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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



The University of Kelaniya Vice-Chancellor's Awards are presented on the first working day of each year to recognize and honour exceptional contributions made by our staff over the past year, in our university's journey towards excellence.

The scheme of awards for academic staff, which was introduced many years ago, has grown in complexity, to encompass outputs over the past year, in research, innovation, and creativity, as well as commendations for activities that have brought honour to the University of Kelaniya. Last year, we added Vice-Chancellor's Awards that recognized the contributions of the other categories of staff: executive officers, academic support staff and non-academic staff. This year, we have strengthened that scheme further, with adjustment of the marking schemes that were introduced last year, to acknowledge exceptional contributions made by individuals in these categories of staff to the development and growth of our university.

We have another new set of commendations introduced this year, in acknowledgement of the key role played by our webmasters in providing information to the outside world about the University of Kelaniya. We have evaluated the websites maintained by each of our Faculties and Library, our Departments, Units and Centres as well as our affiliated Postgraduate Institutes on various criteria that reflect the quality of their websites. These include the number of indexed pages, the number of impactful links, web audit results and web security, as well as adherence to our branding standards and university webmaster's guidelines.

I take this opportunity to thank all the Deans, the Librarian and his staff, the University Webmaster 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, and in organizing the Awards Ceremony. It has truly been a 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 – 2023

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

The Long Service Awards and Vice-Chancellor's Awards Ceremony - 2023 is organized to appreciate the service of all the academic and non-academic staff members of the University of Kelaniya during the year 2023. This is an annual event organized by the University of Kelaniya since 2007 and presented annually on the 01st working day of the year. This awards ceremony recognizes the contribution of all categories of staff members in the University of Kelaniya as well as of the 2 affiliated institutes, namely: the Postgraduate Institute of Archeology and Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies.

The intention of this ceremony is to recognize the contributions made by the staff in terms of outstanding contributions and dedication to the university, enhancing the reputation of the University by winning prestigious local and international awards, and appreciation of long service to the University exceeding 25 years. A new category of commendations have been introduced this year, to appreciate the Web Masters who maintained the best web pages in terms of information provided to the public, the quality of the web pages and the impact created by them.

With the addition of new dimensions every year, this ceremony has become a unique and ideal platform to recognized 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 continues to strive for excellence.

1. VICE CHANCELLOR AWARDS FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS & ACADEMIC SUPPORT STAFF

1.1. Gold Medal & Certificate



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



Mrs. W.G.U. Hettiarachchi
Programmer Cum Systems Analyst Gr. I
Health Data Science Unit
Faculty of Medicine

1.2 Gold Medal



Mrs. A.M.D.T.I. Chandani
Senior Staff Assistant/ Library Services
Library



Mr. A.S.P. Ahangama
Library information Assistant
(Grade III)
Library



Mrs. K.S. Gajasingha
Library information Assistant
(Grade III)
Library

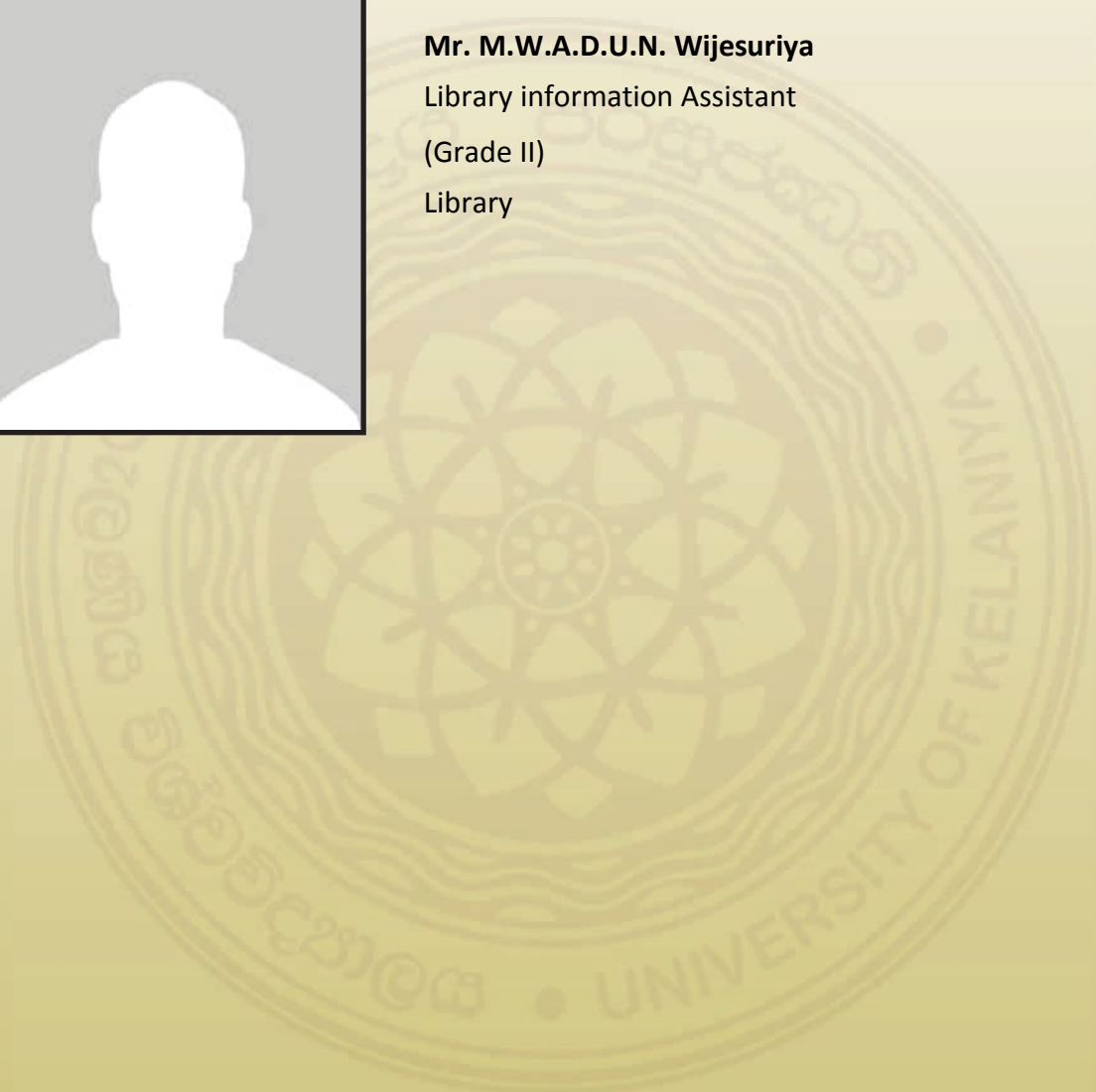
1.3 Silver Medal



Mr. M.W.A.D.N. Wijesuriya
Library information Assistant
(Grade I)
Library



Mr. M.W.A.D.U.N. Wijesuriya
Library information Assistant
(Grade II)
Library



1.4 Certificate



Mr. D.I.K. Solangaarachchi

Systems Engineer
Health Data Science Unit
Faculty of Medicine



Mr. H.P. Sudusinghe

Chief Technical Officer
Department of Parasitology
Faculty of Medicine



Mr. D.M.N. Bandara

Chief Security Officer
Security Division



Mr. A.H. Dileep

Programmer Cum Systems Analyst Gr. I
Faculty of Science



Mr. W.M.M.G.C. Mahakumbura

Assistant Network Manager (Grade II)
Health Data Science Unit
Faculty of Medicine



Mr. G.L.C.S. Senarath

Staff Technical Officer (Grade I)

Department of Biochemistry & Clinical Medicine

Faculty of Medicine



Mr. R.C.M.J. Fernando

Technical Officer (Grade I)

ICT Center



Mr. T.G.D. Samanthilaka

Technical Officer (Grade II)

ICT Center



Ms. D.B.W.P. Savindi

Technical Officer (Grade II)

ICT Center



Ms. D.M.K.S.I. Dasanayaka

Technical Officer/ICT (Grade III)

ICT center



Ms. J.A.P. Madhushani
Technical Officer/ICT (Grade III)
Health Data Science Unit
Faculty of Medicine



Ms. M.B. Solangaarachchige
Technical Officer/ICT (Grade III)
Examination Unit
Faculty of Medicine



Mr. W.M.K.E.B. Wasala
Staff Technical Officer
Department of Medical Education
Faculty of Medicine



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



Mr. D.D.D. Vithanage
Sub Warden (Grade II)
Men's Hostel
Faculty of Medicine



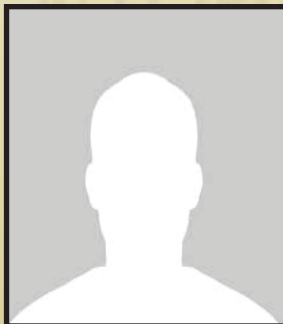
Mr. H.D. Abeyrathna
Marshal (Grade II)
Dean's Office
Faculty of Medicine



Mr. N.V.A. Samarasingha
Library Attendant (Grade II)
Library



Mr. G.C.P. Gunasekara
Driver (Grade I)
Transport Division
General Administrations



Mr. P.G.S. Gunathunga
Driver (Grade II)
Transport Division
General Administrations



Mr. R.M.P. Kumarasinghe
Driver (Grade II)
Transport Division
General Administrations

2. LONG SERVICE AWARDS

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

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Prof. W.A.D S.L.G. Wijesinghe

***Department of Western Classical Culture & Christian
Faculty of Humanities***

Prof. W.A.D.S.L.G. Wijesinghe joined University as Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 17.08.1998. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 17.08.2004 and on 22.10.2007 he was then promoted to Professor. Prof. W.A.D.S.L.G. Wijesinghe currently serves as Senior Professor on 22.10.2015 in the Department of Western Classical Culture & Christian culture in the Faculty of Humanities.



Prof. M.M.M. Najim

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

Prof. M.M.M. Najim joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 02/02/1998. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 23/04/2006 and on 29/06/2012 he was then promoted to Professor and currently serves as Senior Professor on 29/06/2020 in the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management in the Faculty of Science.



Prof. R.P.J.C. Ramanayaka
Department of Family Medicine
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. R.P.J.C. Ramanayake Joined University as Lecturer on 04.03.1998. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer 11 on 27.05.2005. Currently serves as Professor with effect from 05.04.2016 in the Department of Family Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine.



Prof. A.L. Karunanayake
Department of Anatomy
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. A.L. Karunanayake Joined University as Lecturer on 10.09.1998. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer 11 on 10.09.2003. and on 10.09.2008 he/she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer 1. Prof. Karunanayake was promoted to Professor on 13.06.2016 and currently serves as Professor of Anatomy with effect from 15.08.2019 in the Department of Anatomy in the Faculty of Medicine.



Prof. K.B. Jayawardhana
Department of Sanskrit & Eastern Studies
Faculty of Humanities

Prof. K.B. Jayawardhana Joined University Colombo as Probationary Lecturer on 04.03.1998. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 04.03.2003. Prof. K.B. Jayawardhana joined University of Kelaniya as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 01.10.2013 and currently serves as Professor on 31.03.2017 in the Department of Sanskrit & Eastern Studies in the Faculty of Humanities.



Mrs. M.Y.N. Mendis
Senior Lecturer Gr. I
Department of Political Science
Faculty of Social Sciences

Mrs. M.Y.N. Mendis joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01.01.1998 she was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01.01.2003 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer I on 01.01.2009 in the Department of Political Science in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Dr. (Mrs.) A. R. Rassool
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Faculty of Humanities

Dr. (Ms.) A.R. Rassool Joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01.08.1998. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 01.08.2003 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 01.08.2009 in the Department of English Language Teaching in the Faculty of Humanities.



Dr. T.R. Premathilake
Senior Lecturer Gr. I
Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology

Dr. T. R. Premathilake joined University as Probationary Lecturer on 02/10/1998. He was promoted to Senior. Lecturer Gr. (II) on 02/10/2003 and on 02/10/2009 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. (I) and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr.(I) 02/10/2009 in the division of Academic in the institute of Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology.



Dr. A.K. Thantilage

Senior Lecturer Gr. II

Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology

Dr. A. K. Thantilage joined University as Probationary Lecturer on 02/10/1998. He was promoted to Snr. Lecturer Gr.(II) on 01/04/2008 and currently serves as Snr. Lecturer Gr.(II) 01/04/2008 in the division of Academic in the institute of Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology.



Mr. K.K.K. Dharmathilaka

Registrar

Registrar Office

Mr. K.K.K. Dharmathilaka Joined Buddhist & Pali University as the post of Assistant Registrar on 16.04.1998. He was promoted to the post of Senior Assistant Registrar on 29.12.2003 at the Sabaragamuwa University and from 01.04.2005 at the University of Kelaniya. He was then promoted to the post of Deputy Registrar on 09.06.2014 at the University of Colombo School of Computing and currently serves as Registrar at the University of Kelaniya from 02.07.2021.



Mrs. S. Mandalawatta

Senior Staff Management Assistant

Department of Human Resource Management

Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Mrs. S. Mandalawatta joined University as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1998.12.01. She was promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 2004.12.01 and on 2009.12.01 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. S. Mandalawatta was promoted to Staff Management Assistant on 2014.12.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2019.12.01 in the Department of Human Resource Management in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies.



Mrs. A.S.D. Weerawardhana
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Faculty of Humanities

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Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Mrs. W. Indrani joined University as Typist (Grade 111) on 1998.11.16. She was promoted to Typist (Grade 11) on 2006.11.16 and on 2011.11.16 she was promoted to Typist (Grade 1). Mrs. W. Indrani was promoted to Staff Management Assistant on 2016.11.16 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2022.11.16 in the Department of Commerce & Financial Management in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies.



Mrs. W. A. M. Priyangika
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Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology

Mrs. W. A. M. Priyangika joined University as Clerk Gr. (III) on 01/07/1998. She was promoted to Clerk Gr. (II) on 01/07/2009 and on 01/07/2012 she was then promoted to Clerk Gr. (I) Mrs. W. A. M. Priyangika was promoted to Staff Management Assistant on 01/07/2017 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 01/07/2022 in the division of Library in the institute of Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology.



Mrs. G. H. I. Dilhani

Library

Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology

Mrs. G. H. I. Dilhani joined University as Library Assistant Gr. (III) on 01/01/1998. She was promoted to Library Assistant Gr. (II) on 01/01/2004 and on 01/01/2009 she was then promoted to Library Assistant Gr.(I) Mrs. G. H. I. Dilhani was promoted to Staff Assistant / Library Services on 01/01/2014 and currently serves as Senior Staff Assistant / Library Services 01/01/2019 in the division of Library in the institute of Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology.



Mr. M.K.C. Ruwansiri

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Faculty of Science

Mr. M.K.C. Ruwansiri joined University of Kelaniya as Laborer (on Contract) on 02.02.1998. Then he got permanent appointment as Laborer (Grade III) on 01.08.1999 in the University of Kelaniya. He was promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade) on 10.12.2007 and on 10.12.2015 he was promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Higher Grade). Mr. Ruwansiri was promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Supra Grade) on 10.12.2020 and currently serves as Laboratory Attendant (Supra Grade) in the Department of Physics & Electronics in the Faculty of Science.



Mr. A.T.S. Gunatilake

Department of Medicine

Faculty of Medicine

Mr. A.T.S. Gunatilake joined University as Works Aide (Grade III) on 28.02.1992. He was then promoted to Works Aide (Grade II) on 28.02.2002 and Works Aide (Grade I) on 28.02.2013, Currently serves in the Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine.



