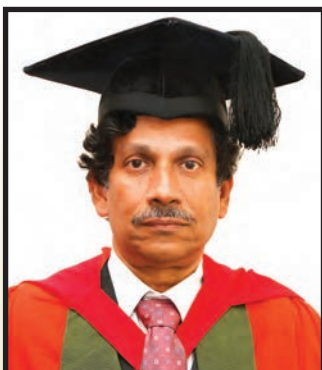
Faculty of Social Sciences

Mrs. W.M.M. Senani Werake obtained her B.A (Honours) degree in Economics from the University of Kelaniya in 2009 with Gold Medal for the best performance in final examination and completed MA in Economics in 2013, MPhil in Economics in 2024 from University of Kelaniya. Mrs. Senani served as an Assistant Lecturer attached to the Department of Economics, University of Kelaniya 2011-2013. She joined the University of Kelaniya as a Lecturer (probationary) on 03.01.2019 and currently she is serving as the Lecturer at the same department since September 2024. Her research interests are in the fields of Monetary Economics, Macroeconomics and Applied Economics

Professor Premawardhena's scholarly work continues to address contemporary issues, challenge established paradigms and contribute to the enrichment of the Humanities as a discipline. At the inaugural Excellence in Humanities Awards of the Faculty of Humanities in 2023 she secured the awards for Scholarly Excellence in Humanities and Service Excellence in Humanities. Through her dedication, leadership, and intellectual contributions, Senior Professor Neelakshi C. Premawardhena serves as an inspiration to her peers and students alike, setting a benchmark for excellence in research and academia.

8.2 University Wide Awards

8.2.1. The Best Innovators/Inventors in the University



Senior Professor. S.R.D. Kalingamudali

Dean

Faculty of Science

Professor Sudath Rajendra Deshapriya Kalingamudali is a Senior Professor in Electronics and the Dean of the Faculty of Science at the University of Kelaniya. He earned his Bachelor's Honours degree in Physics (1990) from the University of Kelaniya and completed his PhD in Electronic Engineering (1994) at the University of Sheffield under an Open Commonwealth Scholarship.

He has been awarded the prestigious Fulbright Fellowship twice, which is a rare achievement for an academic. He is a Chartered Scientist, Chartered Engineer, and Chartered Physicist, and holds fellowships with the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), the Institute of Physics (IOP), and the Institute of Physics Sri Lanka (IPSL).

Professor Kalingamudali has authored over 65 research papers, holds one Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) filing, eight Sri Lankan patents, and four industrial designs. Notably, eight of his patents and four industrial designs are currently being commercialised through nine licensing agreements.

He played a pivotal role in collaborating with OREL Corporation (Pvt) Ltd to license one of his innovative products, the "Remotely Controllable Regulator Connected in Series with Resistive and Inductive Loads", which was patented in 2019. The product was officially launched in April 2023.

This invention also earned a Bronze Medal in the Technical Field of Applied Sciences and Technology at the "Presidential Awards for Inventions – Years 2017 to 2020", held on 1 August 2024, at the BMICH under the patronage of His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka.

Notably, this is the first-ever Presidential Award for Inventions received by the University of Kelaniya in its 65-year history. Moreover, it marks the university's first innovation to be commercialised and successfully launched as a product.