Mrs. D. Kalupahana

Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

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Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

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Mrs. K.A.R.L. Kumari

Center for Distance and Continuous Education

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Mrs. P.G.C. Sudarshani

Faculty of Graduate Studies

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Mrs. H.H.L.H. Rathnaweera

Loans & Salaries Division

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Mr. R.M.G.P. Rathnayake

Accounts Division

Faculty of Medicine

Mr. R.M.G.P. Rathnayake joined University of Kelaniya as Clark (on Contract) on 01.07.1998. Then he got permanent appointment as Clark (Grade III) on 01.08.1999 in the University of Kelaniya. He was promoted to Clark (Grade II) on 01.08.2009 and on 01.08.2014 he was promoted to Clark (Grade I). Mr. Rathnayake was promoted to Staff Management Assistant on 01.08.2019 and currently serves in the Accounts Division, Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. W.P.A Pushpakumara
Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies

Mr. W.P.A Pushpakumara joined University of Kelaniya as Labourer (on Contract) on 02.02.1998. Then he got permanent appointment as works aide (Grade III) on 01.08.1999 in the University of Kelaniya. He was promoted to works aide (Grade II) on 09.12.2010 and on 08.04.2015 he was promoted to works aide (Grade I). Mr. W.P.A Pushpakumara was promoted to works aide (special Grade) on 26.05.2022 and currently serves as works aide (special Grade) in the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies.



Mr. H.M.A Ranathunga
Department of Political Science
Faculty of Social Sciences

Mr. H.M.A Ranathunga joined University of Kelaniya as Labourer (on Contract) on 02.02.1998. Then he got permanent appointment as works aide (Grade III) on 01.08.1999 in the University of Kelaniya. He was promoted to works aide (Grade II) on 25.10.2011 and on 30.05.2016 he was promoted to works aide (Grade I). Mr. H.M.A Ranathunga was promoted to works aide (special Grade) on 18.05.2023 and currently serves as works aide (special Grade) in the Department of Political Science in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Mr. A.S Kumara
Student Welfare Division

Mr. A.S Kumara joined University of Kelaniya as Labourer (on Contract) on 04.05.1998. Then he got permanent appointment as works aide (Grade III) on 01.08.1999 in the University of Kelaniya. He was promoted to works aide (Grade II) on 09.12.2010 and on 08.04.2015 he was promoted to works aide (Grade I). Mr. Mr. A.S Kumara was promoted to works aide (special Grade) on 26.05.2022 and currently serves as works aide (special Grade) in Student Welfare Division.

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

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Ven. (Prof.) Therele Dhammarathana Thero
Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies
Faculty of Humanities

Ven. (Prof.) Therele Dhammarathana Thero Joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 17.05.1993. Ven. (Prof.) Therele Dhammarathana Thero was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 25.09.2002 and on 25.09.2008 Ven. Thero was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I. Ven. (Prof.) Therele Dhammarathana Thero was promoted to Professor on 27.11.2009 and currently serves as Senior Professor on 27.11.2017 in the Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies in the Faculty of Humanities.



Prof. W.M.J.I. Wijayanayake
Department of Industrial Management
Faculty of Science

Prof. W.M.J.I. Wijayanayake joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 10/05/1993. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 16/04/2001 and on 16/04/2007 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and currently serves as Professor on 05/12/2016 in the Department of Industrial Management in the Faculty of Science.



Prof. P.L.S. Peter

***Department of Industrial Management
Faculty of Science***

Prof. P.L.S. Peter joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 10/05/1993. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 10/07/1997 and on 10/07/2003 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and currently serves as Professor on 17/12/2020 in the Department of Industrial Management in the Faculty of Science.



Mr. K. Jayantha

***Senior Lecturer Gr. I
Faculty of Social Sciences***

Mr. K. Jayantha joined University as Assistant Registrar on 15.12.1993 he was promoted to Senior Assistant Registrar on 10.12.2001 he was appointed to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 15.10.2008 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer I on 15.10.2014 in the Department of Sport Science and Physical Education in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Dr. (Mrs.) R.R. Jayasinghe

***Department of English Language Teaching
Faculty of Humanities***

Dr. (Mrs.) R.R. Jayasinghe Joined University as Instructor on 26.04.1993. She was appointed to Lecturer (Probationary) on 01.12.2005 and on 04.08.2014 she was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 01.12.2016 in the Department of English Language Teaching in the Faculty of Humanities.



Mrs. A.L.M.S.D. Ambegoda
Deputy Registrar
Faculty of Computing & Technology

Mrs. A.L.M.S.D. Ambegoda Joined the University of Kelaniya as the post of Assistant Registrar on 15.12.1993. She was promoted to the post of Senior Assistant Registrar on 10.12.2001 and currently serves as the post of Deputy Registrar from 01.11.2010 at the GWAI and from 01.01.2013 at the University of Kelaniya.



Mrs. W.E.M. Wagalath
Senior Assistant Registrar
Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. W.E.M. Wagalath Joined the University as the post of Clerk Gr. III on 19.10.1993. She was promoted to Clerk Gr. II on 01.01.2000 and from 01.08.2006 she was then promoted to the post of Assistant Registrar at the University of the Visual & Performing Arts. She currently serves as the post of Senior Assistant Registrar from 02.05.2013 at the University of Colombo and from 23.09.2014 at the University of Kelaniya.



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

Mrs. W.L. Chandani Joined the University of Colombo as a Lab Attendant on 05.01.1993. She was promoted to the post of Trainee Technical Officer on 01.08.1995 and she was then promoted to the post of Technical Officer Gr. II on 01.08.2001. She was then promoted to Technical Officer Gr. I on 01.08.2005 and she was then promoted to the post of Staff Technical Officer on 01.08.2009. She currently serves as the post of Senior Staff Technical Officer from 18.05.2015 at the Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. R.A.P.G.W Rathnayake
Department of Physiology
Staff Technical Officer (Grade I)

Mr. R.A.P.G.W Rathnayake joined University as Laboratory Attendant (Lower grade) on 18.11.1992. He was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment “B”) on 01.08.1995 and on 01.08.2001 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment “A”). On 01.08.2005 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I). Mr. R.A.P.G.W Rathnayake was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) on 01.08.2009 and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) from 01.08.2014 in the Department of Physiology.



Mr. A.W Rathnasiri
Department of Mass Communication
Staff Technical Officer (Grade II)

Mr. A.W Rathnasiri joined University system as Labor (Grade III) on 07.10.1993. He was promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade) on 02.10.1995 and on 20.10.2005 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment “B”). He was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment “A”) on 20.10.2011. Mr. A.W Rathnasiri was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I) on 20.10.2015 and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) from 20.10.2019 in the Department of Mass Communication.



Mrs. H.M.C. Malani
Department of Microbiology
Faculty Of Science

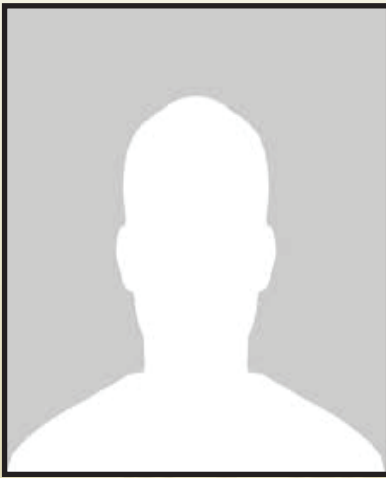
Mrs. H.M.C. Malani Joined University as Stenographer (English) Gr. II on 11.06.1993. She was promoted to Stenographer Gr. I on 01.01.2001 and on 01.01.2006 she was then promoted to Staff Assistant (Stenographer) and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant on 01.01.2011 in the Department of Microbiology in the Faculty of Science.



Mrs. Y.A.D. Sugandanie

Registrar's Office

Mrs. Y.A.D. Sugandanie Joined University as Stenographer (English) Gr. II on 29.07.1999. She was promoted to Stenographer Gr. I on 29.07.2009 and on 29.07.2011 she was Promoted to Staff Assistant (Stenographer) and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant on 29.07.2016 in the Registrar's Office.



Mrs. R.C. Pushpakumari

Senior Staff Management Assistant

Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. R.C. Pushpakumari joined University as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1993.11.23. She was promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 1999.11.23 and on 2004.11.23 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. R.C. Pushpakumari was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 2009.11.23 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2014.11.23 in the Department of Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mrs. K.A.M.S. Katugampola

Senior Staff Management Assistant

Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. K.A.M.S. Katugampola joined University as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1993.04.01. She was promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 2003.04.01 and on 2006.04.01 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. K.A.M.S. Katugampola was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 2011.04.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2016.04.01 in the Faculty of Medicine.



Mrs. D.G.L. Kanthilatha

***Senior Staff Assistant (Library Services)
Faculty of Medicine***

Mrs. D.G.L. Kanthilatha joined University system as Library Information Assistant (Grade 111) on 1992.08.03. She was then promoted to Library Information Assistant (Grade 11) on 2002.08.03 and on 2008.08.03 She was promoted to Library Information (Grade 1). Mrs. D.G.L. Kanthilatha was promoted to Staff Assistant (Library Services) on 2013.08.03 and currently serves as Senior Staff Assistant (Library Services) 2018.08.03 in the Faculty of Medicine



Mr. A.M.A. Samarawickrama

Transport Division

Mr. A.M.A. Samarawickrama joined University as Driver (Grade II) on 09.09.1991. He was then promoted to Driver (Grade I) on 09.09.2000 and Driver (Special Grade) and on 09.09.2006, Currently serves in the Transport Division.



Mrs. H.G.N.D. Wickramasinghe

Library

Mrs. H.G.N.D. Wickramasinghe joined University as Library Attendant Gr.11 on 28.02.1992. She was Promoted to Library Attendant Gr.1 on 28.02.2001. Mrs. Wickramasinghe was promoted to Library Attendant (Special Grade) on 28.02.2008 and Currently Serves as Library Attendant (Special Grade) in the library.



Mr. R.A. Premasiri

***Department of Biochemistry & Clinical Chemistry
Faculty of Medicine***

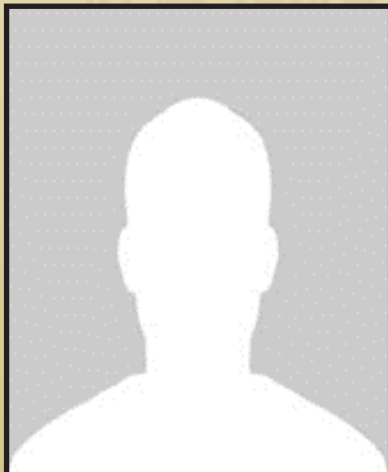
Mr. R.A. Premasiri joined University as Works Aide (Grade III) on 28.02.1992. He was then promoted to Works Aide (Grade II) on 28.02.2002 and Works Aide (Grade I) on 28.02.2013, Currently serves in the Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. B. Sadis Kumar

***Laborer (Special Grade)
Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies,
University of Kelaniya***

Mr. B. Sadis Kumar joined University system as Health Service Laborer (Lower Grade) on 01/01/1992. He was promoted to Health Service Laborer (Higher Grade) on 01.01.2000 and He was promoted to Laborer (Special Grade) on 01.01.2007. Mr. B. Sadis Kumar Currently serve as Works Aide (Special Grade) in the Establishment and Administration Division at Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya.



Mr. S.H. Premalal

***Health Service Labourer
Faculty of Medicine***

Mr. S.H. Premalal joined University as Health Service Labourer (Lower Grade) on 1992.02.28. He was promoted to Health Service Labourer (Higher Grade) on 2005.02.28 and on 2013.02.28 he was promoted to Health Service Labourer (Special Grade). Currently serves as Health Service Labourer (Special Grade I) 2018.02.28 in the Faculty of Medicine.

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

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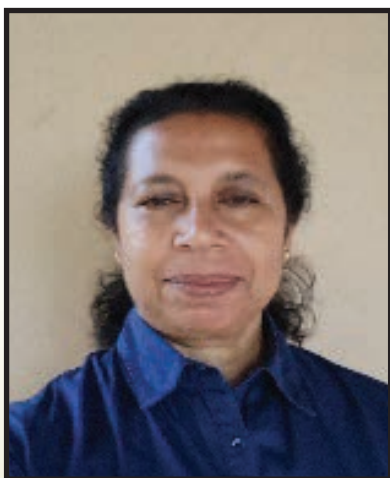
Prof. U.G. Herson Dias
Department of Sinhala
Faculty of Humanities

Prof. U.G. Herson Dias Joined University as Lecturer (Probationary on 02.11.1987. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 02.11.1992 and on 02.11.1998 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I. Prof. U.G. Herson Dias was promoted to Professor on 15.02.2007 and currently serves as Senior Professor on 15.02.2015 in the Department of Sinhala in the Faculty of Humanities.



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

Prof. (Mrs.) M.K.B. Weerasooriya joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 15/06/1988. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 16/11/1993 and on 16/11/1999 she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and she was promoted to Associate Professor on 30/07/2009 and on 03/11/2014 she was then promoted to Professor and currently serves as Senior Professor on 03/11/2022 in the Department of Chemistry in the Faculty of Science.



Mrs. S.H.I.P de Silva

Department of Statistic and Computer Science

Staff Technical Officer (Grade I)

Mrs. S.H.I.P de Silva joined University system as Technical Officer (Grade II Segment “B”) on 01.07.1988. She was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment “A”) on 01.03.1995 and on 01.01.1999 she was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I). Mrs. S.H.I.P de Silva was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) on 01.01.2003 and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) from 01.01.2008 in the Department of Statistic and Computer Science.



Mrs. M.A.B Rodrigo

Department of Chemistry

Staff Technical Officer (Grade I)

Mrs. M.A.B Rodrigo joined University system as Technical Officer (Grade II Segment “B”) on 02.05.1986. She was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II Segment “A”) on 01.03.1995 and on 01.01.1997 she was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I). Mrs. M.A.B Rodrigo was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) on 01.01.2001 and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) from 01.01.2006 in the Department of Chemistry.



Mr. G.S. Karunaratne

Staff Assistant (Library Services)

Main Library

Mr. G.S. karunaratne joined University system as Security Guard (Lower Grade) on 01.08.1998. He was then promoted to Security Guard (Higher Grade) on 01.01.1996. and on 15.05.2000 he was promoted to Library Information Assistant (Grade 111). Mr. G.S. karunaratne was promoted to Library Information Assistant (Grade 11) 01.01.2010 and Library Information Assistant (Grade 1) on 15.05.2013 and currently serves as Staff Assistant (Library Services) 15.05.2018 in the library.



Mr. A.T.R. Peiris

Security Division

Mr. A.T.R. Peiris joined University as Security Guard (Lower Grade) on 01.08.1988. He was promoted to Security Guard (Higher Grade) on 01.01.1996 and on 01.09.1998 he was then promoted to Security Inspector (Grade II). Mr. A.T.R. Peiris was promoted to Security Inspector (Grade I) on 01.09.2008 and then promoted to Security Inspector (Special Grade) on 01.09.2013 and promoted to Deputy Chief Security Officer on 15.09.2020 and currently serves as Deputy Chief Security Officer in the Security Division.