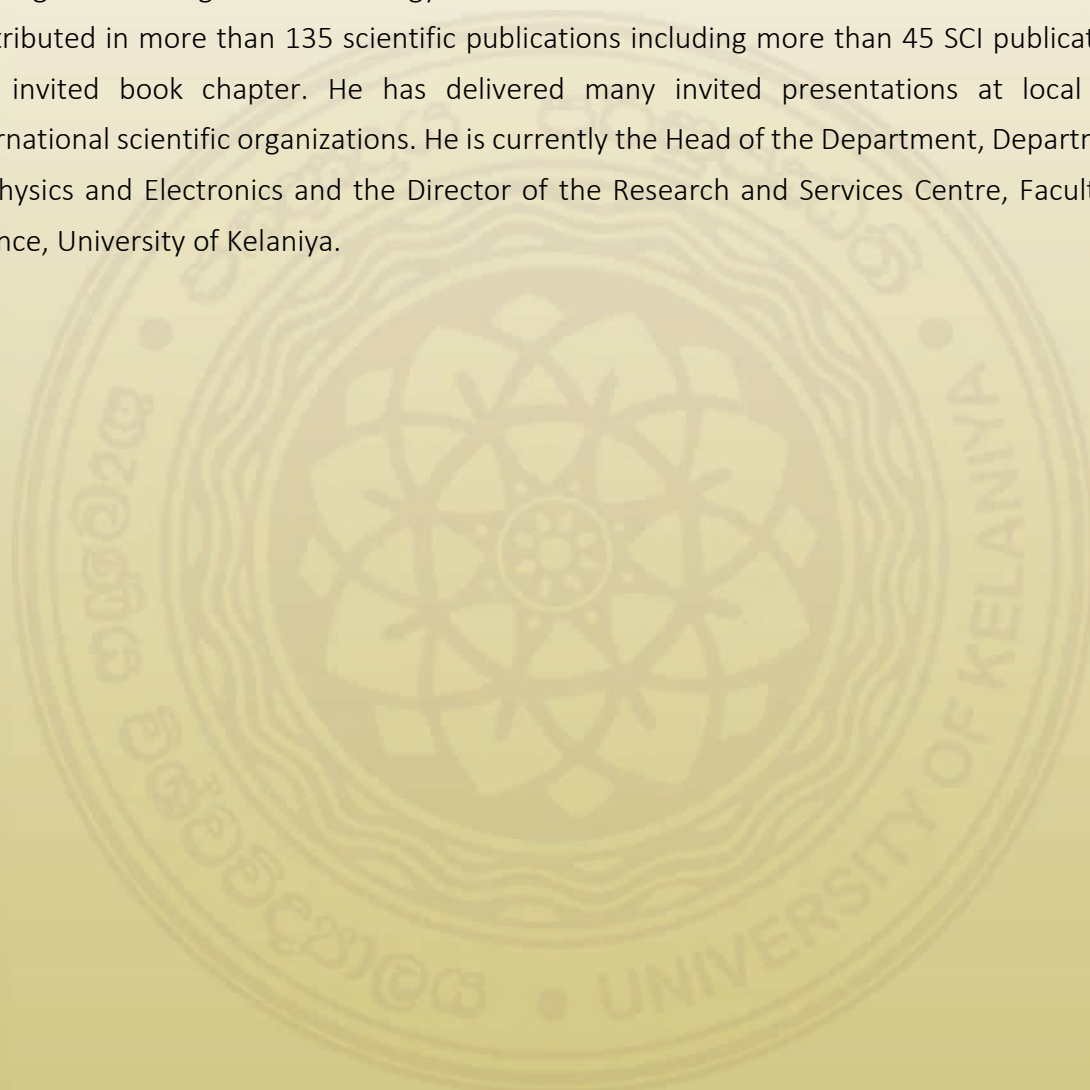


Snr. Professor. L. B. D. R. P. Wijesundara

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.



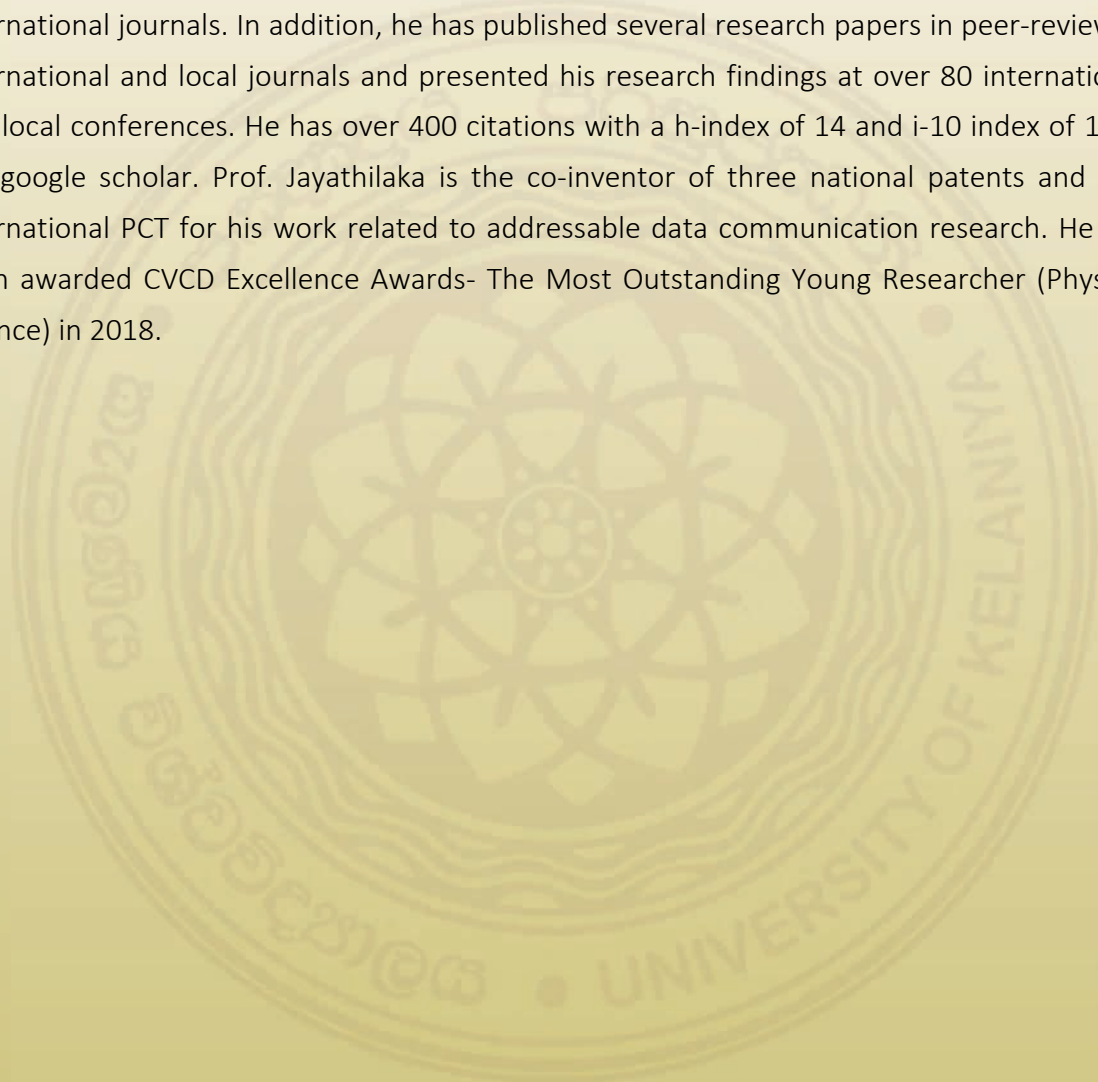


Prof. K. M. D. C. Jayathilaka

Department of Physics & Electronics

Faculty of Science

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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 received the Global Korea Scholarship for 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 current research interests include wireless power transfer, metamaterials, supercapacitor-assisted power electronics, acoustic wave propagation control, and the design of consumer electronics smart cities. He published one international PCT, obtained one Korean patent, several national patents, and industrial designs. 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 since 2018. He has been a life member of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) since 2016 and served as the president of section E1 of SLASS in 2020. He played an instrumental role in establishing the “Electronics Design and Innovation Centre (EDIC)” a dedicated high-end research laboratory for Electronics at the University of Kelaniya. He is very keen on technology transfer for the commercialization of innovations for the economic resilience of the country.