2.4 Wall Plaque for 40 years of continuous and meritorious service



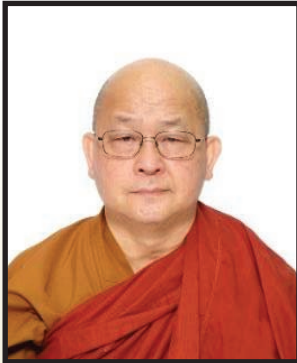
Prof. J. M.D. Ariyaratna

Department of Accountancy

Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies

Senior Professor J.M.D. Ariyaratna Joined University as Assistant Lecturer on 15.07.1983. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 01.01.1993 and on 01.01.1999 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I. Senior Professor J.M.D. Ariyaratna was promoted to Professor on 10.12.2012 and currently serves as Senior Professor on 10.12.2020 in the Department of Accountancy in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

3. EMERITUS PROFESSORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA



Ven.(Prof.) Kuala Lumpur Dhammajothi Thero



Prof. Ranil Fernando



Prof. K. I. Deen



Prof. A. Pathmeswaran

4. VICE CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS

4.1 Medals for The Vice Chancellor's Award for Brought Honor to the University by Winning Prestigious National or International Awards and to Academic Staff Who Have Provided Commendable Service to the University 2023



Prof. (Mrs.) Nilanthi de Silva
Senior Professor
Vice Chancellor



Prof. A. R. Wickremasinghe
Department of Public Health
Faculty of Medicine



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



Prof. A. P. Premawardhena
Department of Medicine
Faculty of Medicine



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



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



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



Prof. (Mrs.) Y. I. N. S. Gunawardana
Department of Molecular Medicine Unit
Faculty of Medicine



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



Prof. S. S. Williams
Department of Psychiatry
Faculty of Medicine



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



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



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



Prof. M. A. Niriella
Department of Medicine
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. (Mrs.) K. T. A. A. Kasthuriratne
Department of Public Health
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. (Mrs.) S. P. Sumanasena
Department of Disability Studies
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. (Mrs.) G. P. G. M. D. Hapugoda
Department of Molecular Medicine Unit
Faculty of Medicine



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



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



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



Prof. S. T. de Silva
Department of Medicine
Faculty of Medicine



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



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



Prof. D. Rathnayake
Department of Modern Language
Faculty of Humanities



Prof. P. S. Perera
Department of Biochemistry & Clinical Chemistry
Faculty of Medicine



Prof. (Mrs.) D. A. D. A. Daranagama
Department of Plant and Molecular Biology
Faculty of Science



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



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



Dr. (Mrs.) W. P. T. Hansameenu
Department of Mathematics
Faculty of Science



Dr. (Mrs.) N. H. Manamperi
Department of Parasitology
Faculty of Medicine



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



Mr. H.L.Perera

Staff Technical Officer Grade (I I)

Department of Medicine

Faculty of Medicine



4.2 The Outstanding Researchers

4.2.1. Faculty of Medicine

a. First Place



Prof. 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 Pediatrics from the University of Colombo and was Board Certified as a Specialist in Pediatrics in 2013. In 2012, he won the Commonwealth Scholarship UK to read for a DPhil in Clinical Laboratory Sciences at the University of Oxford, which he completed in 2015. He is an elected Fellow of the Royal College of Pediatric and Child Health and the Royal College of Physicians in London and Edinburgh in the UK. Professor Mettananda joined the University of Kelaniya in 2006 as a Lecturer (Probationary) and was promoted to the post of Professor in 2019. Currently, he is the Professor of Pediatrics and the Head of the Department of Pediatrics at University of Kelaniya.

In 2023, he authored 16 scientific publications in peer-reviewed indexed journals that include *Nature Communications* (IF-16.6), *Clinical Endocrinology* (IF-3.2), *BMC Pediatrics* (IF-2.4), *Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition* (IF- 1.9), *The Lancet Regional Health Western Pacific* (IF-7.1), and *BMC Infectious Diseases* (IF-3.7). Additionally, he co-authored the two book chapters for *Springer Nature and Elsevier*. He has an h-index of 19 and is currently an editorial board member of *BMC Pediatrics*, *Ceylon Medical Journal* and *Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health*. He was also ranked among the top 2% of Scientists in the World by the Stanford University in the USA.

b. Second Place



Prof. W.M.M.L.Chandradasa

Department of Psychiatry

Faculty of Medicine

Miyuru Chandradasa MBBS MRCPsych MD is a Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist attached to the Colombo North Teaching Hospital in Ragama, Sri Lanka and a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Kelaniya.

Prof Chandradasa previously worked as a Senior Honorary Lecturer at Monash University in Australia. He has obtained child psychotherapy training from the University of Melbourne.

He is the first board-certified child and adolescent psychiatrist affiliated with the University of Kelaniya. He has won National Research Council, Senate, and Vice-Chancellor awards for his research on child mental health in Sri Lanka.

Prof Chandradasa has published 100 articles in peer-reviewed international and local journals over the last decade.

He is the immediate past president of the Sri Lanka College of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists and the current head of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Kelaniya.

c. Merit Awards



Prof. H.T.C.S. Abeysena

Department of Public Health

Faculty of Medicine

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

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

He served as the Chairperson of the Board of Study in Multidisciplinary Studies related to Health, University of Kelaniya, Chairperson of the Board of Study in Community Medicine, in the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, and as an examiner for more than 56 postgraduate exams in the PGIM. He successfully supervised more than 30 MSc, MPhil, MD dissertations and thesis.

Professor Abeysena was the President of the College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka in 2016/2017. He is the coordinator of the South Asian Cochrane Network, and pioneered the practice of promoting evidence-based medicine in Sri Lanka. He is also a member of the International Guidelines Network. He had been awarded the Outstanding Senior Researcher of the Faculty of Medicine in 2018 2019, 2020 and 2021 as well.



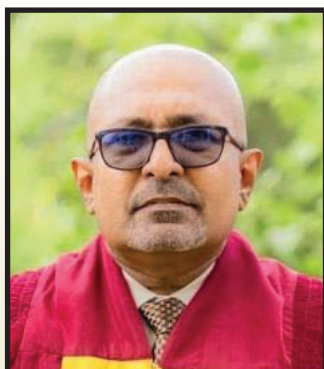
Prof. K.C.D. Mettananda
Department of Pharmacology
Faculty of Medicine

Professor Chamila Mettananda, MBBS, MD, PhD, MRCP is a compassionate clinician and an academic. She completed her post graduate training in Acute General Medicine at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, UK and Stroke research at the Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Oxford. She is a board-certified specialist in General Medicine and is currently a Professor in the Department of Pharmacology, University of Kelaniya. Her research interests are cardiovascular epidemiology, stroke, diabetes and clinical trials. She has numerous publications with over 2000 citations. She is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, American College of Physicians and Ceylon College of Physicians. She served as the joint-Secretary of the Sri Lankan Society of Internal Medicine (2018), the joint-Secretary of the Ceylon College of Physicians (2021), and the Secretary of the Specialty Board in Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics at the Postgraduate institute of Medicine (2018 to 2022) and the secretary of the Sri Lankan Association of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (2021-20123).



4.2.2. Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

a. First Place



Prof. A.C. de Alwis

Department of Human Resource Management

Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Dr. Chamaru De Alwis, PhD, completed a specialized degree program in Business Administration at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura in 1994, followed by a Master of Science (MSc) in Management from the same university. In 2012, he earned his PhD from Tomas Bata University in Zlin, Czech Republic, EU. Drawing on practical experience in various multidisciplinary roles, he joined the University of Kelaniya in 2007 as a senior lecturer and was later promoted to professor in the Human Resources Management department in 2017.

Throughout his tenure at the university, Dr. De Alwis has held several important positions, including vice chancellor nominee for the Research Council, head of the department, and editor-in-chief of the Kelaniya Journal of Human Resource Management. He has also coordinated various programs, such as the Master of Business Administration, Master of Health Service Management, and Higher Diploma in Human Resource Management. Additionally, he served as the Director of the University's Career Guidance Unit from 2017-2018 and is a member of the subject committee – “Human Resource Management” – at the University Grants Commission Sri Lanka.

Acting as a PhD thesis supervisor, Dr. De Alwis has contributed to students' academic development at Malaysia's Management and Science University and Malaysia's Quest International University Perak. Furthermore, he has served as a PhD thesis reviewer for numerous international and domestic universities, including Gujral Punjab Technical Institute in India, Bharathiar University in Coimbatore, India, Birla Institute of Technology in Mersa Ranchi (Deemed University), Sant Baba Bhang Singh University in Jalandhar, India, Lovely Professional University in Phagwara, India, and the University of Jaffna in Sri Lanka.

Dr. De Alwis began his scientific career in 2007 after eleven years of industry experience and has since published over 20 impactful journal articles, especially in Scopus/Web of Science, ESCI (Emerging Sources Citation Index), DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals), EBSCO,

ABDC (Australian Business Deans Council) Journal Quality List, SCImago Journal & Country Rank, Sage Publications, and Emerald Group Publishing journals. Additionally, he has authored three textbooks, three book chapters, and two scholarly books, including his most recent work titled "Sustainable Management Practices for Building Resilient Businesses," available on Amazon.

In his role as a research paper reviewer, Dr. De Alwis has worked with various esteemed journals such as FIIB Business Review (India), Thai Journal of Agricultural Science - Kasetsart University (Thailand), Journal of the University of Ruhuna, Colombo Business Journal, Wayamba Journal of Management, Kelaniya Journal of Management, Postgraduate Journal of Management - Journal of Kalyana, and Journal of the University of Ruhuna (JUR).

Dr. De Alwis has been recognized for his outstanding research contributions, receiving the university's Most Outstanding Researcher award in 2015, 2016, and 2017 (1st runner-up) and his own merit award in 2022. He has also received several university senate awards for his articles in indexed journals. Additionally, he has won best paper awards at conferences and received best reviewer awards. In 2018, he was honored with the Academic Leadership Award from the Toc H Institute of Science and Technology in Kerala, India.

Dr. De Alwis has chaired the Human Resource Management track at several international conferences hosted by esteemed local and international universities, including the University of Jaffna, the University of Wayamba, the University of Ruhuna, the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, the University of Sabaragamuwa, the FIIB Institute (India), Jain University (India), and Bhavans Royal Institute of Management (India).

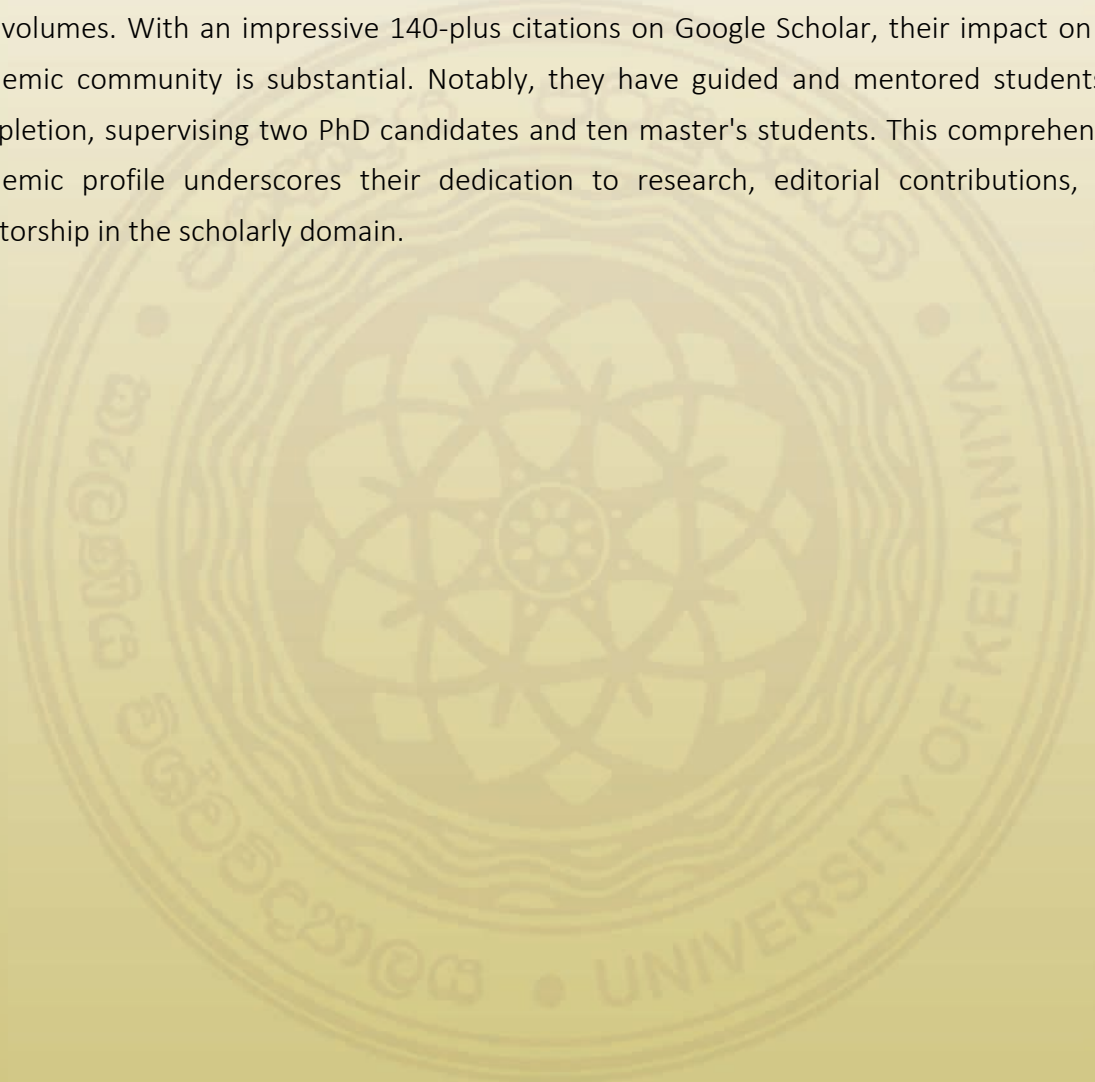
He has delivered three keynote speeches at international conferences organized by institutions such as a polytechnic in Pozega, Croatia, ERASMUS+, Jain (Deemed to be) University (India), Jawaharlal Business School (India), and Bhavans Royal Institute of Management (India).

Dr. De Alwis has achieved an h-index of 12 and has received over 735 citations on Google Scholar. These accomplishments qualify him as a tier four-star researcher, as per UGC Circular 5/2018. He has been recognized as one of the Top 100 Google Scholars at the University of Kelaniya. According to the World Scientist and University Ranking 2022, he is among the top 20 Sri Lankan scientists in the field of business and management. Additionally, according to the AD scientific index, he is the third most cited researcher in Human Resource Management at his institution and ranks ninth among all institutions on the island.

Dr. De Alwis secured ERASMUS+ funding from the European Union for international teaching

at the Polytechnique in Pozega, Croatia. His research interests primarily revolve around Human Resource Management, Family Business, and Total Quality Management.

In the year 2023, the academic accomplishments of this individual have been notably prolific. Demonstrating a commitment to scholarly excellence, they have successfully published three research papers in esteemed indexed journals such as ABDC, DOAJ, EBSCO, Web of Science (Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Sciences Citation Index), and Scopus. Additionally, the individual has contributed significantly to the academic discourse with four journal papers published in double-blind peer-reviewed journals. Moreover, their editorial leadership is evident as the Editor-in-Chief of the Kelaniya Journal of Human Resource Management, overseeing two volumes, Volume 17 (2) in December 2022 and Volume 18 (1) in June 2023. Furthermore, their involvement extends to serving as a Member of the Editorial Board for the Kelaniya Journal of Management and the International Journal of Vallis Aurea, each spanning two volumes. With an impressive 140-plus citations on Google Scholar, their impact on the academic community is substantial. Notably, they have guided and mentored students to completion, supervising two PhD candidates and ten master's students. This comprehensive academic profile underscores their dedication to research, editorial contributions, and mentorship in the scholarly domain.



b. Second Place



Prof. H.A.K.N.S. Surangi

Department of Commerce and Financial Management

Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

H.A.K.N.S. Surangi is a Professor in Entrepreneurship in the Department of Commerce and Financial Management at the University of Kelaniya. She has more than 17 years of experience as a Lecturer in the entrepreneurship field. She holds a Bachelor's degree in B Com from the University of Peradeniya with First-class honors, M Phill degree in Entrepreneurship from the University of Peradeniya. She gained her PhD in Entrepreneurship from the University of Lincoln, United Kingdom. Her research mainly focuses on but is not limited to, female entrepreneurship, entrepreneurial networking, social capital, entrepreneurial learning, and small business development. Surangi's research interests also span across areas such as ethnic minority and immigrant entrepreneurship. She has published in several indexed journals. She regularly reviews papers for top-ranked journals and currently supervises two PhD students. She is a recipient of the best paper award, the Vice Chancellor Award for the outstanding researcher, and the outstanding reviewer award at several research conferences held nationally and internationally. Between 2019-2021 she was appointed as a M Com Coordinator at the Department of Commerce and Financial Management. She is the current Director of the faculty (Commerce and Management studies) quality assurance cell.

c. Merit Awards



Prof. K.K. Thilakasiri

Department of Accountancy

Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies

Prof. Kamal Tilakasiri obtained his B. Com (Special) degree in the Department of Commerce from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka. He joined the faculty of Commerce and Management studies at the University of Kelaniya in 1996 as a probationary lecturer. After obtaining his MSc in Management from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, he enrolled at Victoria University, for a Ph.D. in Melbourne, Australia. He got the IRQUE World Bank project and N-cash UGC Sri Lanka funds for his PhD. He received his PhD in 2013. After obtaining the doctoral degree he worked again in the Department of Accountancy. And worked as a Senior Lecturer at the Kothalawala Defense University in Sri Lanka, for two years period on his sabbatical leave. Professor Tilakasiri was the head of the department during the period 2018-2021. He published two full papers in peer-reviewed Scopus-indexed journals, eight papers in a peer-reviewed non-indexed journal, and many abstracts. So far, he has published about 25 research papers in many indexed journals and many abstracts. Tilakasiri was promoted to professor in 2019, and his research interests are corporate governance, corporate social responsibility, money laundering, terrorist financing, and many management accounting fields.

4.2.3. Faculty of Science

a. First Place



Prof. (Mrs.) L. D. Amarasinghe

Department of Zoology & 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. Currently, she serves as a professor in the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management, the University of Kelaniya. Her research mainly involves Parasitology, Plant Nematology & applied and Medical Entomology. During the year of consideration, 2021/2022, 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 15, according to Google Scholar ranking.

b. Second Place



Prof. D.S.M.de Silva

Department of Chemistry

Faculty of Science

DSM De Silva, BSc (Kelaniya), earned her PhD in Engineering Materials from the University of Sheffield, UK. She has served in the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya, since 1996. Her current research focuses on the development of photovoltaic materials & devices for solar energy applications, manufacture of biochar for water purification and analysis of microplastics in water & sediments. During the period considered for this award, she secured 15 million LKR funding from the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (*Cefas*), under the Ocean Country Partnership Programme (OCP) of the Blue Planet Fund, U.K., authored 3-SCI indexed, 4-referred non-indexed journal publications and 12-abstract publications in international conferences. Further, during the period of consideration an MPhil & 2-MSc research projects were completed under her supervision, and she is currently supervising 1-PhD, 5-MPhils and 4-MScs candidates. In the Vice-Chancellor's awards ceremony held in 2022, she won three awards: for securing a patent, as the recipient of the highest amount of external research grants in the faculty and a merit award under the Best Researcher category.

c. Merit Award



Prof. P.A. Paranagama
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Professor Priyani Ashoka Paranagama graduated from the University of Kelaniya in 1986 with an honors degree in Chemistry. She joined the University of Kelaniya in 1990 as an Assistant Lecturer and proceeded to Industrial and Technological Institute to obtain her M.Phil. degree in Organic Chemistry in 1991. She obtained her Ph.D. from University of Glasgow in 1994 in the area of Bio Organic Chemistry. After returning to Sri Lanka, she initiated her independent research work on natural product chemistry. In 2003 she was promoted as a professor and subsequently in 2011 as Senior Professor, and in 2012 to Chair of Chemistry. She has completed 33 years of service to the University of Kelaniya. She was appointed as the Director, Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo from 10th February 2018 to 28th February 2023. She served as the Dean, College of Chemical Sciences, and Institute of Chemistry Ceylon from June 2016 to October 2017. From 2009 to 2012 she served as the Head of the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya. She is a fellow of Institute of Chemistry, Ceylon (successor to the Chemical Society of Sri Lanka) and a Chartered Chemist (CCChem), Royal Society of Chemistry. She is a member of several professional bodies in Sri Lanka. She participated in the conference organized by The World Academy of Science (TWAS) on shaping careers in science in 2016. Moreover, she was awarded the Dr. C.L de Silva Gold medal for outstanding research in Chemical Sciences in 2015 and Prof M U S Sultanbawa gold medal for achievements in her research career in 2008. She is a recipient of several national and international research grants and awards. She has published over 68 research papers in indexed journals, written or edited 11 books / book chapters and published over 140 communications. She has successfully supervised over 26 postgraduate students and is currently supervising eight postgraduate students in many different areas of chemistry. Her research interests are isolation and characterization of bioactive natural products from plants and endolichenic fungi, development of biopesticides, standardization of indigenous medicine and value addition of natural products. She is involved in teaching spectroscopic methods in Organic Chemistry, Natural Product Chemistry and Applied Organic Chemistry.



Prof. N.A.K.P.J. Seneviratne

Department of Chemistry

Faculty of Science

Professor Kapila Seneviratne is a Senior Professor in the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya. Professor Kapila Seneviratne received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka in 1990. He graduated with a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Wayne State University, USA in 1997 and did his postdoctoral studies in the Department of Chemistry, University of British Columbia, Canada. Prof. Seneviratne is also a Commonwealth Fellow at the University of Leeds, UK, and a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA. His research interests are chemical and nutritional properties of edible oils and bioavailability of phenolic antioxidants. He has received the Esther and Stanley Kirschner Award from Wayne State University, USA, the Dr. C.L. de Silva Gold Medal Award from the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon, President's awards for scientific publications, SUSRED Awards from National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka, and Vice Chancellor Awards for Best Inventor 2020 and 2021, Researcher with Most Publications from Internal Grants 2021, Outstanding Senior Researcher Merit 2021 and Recipient of Highest Grants in the Faculty of Science 2020 for his research achievements.

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



Prof. G. A. S. M. Ganehiarachchi

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

Professor G.A.S.M Ganehiarachchi is a Professor in the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management, University of Kelaniya. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Zoology in 1991 and MPhil degree in Entomology in 1997 from the University of Kelaniya. In 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 third consecutive year of receiving the outstanding Researcher in the Faculty of Science Merit award.



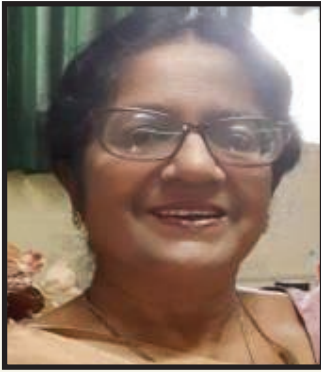
Prof. N. Jayathilaka

Department of Chemistry

Faculty of Science

Prof. Nimanthi Jayathilaka earned her B.Sc. (Honors) degree in Cell and Molecular Biology from University of Wisconsin, Superior, U.S.A in 2003 and earned her Ph. D. degree from the University of Southern California, U.S.A in Genetics, Molecular and Cell Biology in 2011. Following postdoctoral studies at University of California, San Diego, in December 2012, she joined University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka as a Senior Lecturer in Chemistry and was promoted to the position of Professor in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry in 2016. Her current studies extend to developing novel point-of-care tools for diagnosis of dengue infections and early prognosis of severe dengue. Further, her research involves computational, cellular, molecular, and biochemical analysis of inhibition of oxidative damage of macromolecules and food deterioration as well as investigating the effect of edible oils on the absorption of small polar antioxidants through passive paracellular permeation in cellular and animal model systems.

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



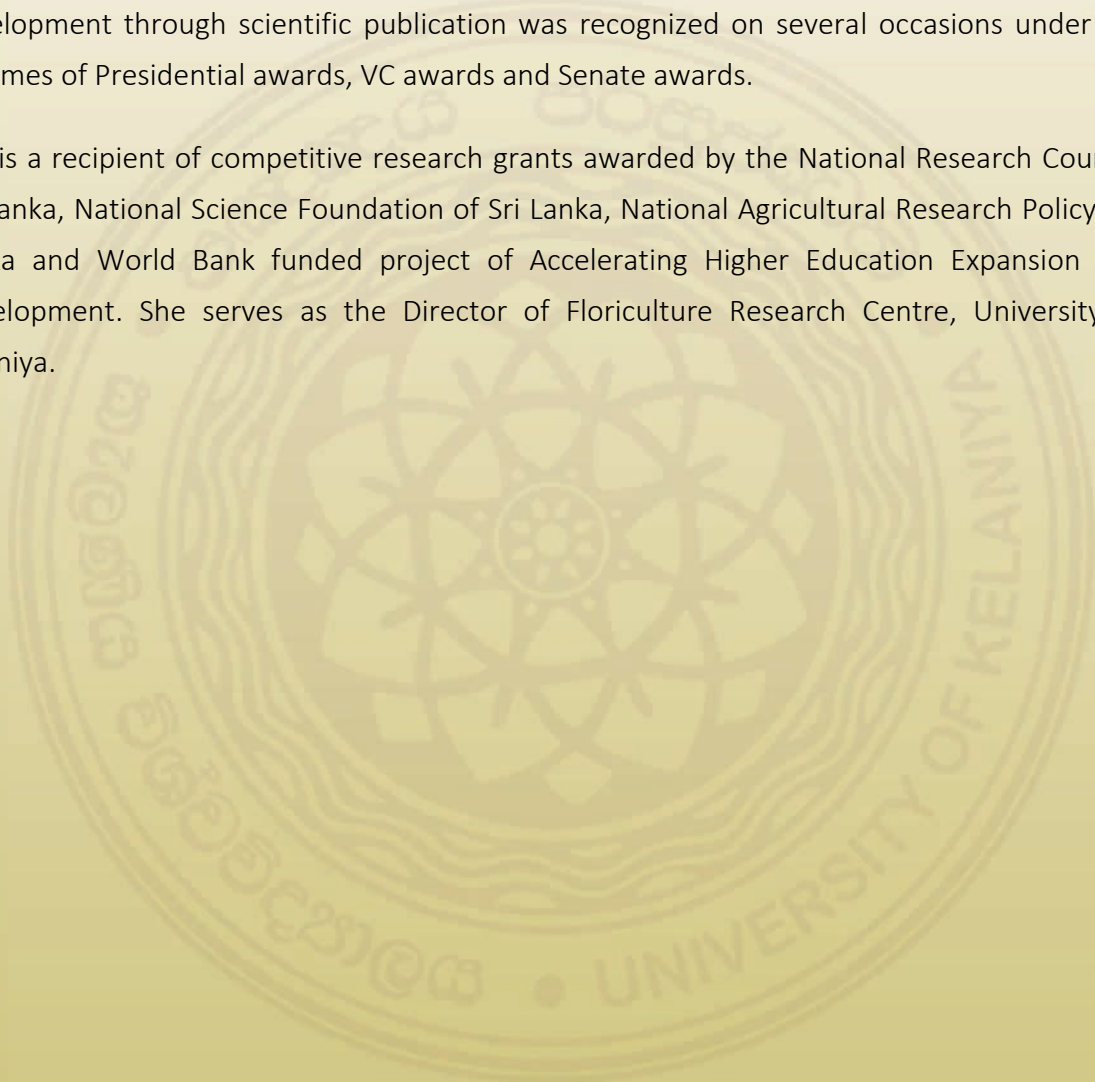
Prof. R.A.S.P. Senanayaka

Department of Plant and Molecular Biology

Faculty of Science

Prof Priyanganie Senanayake has obtained her BSc (Special) Degree in Botany from University of Kelaniya and MPhil in Chemosystematics from University of Reading, UK. She serves in the position of Professor in the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya. Her research interests are in the field of plant systematics, phylogeny inferences, chemotaxonomy and crop quality improvement. Her contribution to the research and development through scientific publication was recognized on several occasions under the schemes of Presidential awards, VC awards and Senate awards.

She is a recipient of competitive research grants awarded by the National Research Council, Sri Lanka, National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka, National Agricultural Research Policy, Sri Lanka and World Bank funded project of Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development. She serves as the Director of Floriculture Research Centre, University of Kelaniya.





Prof.W.M.J.I. Wijayanayake

Department of Industrial Management

Faculty of Science

Prof. Janaka Wijayanayake is a Professor in the Department of Industrial Management, Faculty of Science of the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. He received his PhD in Management Information Systems from Tokyo Institute of Technology Japan in 2001. He holds a Bachelor of Science Honours degree in Industrial Management from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka and Master of Engineering degree in Industrial Engineering and Management from Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan. His research interests are in the areas of Information System, Enterprise Architecture, Software Engineering, Business Intelligence, and Information Security.

Prof. Wijayanayake has rendered his services to the Ministry of Education, National Institute of Education and University Grants Commission in policy matters and planning for Information and Communication Technology education in Sri Lanka. He has also worked as a consultant to many international and government organizations and provided consultancy on Information Systems development and implementations.

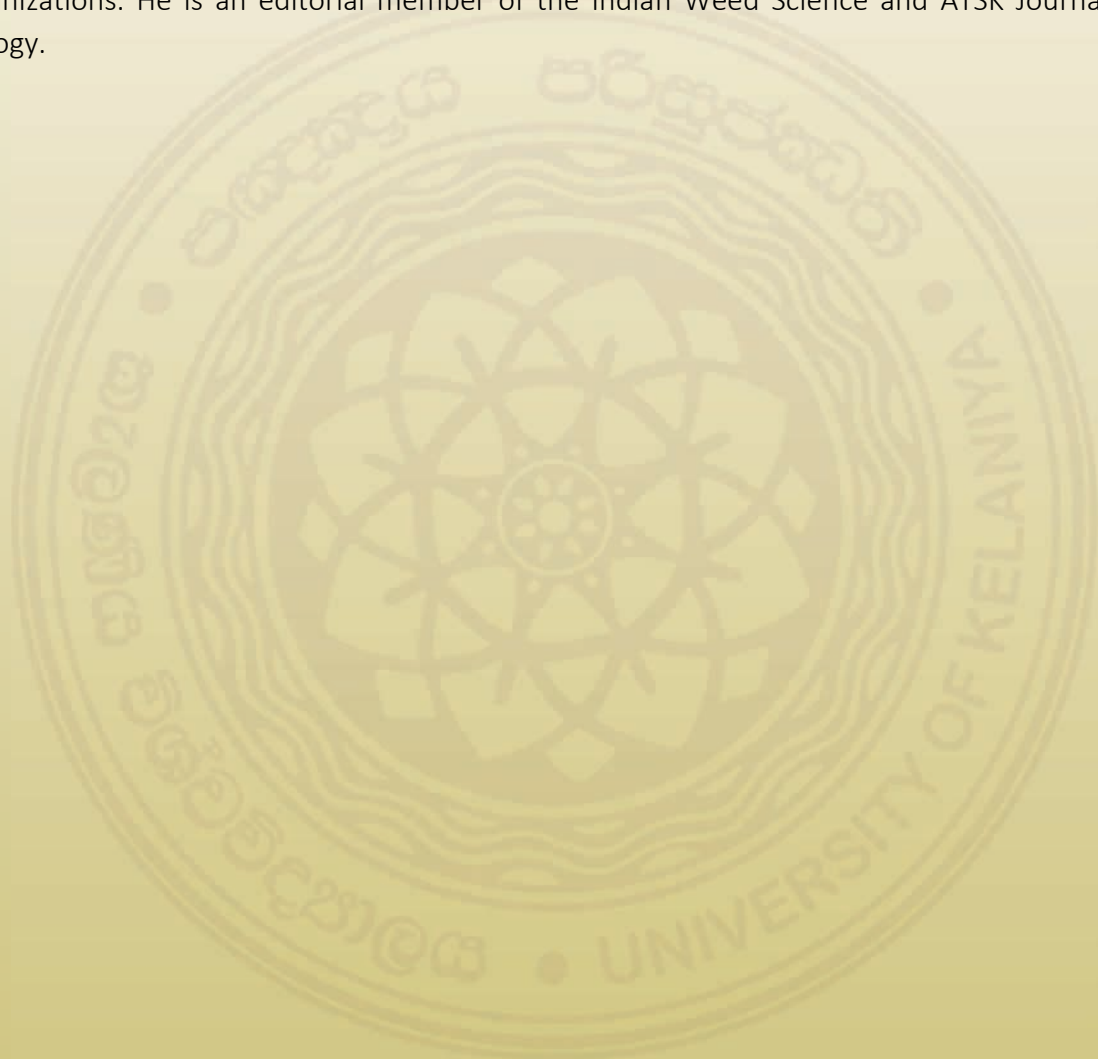


Prof. U.P.K. Epa

Department of Zoology & 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. P.A.S.R. Wickramarachchi

Department of Chemistry

Faculty of Science

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

Prof. Wickramarachchi's research interests are in the fields of natural products and nanotechnology. Currently she is working on micro/nano encapsulation of bioactive compounds as biopesticides and also focusing on green synthesis of silver nanoparticles and their toxicity on targeted and non-targeted organisms. These research works are collaborations with the Western Carolina University, USA and National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, India.