Dr. J. A. Seneviratne

Department of Physics & Electronics

Faculty of Science

Dr. Jehan Seneviratne is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Physics and Electronics at the University of Kelaniya. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science 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 several patents and industrial designs. He is the coordinator of the Leadership and Entrepreneurship Division of EDIC. He leads the e-waste and energy management projects 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 and serves as a Faculty Representative of the CSS in the Faculty of Science. He is interested in applying his knowledge in 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 the Physics and Electronics Degree Programme and the Director of the Instruments Repairing Unit functioning under the Department of Physics and Electronics.



Dr. P. L. A. K. Piyumal

Department of Physics & Electronics

Faculty of Science

Dr Kasun Piyumal is currently working as a Lecturer at the Department of Physics and Electronics, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. Also, he is a student counsellor and academic advisor for electronics subjects and was the conference chair of the International Conference on Applied and Pure Sciences (ICAPS) in 2024 of the Faculty of Science. Dr Piyumal received his Bachelor of Science Honours degree in Physics with Second Class (Upper Division) Honors from the University of Kelaniya 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 the first-ever electronics PhD produced by the University of Kelaniya. For his contribution towards research carried out in Sri Lanka, he was awarded a postgraduate research merit award by the General Research Committee (GRC) of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS). He is a member of the “Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers” (IEEE) and IEEE “Industrial Electronics Society” (IES). He is one of the founding members and is currently the secretary of the IEEE IES Sri Lank section. Also, he is the senior advisor of the IEEE IES student branch chapter of the University of Kelaniya. In addition, he is a member of the “Institute of Physics Sri Lanka” (IPSL), SLAAS and the National Science and Technology Commission (NASTEC) Young Scientist Forum (YSF). 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, where he has published/presented many indexed research papers and a book chapter. He has one international Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) published at World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), six National Patents and four industrial designs. He has served as an Advanced Developer for the “Remotely Controllable Ceiling Fan Regulator” product, commercialised with the Orel Corporation (Pvt) Ltd, which is the first-ever licensed product of the University of Kelaniya and the product has already been launched into the market. He is one of the founding members of the “Electronics Design and Innovation Centre” (EDIC) of the University of Kelaniya. Through EDIC, he has already involved in signing eight license agreements with the Orel Corporation (Pvt) Ltd, Susen Holdings (Pvt) Ltd and Infosoft Lanka (Pvt) Ltd for commercialising the inventions and innovations of the EDIC centre. He has been recognised by the University Senate and awarded “Senate Honours” for conducting high-quality research and publication in indexed journals for very many times and won first place and second place in the category of “The best Innovators/Inventors” of the Vice Chancellor’s Awards of the University of Kelaniya in 2022 and 2023 respectively.

8.2.2. The Academic with most outstanding creative literary work in the University



Dr. K.R.N. Harshani

Department of Library & Information Science

Faculty of Social Sciences

Dr. K.R.N. Harshani graduated with a BA Honors Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Kelaniya in 2005. She began her professional journey as an Assistant Librarian at Colombo International School (CIS) in 2005. Later, she joined the Faculty of Applied Sciences at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka as an Assistant Librarian, progressing to the position of Senior Assistant Librarian. In 2022, Dr. Harshani joined the University of Kelaniya as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Library and Information Science, Faculty of Social Sciences. A committed scholar and advocate for community development, she has led various outreach programs, including training for preschool teachers, public librarians, and school librarians.

Her dedication to early childhood education is evident through her completion of a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and her active role as a resource person in preschool teacher training initiatives. Dr. Harshani honed her creative skills through story-writing training programs organized by Room to Read and the National Library and Documentation Board. In 2021, she published her storybook, “Senudigen Thaggak”. The book was next translated into Tamil and English in 2023 and 2024, respectively. In 2024, the National Book Trust (NBT) of India included the Urdu translation of this book in its multilingual publishing efforts, promoting literacy and cultural diversity across the region.