During the year 2023 Prof. Wickramarachchi has published three full papers in peer reviewed indexed journals and her review paper was published in high impact factor (IF = 15) journal. Her research career has been recognized previously too by several awards including SUSRED AWRDS 2016, Outstanding Senior Researcher of the Faculty of Science (2nd place) 2019, Researcher with the most number of publications from University of Kelaniya research grant, 2019 and 2022 and Outstanding Senior Researcher (Merit) award since 2021 & 2022.



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

Department of Plant and Molecular Biology

Faculty of Science

Prof. B T S D P Kannangara who was appointed as a probationary lecturer in 1994, is attached 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 13 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 award for the same in the year 2022. Apart from that prof. Kannangara has obtained many senate awards for national and international publications in indexed journals.



Prof. R.M.C.S. Rathnayake

Department of Plant and Molecular biology

Faculty of Science

Professor R. M. C. S. Rathnayake is a professor in Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya. He obtained his B.Sc. (Botany) Special degree from the University of Peradeniya in 1994. He earned his M.Phil. from the Post Graduate Institute of Science, Peradeniya, in 2001 in "forest regeneration and soil characterization in Hantana forests, Sri Lanka". He received his PhD in "plant reproductive biology" at the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong in 2005. He joined the University of Kelaniya as a lecturer in 1995 and subsequently was promoted to professor in Plant and Molecular Biology in 2019. His research activities include reproductive biology and pollination ecology of plants, organic soil amendments, plant ecology and forest regeneration and alien invasive plants in Sri Lanka. He supervised some postgraduate students for their PhD, M.Phil., and M.Sc. degrees. He has published over 20 research publications in peer-reviewed journals indexed in Sci Citation Index, Scopus, Clarivate Analytics, Web of Science and SciMago. He has mastered more than 70 abstracts in international and national conference proceedings. Professor Rathnayake served as the secretary and committee member of the Institute of Biology for several years. He has contributed to research activities at the university level by securing several research grants (NFS, NRC, NAGOA foundation in Japan, Ministry of Environment, and some university grants. Professor Rathnayake is a Chartered biologist and a fellow at the Institute of Biology, Sri Lanka. He is serving as the head of the department in the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology from 2021.



Prof. K. P. R. N. Attanayake

Department of Plant & Molecular Biology

Faculty of Science

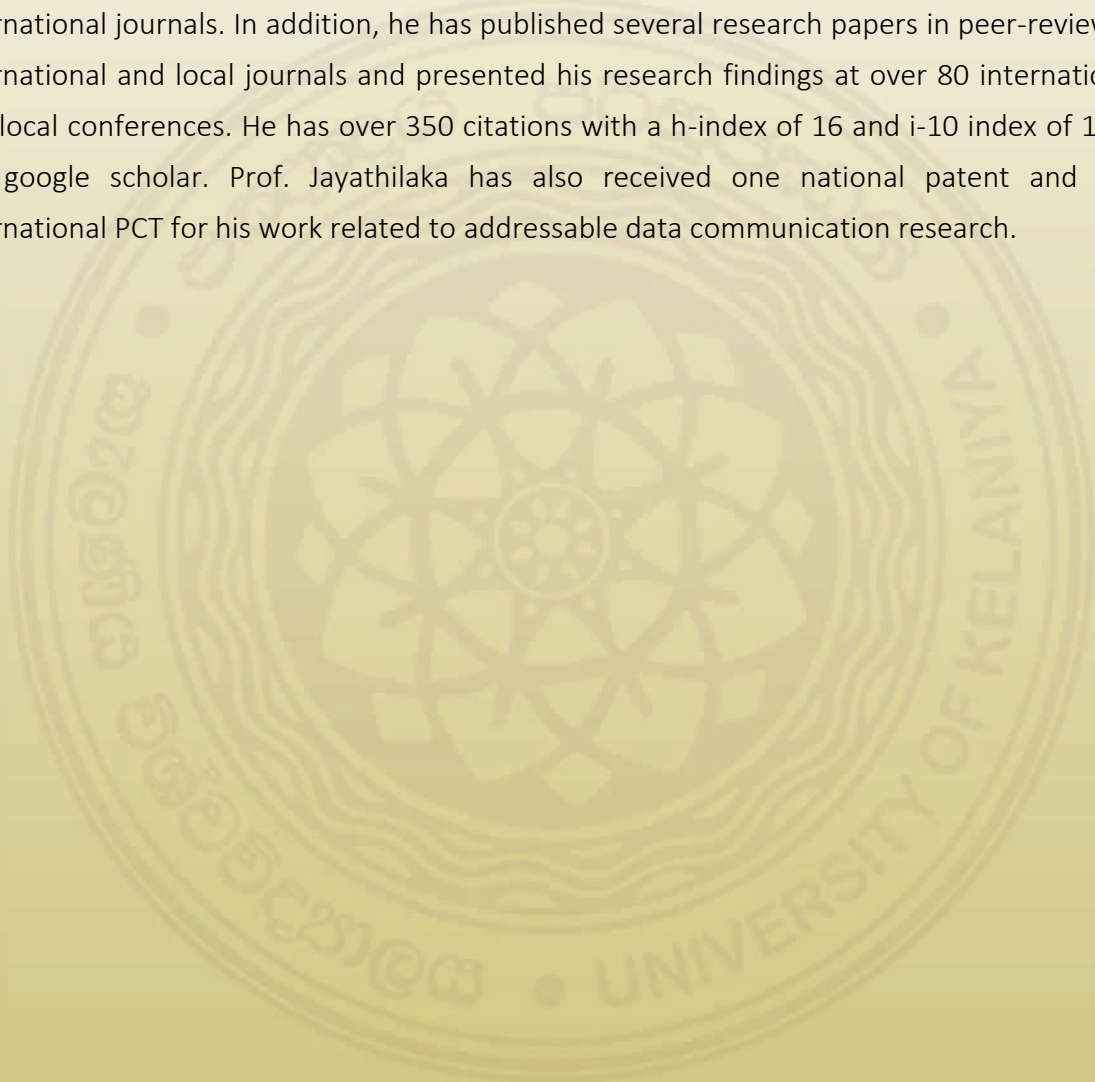
Prof. Renuka Attanayake obtained her BSc (Special) degree in Botany (Department of Plant and Molecular Biology) from the University of Kelaniya. After obtaining her MSc and Ph.D. from Washington State University, WA, USA she joined the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya in 2013 as a senior lecturer. Since then, she was able to secure funding from the American Phyto pathological Society, USA, National Science Foundation (NSF) Sri Lanka, National Research Council (NRC), Ministry of Science Technology and Research, The World Academy of Science (TWAS), International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), Italy and from TRANSFORM-2018, UK for her research.

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



Prof. K.M.D.C. Jayathilaka
Department of Physics & 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 350 citations with a h-index of 16 and i-10 index of 12 in the google scholar. Prof. Jayathilaka has also received one national patent and one international PCT for his work related to addressable data communication research.





Prof. I.V.N. Rathnayake
Department of Microbiology
Faculty of Science

Prof. (Mrs.) I.V.N. Rathnayake obtained her B.Sc. (Hons.) in Microbiology from the University of Kelaniya with a First Class Honours. She received her M.Sc. in Environmental Engineering from the National University of Singapore, and Ph.D. in Environmental Remediation and Public Health from the University of South Australia. She has been serving in the Department of Microbiology, University of Kelaniya since 2004. Her research interests include environmental risk assessment, bioremediation, aero microbiology and microbial technology.

During the year 2023, she has co-authored 4 full papers published in peer-reviewed scientific journals, been a co-author for 03 international conference presentations, and has over 70 citations for her published work. Other researchers have cited her publications more than 448 times and have an h-index of 7.





Prof. N.V. Chandrasekara

Department of Statistics and 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 96 publications, including 1 book chapter, 48 abstracts and extended abstracts, 17 full papers at national and international conference proceedings and 30 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 ResearchGate.

She has won several awards including SLAAS GRC Postgraduate Research Award 2018 Section E1 (Merit) awarded by the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science, Vice Chancellors award for the outstanding young researcher of the Faculty of Science - 2nd place in 2022, outstanding researcher of the Faculty of Science – Merit 2021, outstanding early carrier researcher of the Faculty of Science - 2nd place in 2019 and Senate Honours for conducting high quality research in the years 2016, 2017 (two), 2019 (two), 2020, 2021 and 2022 (three), 2023 by the University of Kelaniya. She served as a scientific reviewer and co-chaired several national and international research conferences and journals. Currently she is the chief editor of the Sri Lankan Journal of Applied Statistics and an editorial board member of the International Journal of data mining, modeling and management. Further, she serves the Institute of Applied Statistics (IASL) as the editor and holds MIASSL.

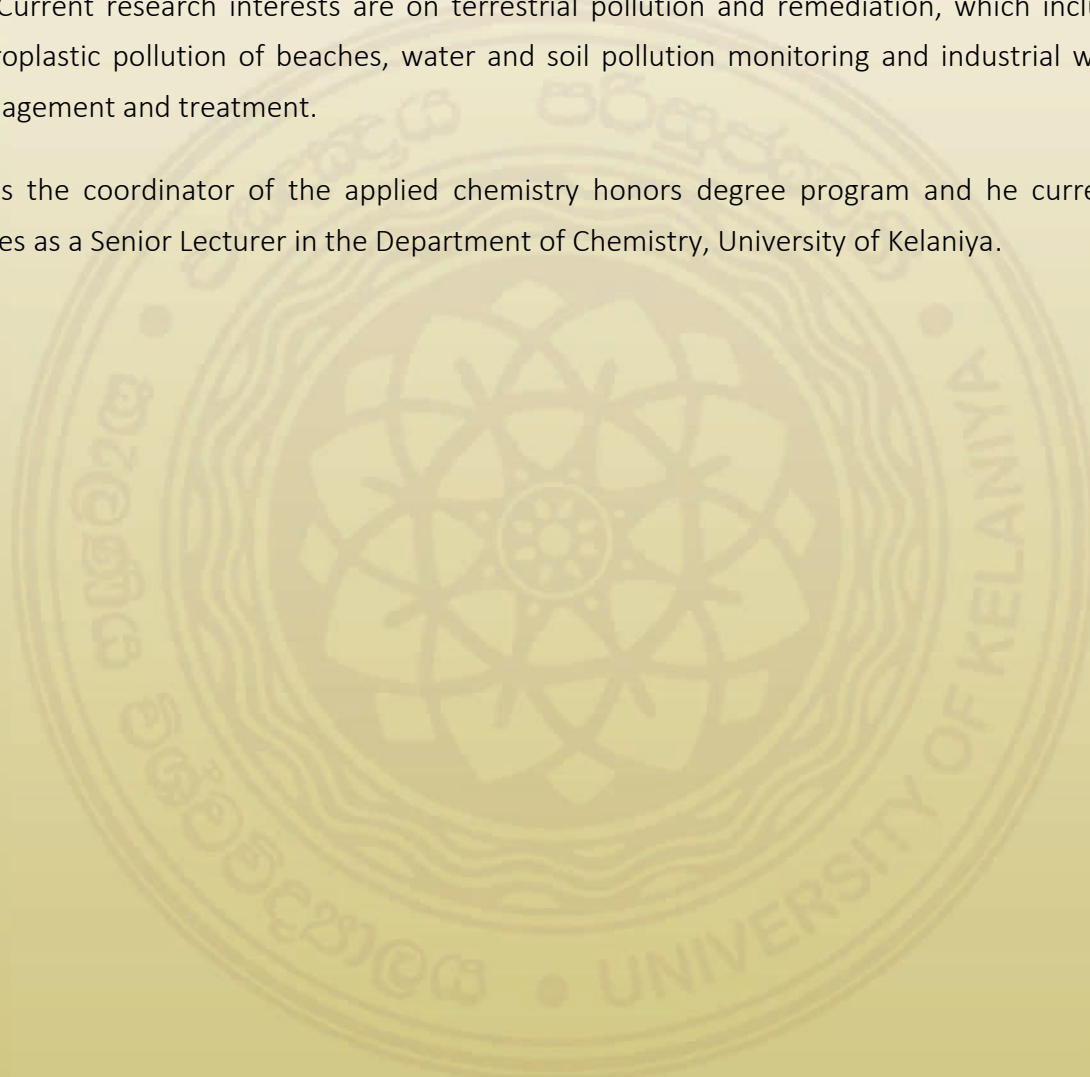


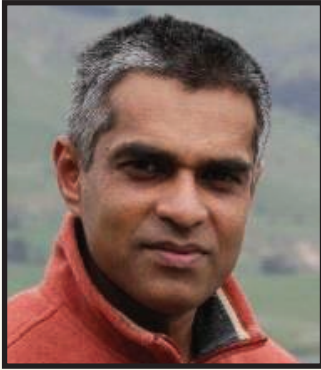
Dr. R.C.L.de Silva
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

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. A.P.R. Wickramarachchi
Department of Industrial Management
Faculty of Science

Dr Ruwan Wickramarachchi is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Industrial Management, Faculty of Science of the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. He received his PhD in Computer Simulation from Sheffield Hallam University, UK and MPhil in Information Systems from the University of Cambridge, UK. He holds a Bachelor of Science Honours degree in Industrial Management from the University of Kelaniya. His research interests are in the areas of Information Systems, Enterprise Systems, Technology Project Management, Digital Transformation and Information Technology Management.

Dr Wickramarachchi has rendered his services to the Department of Examinations, the University Grants Commission, the Export Development Board, etc.





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

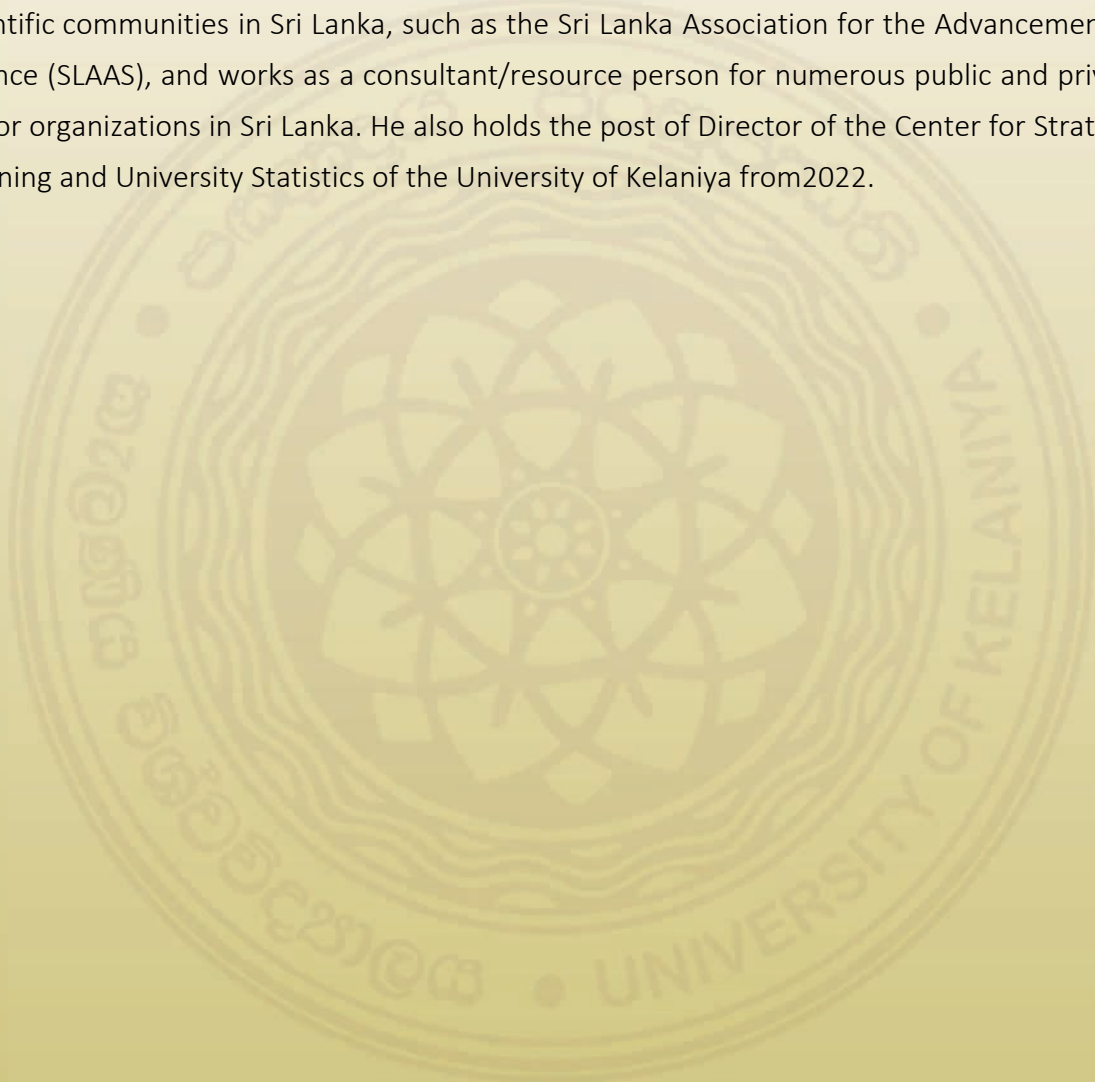
Dr. M.P.Deeyamulla joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/08/1997. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 23/07/2005 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 25/07/2012 in the Department of Chemistry in the Faculty of Science.





Dr. R.A.C.P. Rajapakse
Department of Industrial Management
Faculty of Science

Dr. Chathura Rajapakse is an artificial intelligence enthusiast, researcher and senior lecturer currently attached to the Department of Industrial Management of the Faculty of Science. Having earned his Doctor of Engineering and Master of Engineering degrees in computational intelligence, he has been engaged with several applied research projects in artificial intelligence, blockchains, and data science since 2010. 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 organizations 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.H.M. Herath

Department of Plant & Molecular Biology

Faculty of Science

Dr. Harshini Herath is a senior lecturer in the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya. She obtained B. Sc. (Special) degree in Botany from the University of Kelaniya. Then she joined the Plant Biotechnology Research Group at the State Agricultural Biotechnology Center (SABC), Murdoch University, Western Australia where she completed her PhD degree in Plant Biotechnology, with the sponsorship of Endeavour Postgraduate Awards, Australia. In 2023 she co-authored three research papers published in peer-reviewed, indexed journals and four abstracts published in conference proceedings. She has secured research grants awarded by the University of Kelaniya, National Research Council (NRC), Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) operation and The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS). She has won a President's Award for Scientific Research and senate awards for publishing in SCIE and Scopus indexed journals. She has supervised several MSc and MPhil students.





Dr. R.P. Wanigatunge

Department of Plant and Molecular Biology

Faculty of Science

Dr. Rasika Wanigatunge obtained her BSc (Special) Degree in Botany from the University of Ruhuna in 2005. After obtaining her Ph.D. from the University of Colombo, she joined the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya as a Senior Lecturer in 2017. Her research interests are in molecular systematics in cyanobacteria and algae, cyanotoxins, extremophilic microbes, and applied phycology. She has published 15 research papers in peer-reviewed, international and local journals, six book chapters, and over 48 abstracts in international and national scientific sessions. Dr. Wanigatunge has supervised five postgraduate (MPhil and MSc) and more than 12 undergraduate research students.

She has received several Senate Awards and Cash Prizes for scientific publications in the years 2021, 2022, and 2023. Also, she received 1st place in Outstanding Early Career Researcher of the Faculty of Science in the year 2021 at the Vice-Chancellor's award ceremony. Further, she received an investigator-driven research grant awarded by the National Research Council in 2022, a Sri Lanka-China collaborative research grant from the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka in 2019, and an Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development - Development Oriented Research (AHED-DOR) grant in 2019. Dr. Wanigatunge served as the secretary of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) Section B (Agriculture and Forestry) in 2021 and, the Environment Committee in the year 2022. Further, she served as the president of the SLAAS Section B for the year 2023.



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

Dr. C. C. 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 2022-2023, Dr. Kadigamuwa published four full papers including three research articles published in journals indexed in Science Citation Index. Also, he has published 10 abstracts during 2022-2023. In addition, in 2023, he authored two book chapters in John Wiley and Sons, Inc., and National Science and Technology Commission (NASTEC), Sri Lanka Young Scientists Forum (YSF). Further, two MSc students were produced under his supervision. Furthermore, Dr. Kadigamuwa was the Conference Chair of the 4th International Conference on Applied and Pure Sciences 2023 (ICAPS 2023) and the Chief Editor of the 11th Young Scientist Forum Symposium (YSF) in 2023.



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

Department of Plant & 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. She holds a B.Sc. (Hons) degree in Botany from the University of Kelaniya and MPhil in Botany from the same University. Then, she earned her PhD in Hydrobiology from the Institute of Hydrobiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China. In 2021, she joined the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya as a senior lecturer. She was a consultant of the biodiversity team at IUCN, Sri Lanka. She worked as an Assistant Editor at the Institute of Biology, Sri Lanka, from 2013 to 2015. Currently, she is a member of the Ethics Review Committee of the Medical Research Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka, a member of the scientific committee of the Mangrove Museum, Sri Lanka, an executive advisor of SustainWISH, Knowledge Mag and a member of the Asian Otter network of the International Otter Survival Fund (IOSF), UK. In 2021, she was awarded a President's Award for Scientific Research in Sri Lanka.



4.2.4. Faculty of Social Sciences



Dr. N.P.D. Padmakanthi
Department of Economics
Faculty of Social Sciences

Dr. N.P. Dammika Padmakanthi is a senior lecturer in the Department of Economics. She was awarded her B.A (Honours 1st class) degree in Economics and an MPhil degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Peradeniya. She completed another master's degree in economics with a research component at the National University of Singapore. She obtained her PhD degree in the field of Economics from the Saga University in Japan. She has published a number of research papers in national and international journals, including high-impact journals. She has served as deputy coordinator for the World Bank Funded Ahead project related to social protection.



4.3. Outstanding Young Researchers

4.3.1. Faculty of Medicine

a. First Place



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

Dr. Anuradha Baminiwatta has been working as a Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Psychiatry at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya since 2020. He graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya in 2017 with First Class Honours. He won the Bobby Somasundaram Gold Medal for the best performance at the selection examination for MD Psychiatry in 2020, and is currently pursuing his postgraduate training in psychiatry. His main research interests include mindfulness and its mental health benefits, psychiatric education, suicide, psychometrics, and bibliometric analysis. He previously won the Vice Chancellor's Award for the Outstanding Early Career Researcher in the Faculty of Medicine - 1st Place in 2021. During the year under consideration for this award, he has published 8 research articles in Scopus-indexed journals and presented 8 conference abstracts, winning 2 awards for conference presentations. His publications acquired over 120 new Google Scholar citations in the year 2023.

b. Second Place



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

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

Following medical graduation from University of Colombo, he studied paediatric toxicology for nearly four years and completed M Phil in paediatrics from University of Kelaniya.

He subsequently completed MD in paediatrics from University of Colombo and received further training at John Radcliffe hospital, Oxford. During his training at Oxford, he also contributed to research in paediatric toxicology in Oxfordshire. He is a recipient of over 15 national and international academic, professional and research awards and distinctions with the most recent being the CVCD Excellence Award for the Most Outstanding Young Researcher in medical and dental sciences in 2023.

Dr. Dayasiri is a Fellow of the prestigious Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, United Kingdom and recipient of the Masters in medical toxicology and diploma in child health from University of Colombo, diploma in child health and membership from Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health, and diploma in UK medical practice from Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. Dr. Dayasiri has authored over hundred publications in peer reviewed medical journals and four text books written for medical undergraduates.

c. Merit Awards



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

Prof. Nayana Gunathilake is a Professor at the Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. He has published over 75 full papers in Science Citation indexed/Scopus-indexed journals, over 145 abstracts at national/ international symposia. He has over 1180 citations with a h- index of 18 and i-10 index of 35 in the Google Scholar. During the year of consideration (2023), Prof. Gunathilaka had 6 full papers in Science citation/Scopus-indexed journals, 06 abstracts at scientific conferences and produced 2 PhD degrees. During this period of consideration for the VC Awards 2023, he received the Young Scientist Award for Research (Life time Award) by the National Science and Technology Commission, Sri Lanka and 3 SUSRED awards in recognition of excellence in supervision of Ph.D. degrees by the National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka.



Dr. K.G. Kodikara

Department of Medical Education

Faculty of Medicine

Dr. Kaumudee Kodikara is working as a Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Medical Education at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. She graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya in 2017 with Second Class Honours. She completed her Master of Medical Education at the Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, Colombo in 2021 and is currently pursuing her postgraduate research in Clinical Simulation. From her Ph.D. research she has presented 11 research papers at international conferences has authored six publications in indexed journals in the year 2023. Her main research interests are clinical simulation-based interventions, professionalism, and continuous professional development.



4.3.2. Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

a. First Place



Ms. E. Rebecca

***Department of Human Resource Management
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies***

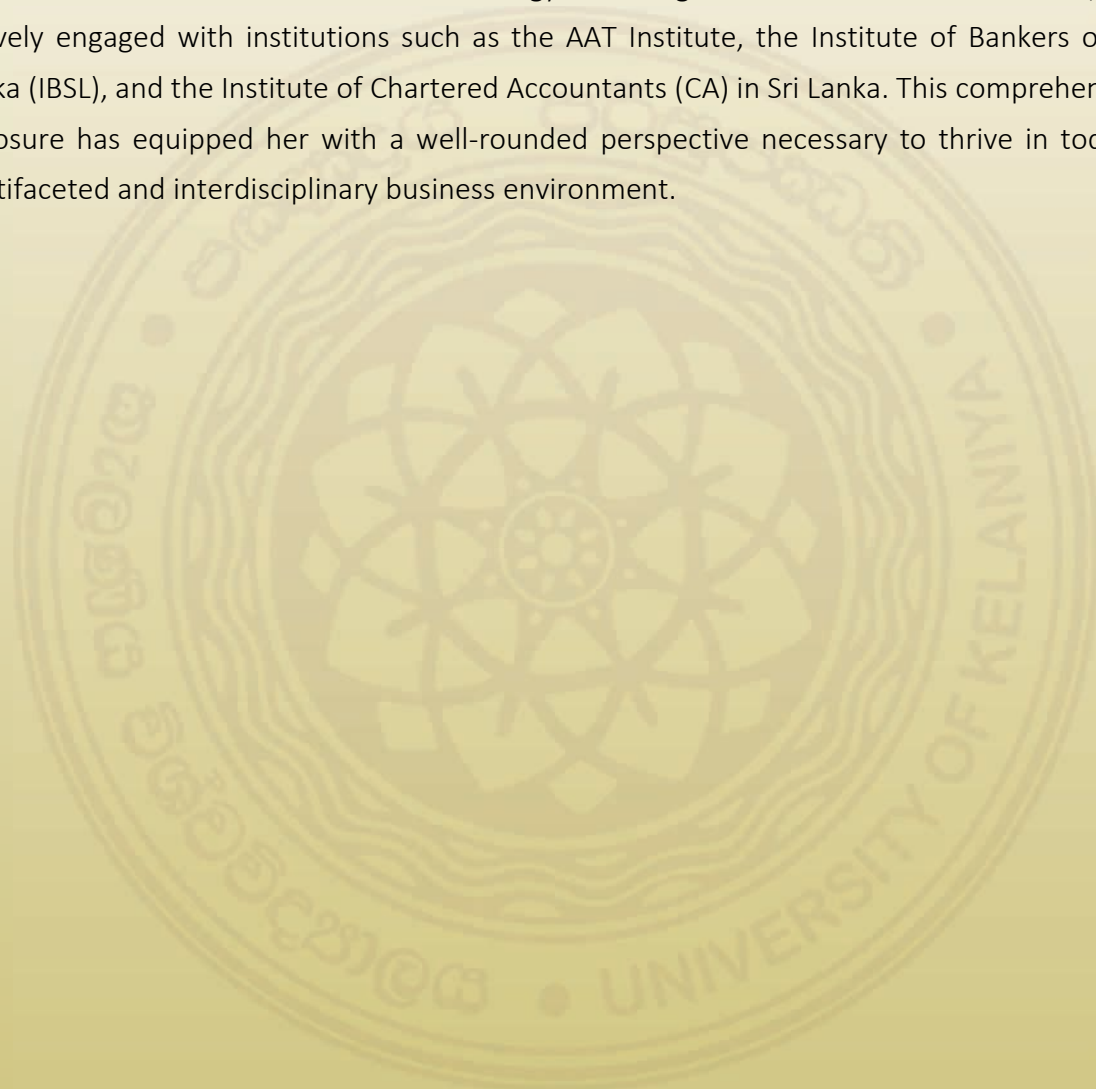
Edward Rebecca is a dedicated academic and researcher at the Department of Human Resource Management (HRM), Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies (FCMS) at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. She embarked on her academic path by earning a Bachelor of Business Management (Special) Degree in Human Resource Management, where she achieved a First-Class Honors distinction from the HRM department at the University of Kelaniya in 2017. This accomplishment laid a solid foundation for her future academic pursuits. Subsequently, she earned a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM), University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka, between 2020 and 2022.

Her professional journey within the corporate sector has significantly shaped her multifaceted understanding of organizational dynamics. Her role as an Executive in Human Resources at Distilleries Company of Sri Lanka PLC (DCSL) provided invaluable insights into strategic HR functions. Further, her earlier positions at Ceylon Tea Services PLC (Dilmah) and Business Machines Company (Pvt) Ltd honed her skills in HR operations.

She commenced her journey as a Lecturer (Probationary) at the Department of Human Resource Management, University of Kelaniya, in 2019. Since then, she has contributed as a lecturer in the same department. The experience she gained at the corporate level helped her blend practical insights from the corporate world with academic rigor. She is also an Editorial Assistant at the Kelaniya Journal of Human Resource Management (KJHRM). Further, she supervises research projects for undergraduate and master's students. She recently contributed to the 14th International Conference on Business and Information (ICBI) 2023, organized by the FCMS, where she served as a track coordinator. Furthermore, she serves as a reviewer for a few esteemed journals.