Dr. Harshani also contributed as a member of the editorial board for the National Policy on Children’s Books in Sri Lanka. This initiative, led by Room to Read Sri Lanka’s National Consortium of Children’s Books (NCCB) in partnership with the Ministry of Education, established a comprehensive framework titled “A Guide for Printed Books in the Digital Age”. The policy aims to address the shortage of high-quality, culturally relevant children’s literature by setting national standards for storybook creation, covering areas such as manuscript writing, illustration, design, and editing. It further integrates strategies for library development, teacher training, and community engagement to foster a strong reading culture among young learners. Through her multifaceted contributions, Dr. Harshani has significantly impacted the fields of library science, children’s literature, and community education.

8.2.3. The Best Promotor of International Relations in the University



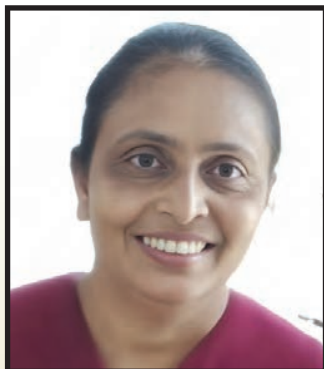
Prof. M. D. P. Gunawardhana
Department of Archaeology
Faculty of Social Sciences

Cadre Chair and Senior Professor Prishanta Gunawardhana, from the Department of Archaeology at the University of Kelaniya, has been nominated for the prestigious title of Outstanding Promoter of International Relations in 2024 at the Vice Chancellor's Awards Ceremony. This honor, which he previously received in 2006, recognizes his extraordinary contributions to fostering international academic collaborations and advancing global research in multiple academic fields. In addition to this recent nomination, Professor Gunawardhana's ongoing commitment to excellence in research has been consistently acknowledged. He was recognized as the best researcher of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Kelaniya during the Vice Chancellor's Awards Ceremony in 2007, 2008, and 2009, further cementing his reputation as a leading scholar in his field. At the State Literary Awards 2024, he was also awarded the Best Original Academic and Research Texts trophy for his influential book 'Low-Density Urbanism', which showcases his expertise in urban studies and his dedication to innovative, thought-provoking research.

Polonnaruwa Archaeological, Anthropological and Urban Landscape Project PAALUP was a collaborative research project that groundbreaking effort aimed at studying the historical, architectural, and sociocultural aspects of Sri Lanka's ancient urban centers, focusing on the city of Polonnaruwa. PAALUP was a product of a successful international collaboration spearheaded by the University of Kelaniya in Sri Lanka and the Department of Archaeology and History at La Trobe University, Australia.

This innovative project is focused on studying the historical, architectural, and socio-cultural aspects of Sri Lanka's ancient urban centers, particularly the city of Polonnaruwa. PAALUP was not just a bilateral initiative; it has expanded to include several prestigious academic institutions. This research has been successful due to the important contributions of the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology and the University of Jaffna in Sri Lanka. A key component of the project was its annual workshop, which serves as a forum for archaeological practitioners to discuss the conservation and management strategies for Sri Lanka's ancient urban centers. The project encourages further research and dialogue on urbanization, with a particular focus on the legacy and preservation of ancient cities.

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



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

DSM De Silva has been a member of the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science at the University of Kelaniya since 1996. She earned her PhD in Engineering Materials from the University of Sheffield, UK, following her BSc from the University of Kelaniya. Prof. De Silva's research spans photovoltaic materials and devices for solar energy applications, biochar production for water purification, and the analysis of microplastics in environmental samples.

Her work in microplastic analysis initiated through a university research grant (RP/03/02/06/02/2021) has attracted substantial international funding, including a 76 million LKR grant from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and 10 million LKR worth of grants from the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) under the Blue Planet Fund, UK. Prof. De Silva has made significant academic contributions, authoring five SCI-indexed journal publications and two referred non-indexed journal publications during the evaluation period.

Further, during the period of consideration, 1 PhD, 1 MPhil & 2 MSc research projects were completed under her supervision, and she is currently supervising 11-MPhils candidates. Her achievements were recognized at last year's Vice-Chancellor's Awards ceremony, where she was awarded for securing the highest external research funding and recognized as one of the top researchers in her faculty.

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

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