Ms. Edward Rebecca's commitment to scholarly contributions is evident through her publications, conference presentations, and notable achievements within the research backdrop. Her significant milestone includes publishing a research paper in a prestigious SCOPUS-indexed journal in 2023. This work garnered recognition and received the Senate Award for scholarly excellence, highlighting its innovative approach and insights into dynamic work environments. Further, she has published several impactful journal articles, especially in Scopus and DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals). She has also contributed to conference papers and magazine articles. Further, she has authored two chapters and one book, including her most recent work in 2023.

As another facet of Ms. Edward Rebecca's academic journey, she diligently pursued professional certifications that significantly expanded her knowledge. She completed the Advanced Certificate in Research Methodology in Management from PIM. Furthermore, she actively engaged with institutions such as the AAT Institute, the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka (IBSL), and the Institute of Chartered Accountants (CA) in Sri Lanka. This comprehensive exposure has equipped her with a well-rounded perspective necessary to thrive in today's multifaceted and interdisciplinary business environment.



b. Second Place



Ms. R.S. Ranwala

Department of Commerce and Financial Management

Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies

Ms. Randini Samudika Ranwala serves as a Lecturer in the Department of Commerce and Financial Management. Commencing her career as a Lecturer (Probationary) in 2018 within the same department, she was promoted to the position of Lecturer in 2021. Her academic journey includes the attainment of a Master of Entrepreneurship Degree from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and a Bachelor of Commerce (Special) Degree in Entrepreneurship from the University of Kelaniya. She was recognized as the Best Performing Student in the Bachelor of Commerce (Special) Degree in Entrepreneurship in 2016.

She specializes in teaching entrepreneurship subjects and exhibits a keen interest in advancing research within the entrepreneurship domain. Her research endeavours encompass areas such as entrepreneurial inclination, entrepreneurship education, and female entrepreneurship.

4.3.3. Faculty of Computing & Technology



Dr. R.R.L.U.I Rajapaksha

Department of Computer Systems Engineering

Faculty of Computing & Technology

Dr Rasika Rajapaksha is a senior lecturer in computer systems engineering at the Faculty of Computing and Technology. He completed his undergraduate special degree in financial mathematics from the University of Colombo Faculty of Science. Dr. Rasika pursued a master's and Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Central Florida, USA. Additionally, he has done a master's in mathematics from the University of North Florida, USA.

Before joining the Faculty of Computing and Technology, Dr Rasika was a postdoctoral research associate in data science at the University of Wyoming, USA. He is experienced in teaching both graduate and undergraduate-level STEM classes. Moreover, he is capable of curriculum development in STEM classes. Throughout his graduate studies, he gained knowledge and research experience in Mathematics, Statistics, and Data science.

Dr. Rasika reflects on his research experience with undergraduate and graduate students in data science research projects. Additionally, he gained and contributed a couple of external research grants in Artificial intelligence-related projects in 2023.

4.3.4. Faculty of Science

a. First Place



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 44 full-paper publications in refereed international journals and conferences and won the best paper awards at five international conferences. She has served as conference chair, secretary, chief editor, keynote speaker, and editorial member at international conferences.

b. Second Place



Prof. D. A. D. A. Daranagama

Department of Plant and Molecular Biology

Faculty of Science

Prof. Dinushani Anupama Daranagama is a Professor at the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya. She earned her Ph.D. in Mycology and Bioinformatics from Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand, in collaboration with the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS), Beijing, China PR, in 2018. Holding a B.Sc. (Honours, First Class) in Botany from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, she has authored over 60 publications in peer-reviewed indexed journals and contributed to numerous text books, scientific, and literary communications.

Her outstanding contributions to research have garnered several awards, including the Vice Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Young Researcher, Top Ten Researched at University of Kelaniya and the Presidential Award for Scientific Publications. Prof. Daranagama serves as a reviewer and editorial board member for several SCI indexed journals. She played key roles as the Project Coordinator and Activity Coordinator for the ELTA ELSE World Bank department development project (AHEAD). Additionally, she excels in her role as the Faculty Corporate Plan Coordinator and holds the positions of Director of the Research and Services Center at the Faculty of Science, showcasing her commitment to advancing academia and research. As a resource person, she conducts workshops for academic staff and undergraduate students, contributing significantly to the academic community.

c. Merit Awards



Dr. H.M.T.R.Samarakoon

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

Dr. Samarakoon earned her initial academic distinction by obtaining a First-Class Honors BSc in Environmental Conservation and Management from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, in 2014. Subsequently, she pursued her MSc degree in Environmental Toxicology at the Chulabhorn Graduate Institute in Thailand in 2018. Following that, she joined the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management as a Lecturer (Probationary) in 2019. In 2023, she completed her PhD degree in Science and Engineering with a concentration in Environmental Toxicology from Saitama University, Japan and resumed working as a Lecturer at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. Dr. Samarakoon's research is centered on the environmental and ecotoxicological aspects of metals, pesticides, and emerging contaminants in the environment. Her expertise lies in investigating the mechanisms of action of these substances in organisms and understanding their potential effects on aquatic ecosystems using plant and animal bioassays.



Ms. W. H. M. V. P. Edirisinghe

Department of Plant and Molecular Biology

Faculty of Science

Ms. Priyangi Edirisinghe obtained her BSc (Special) Degree in Botany with a First Class from University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka and MSc in Plant Pathology from University of Saskatchewan, Canada. Subsequently, she joined the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya in 2017 and is currently working as a Senior Lecturer (Gr. II) in the same department. Ms. Edirisinghe has received Senate Awards and cash prizes for publishing papers in journals indexed in Science Citation Index and Scopus in the year 2023. She was part of the team to secure Sri Lanka and Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development-Development Oriented Research (AHED-DOR) grant and is currently engaged in several research projects related to plant pathology and crop protection.



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

4.4.1. Faculty of Science



Prof. D. S. M. de Silva

Department of Chemistry

Faculty of Science

DSM De Silva, BSc (Kelaniya), earned her PhD in Engineering Materials from the University of Sheffield, UK. She has served in the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya, since 1996. Her current research focuses on the development of photovoltaic materials & devices for solar energy applications, manufacture of biochar for water purification and analysis of microplastics in water & sediments. During the period considered for this award, she secured 15 million LKR funding from the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (*Cefas*), under the Ocean Country Partnership Programme (OCPP) of the Blue Planet Fund, U.K., authored 3-SCI indexed, 4-referred non-indexed journal publications and 12-abstract publications in international conferences. Further, during the period of consideration an MPhil & 2-MSc research projects were completed under her supervision, and she is currently supervising 1-PhD, 5-MPhils and 4-MScs candidates. In the Vice-Chancellor's awards ceremony held in 2022, she won three awards: for securing a patent, as the recipient of the highest amount of external research grants in the faculty and a merit award under the Best Researcher category.

4.4.2. Faculty of Computing & Technology



Dr. W.D.C. Udayanga

Department of Applied Computing

Faculty of Computing & Technology

Dr (Eng.) Chanaka Udayanga is a Senior Lecturer attached to the Faculty of Computing and Technology, University of Kelaniya. He obtained bachelor's degree from university of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, in 2013 specializing in Chemical and Process Engineering. He did his PhD at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore and graduated in 2020. His research focuses on environmental engineering, sustainability, waste valorisation, and process development.



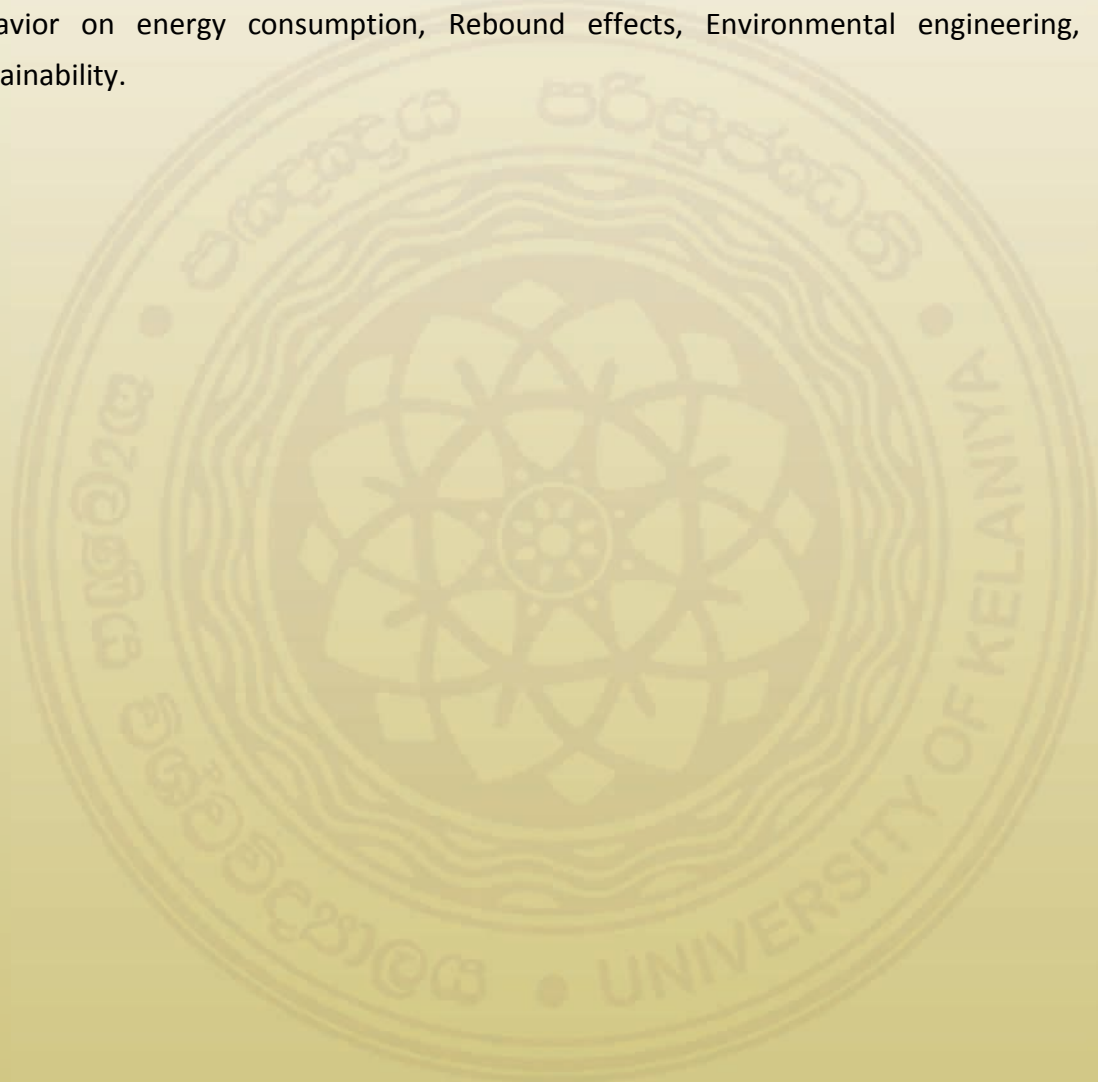


Dr. S.M. Pathiarana

Department of Applied Computing

Faculty of Computing & Technology

Dr. Shakila Pathirana is a Senior Lecturer attached to the Faculty of Computing and Technology, University of Kelaniya. She received her Bachelor's degree in Engineering from University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka in 2008. She obtained her Masters in Sustainability Science in 2013 from the University of Tokyo, Japan and PhD in 2019 from University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. Her research interests are mainly in Energy efficiency, Consumer behavior on energy consumption, Rebound effects, Environmental engineering, and Sustainability.



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

4.5.1. Faculty of Medicine



Prof. 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 Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health and the Royal College of Physicians in London and Edinburgh in the UK. Professor Mettananda joined the University of Kelaniya in 2006 as a Lecturer (Probationary) and was promoted to the post of Professor in 2019. Currently, he is the Professor of Paediatrics and the Head of the Department of Paediatrics at University of Kelaniya.

In 2023, he authored 16 scientific publications in peer-reviewed indexed journals that include *Nature Communications* (IF-16.6), *Clinical Endocrinology* (IF-3.2), *BMC Pediatrics* (IF-2.4), *Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition* (IF- 1.9), *The Lancet Regional Health Western Pacific* (IF-7.1), and *BMC Infectious Diseases* (IF-3.7). Additionally, he co-authored the two book chapters for *Springer Nature and Elsevier*. He has an h-index of 19 and is currently an editorial board member of *BMC Pediatrics*, *Ceylon Medical Journal* and *Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health*. He was also ranked among the top 2% of Scientists in the World by the Stanford University in the USA.

4.5.2. Faculty of Computing & Technology



Dr. R.R.L.U.I. Rajapaksha

Department of Computer Systems Engineering

Faculty of Computing & Technology

Dr Rasika Rajapaksha is a senior lecturer in computer systems engineering at the Faculty of Computing and Technology. He completed his undergraduate special degree in financial mathematics from the University of Colombo Faculty of Science. Dr. Rasika pursued a master's and Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Central Florida, USA. Additionally, he has done a master's in mathematics from the University of North Florida, USA.

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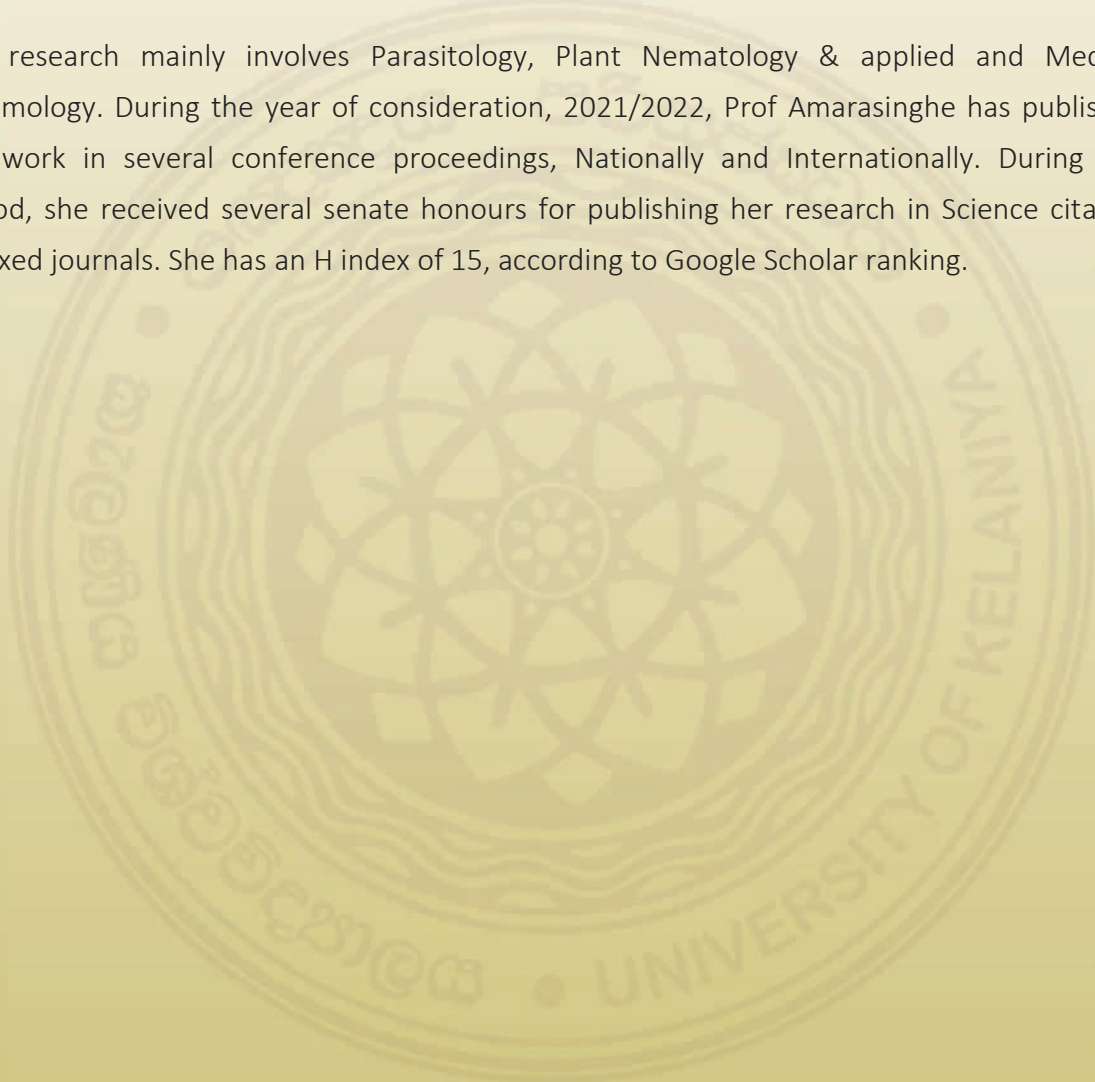


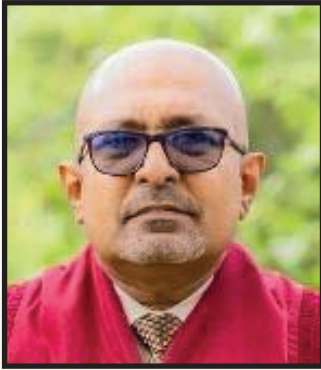
Prof. L.D. Amarasinghe

***Department of Zoology & 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. Currently, she serves as a Professor in the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management, the University of Kelaniya.

Her research mainly involves Parasitology, Plant Nematology & applied and Medical Entomology. During the year of consideration, 2021/2022, 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 15, according to Google Scholar ranking.





Prof. A.C.de Alwis

***Department of Human Resource Management
Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies***

Dr. Chamaru De Alwis, PhD, completed a specialized degree program in Business Administration at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura in 1994, followed by a Master of Science (MSc) in Management from the same university. In 2012, he earned his PhD from Tomas Bata University in Zlin, Czech Republic, EU. Drawing on practical experience in various multidisciplinary roles, he joined the University of Kelaniya in 2007 as a senior lecturer and was later promoted to professor in the Human Resources Management department in 2017.

Throughout his tenure at the university, Dr. De Alwis has held several important positions, including vice chancellor nominee for the Research Council, head of the department, and editor-in-chief of the Kelaniya Journal of Human Resource Management. He has also coordinated various programs, such as the Master of Business Administration, Master of Health Service Management, and Higher Diploma in Human Resource Management. Additionally, he served as the Director of the University's Career Guidance Unit from 2017-2018 and is a member of the subject committee – “Human Resource Management” – at the University Grants Commission Sri Lanka.

Acting as a PhD thesis supervisor, Dr. De Alwis has contributed to students' academic development at Malaysia's Management and Science University and Malaysia's Quest International University Perak. Furthermore, he has served as a PhD thesis reviewer for numerous international and domestic universities, including Gujral Punjab Technical Institute in India, Bharathiar University in Coimbatore, India, Birla Institute of Technology in Mersa Ranchi (Deemed University), Sant Baba Bhang Singh University in Jalandhar, India, Lovely Professional University in Phagwara, India, and the University of Jaffna in Sri Lanka.

Dr. De Alwis began his scientific career in 2007 after eleven years of industry experience and has since published over 20 impactful journal articles, especially in Scopus/Web of Science, ESCI (Emerging Sources Citation Index), DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals), EBSCO, ABDC (Australian Business Deans Council) Journal Quality List, SCImago Journal & Country Rank, Sage Publications, and Emerald Group Publishing journals. Additionally, he has authored three textbooks, three book chapters, and two scholarly books, including his most

recent work titled "Sustainable Management Practices for Building Resilient Businesses," available on Amazon.

In his role as a research paper reviewer, Dr. De Alwis has worked with various esteemed journals such as FIIB Business Review (India), Thai Journal of Agricultural Science - Kasetsart University (Thailand), Journal of the University of Ruhuna, Colombo Business Journal, Wayamba Journal of Management, Kelaniya Journal of Management, Postgraduate Journal of Management - Journal of Kalyana, and Journal of the University of Ruhuna (JUR).

Dr. De Alwis has been recognized for his outstanding research contributions, receiving the university's Most Outstanding Researcher award in 2015, 2016, and 2017 (1st runner-up) and his own merit award in 2022. He has also received several university senate awards for his articles in indexed journals. Additionally, he has won best paper awards at conferences and received best reviewer awards. In 2018, he was honored with the Academic Leadership Award from the Toc H Institute of Science and Technology in Kerala, India.

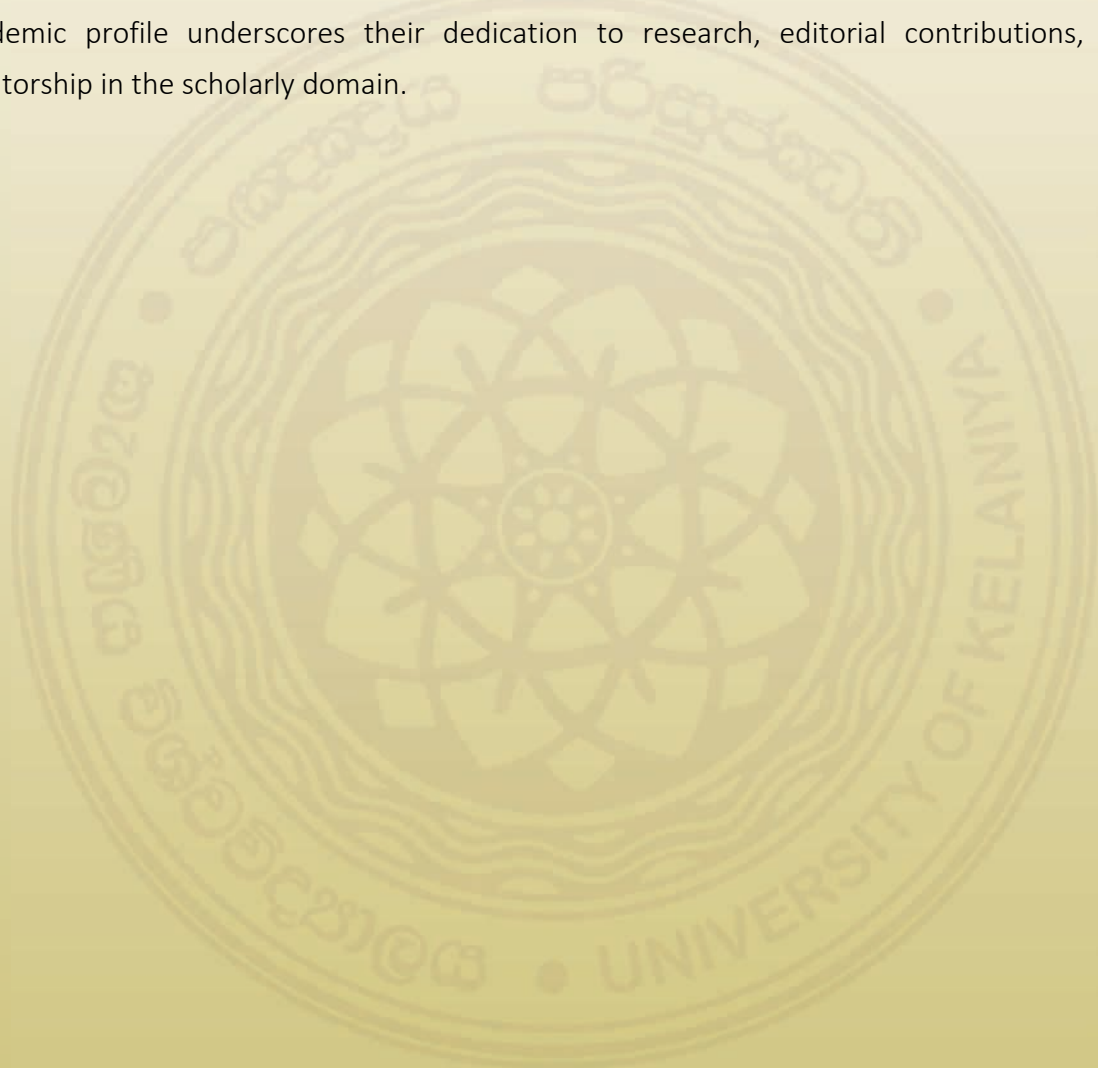
Dr. De Alwis has chaired the Human Resource Management track at several international conferences hosted by esteemed local and international universities, including the University of Jaffna, the University of Wayamba, the University of Ruhuna, the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, the University of Sabaragamuwa, the FIIB Institute (India), Jain University (India), and Bhavans Royal Institute of Management (India).

He has delivered three keynote speeches at international conferences organized by institutions such as a polytechnic in Pozega, Croatia, ERASMUS+, Jain (Deemed to be) University (India), Jawaharlal Business School (India), and Bhavans Royal Institute of Management (India).

Dr. De Alwis has achieved an h-index of 12 and has received over 735 citations on Google Scholar. These accomplishments qualify him as a tier four-star researcher, as per UGC Circular 5/2018. He has been recognized as one of the Top 100 Google Scholars at the University of Kelaniya. According to the World Scientist and University Ranking 2022, he is among the top 20 Sri Lankan scientists in the field of business and management. Additionally, according to the AD scientific index, he is the third most cited researcher in Human Resource Management at his institution and ranks ninth among all institutions on the island.

Dr. De Alwis secured ERASMUS+ funding from the European Union for international teaching at the Polytechnique in Pozega, Croatia. His research interests primarily revolve around Human Resource Management, Family Business, and Total Quality Management.

In the year 2023, the academic accomplishments of this individual have been notably prolific. Demonstrating a commitment to scholarly excellence, they have successfully published three research papers in esteemed indexed journals such as ABDC, DOAJ, EBSCO, Web of Science (Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Sciences Citation Index), and Scopus. Additionally, the individual has contributed significantly to the academic discourse with four journal papers published in double-blind peer-reviewed journals. Moreover, their editorial leadership is evident as the Editor-in-Chief of the Kelaniya Journal of Human Resource Management, overseeing two volumes, Volume 17 (2) in December 2022 and Volume 18 (1) in June 2023. Furthermore, their involvement extends to serving as a Member of the Editorial Board for the Kelaniya Journal of Management and the International Journal of Vallis Aurea, each spanning two volumes. With an impressive 140-plus citations on Google Scholar, their impact on the academic community is substantial. Notably, they have guided and mentored students to completion, supervising two PhD candidates and ten master's students. This comprehensive academic profile underscores their dedication to research, editorial contributions, and mentorship in the scholarly domain.



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



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.

4.7. The Best Innovators/Inventors in the University

4.7.1. Faculty of Science

a. First Place



Prof. S.R.D. Kalingamudali

Dean

Faculty of Science

Sudath Rajendra Deshapriya Kalingamudali is a Senior Professor and the Dean of the Faculty of Science at the University of Kelaniya (UoK). He obtained his Bachelor's in Physics (1990) from UoK and earned his PhD (1994) from the University of Sheffield under an open Commonwealth Scholarship. He has been awarded the Fulbright Fellowship twice and served as a Visiting Professor at GSU and LSU, USA. He holds the titles of Chartered Scientist, Chartered Engineer, and Chartered Physicist, and is a Fellow of IET, IOP, and IPSL. In the past, he served as the Head of the Department of Physics and Electronics and as an International Peer Reviewer for subject and programme reviews in Bangladeshi Universities. His primary research interests lie in designing and developing electronic circuits for various applications. He has authored/presented over 55 research papers, holds a PCT, 7 Sri Lankan Patents, and 5 Industrial Designs.

He played a pivotal role in collaborating with OREL Corporation (Pvt) Ltd to license an innovative product, the "Remotely Controllable Regulator Connected in Series with Resistive and Inductive Loads," and the product launch was held in April 2023.

Additionally, another 5 Patents and 2 Industrial Designs are already being commercialized with 8 license agreements and awaiting the product launch.

b. Second Place



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

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.

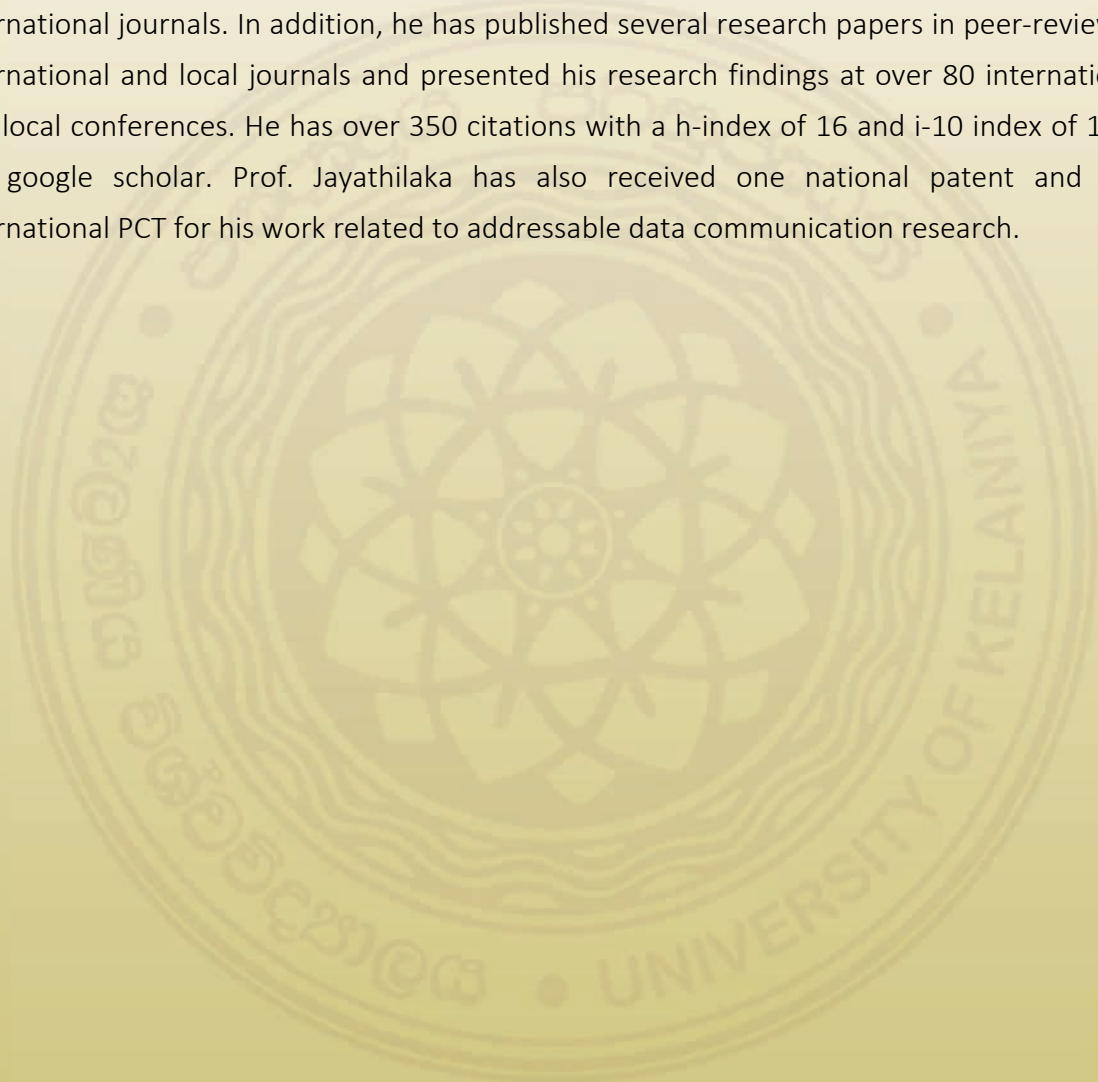


Prof. K.N.D.C. Jayathilaka

Department of Physics and Electronics

Faculty of Science

Prof. K.M.D.C. Jayathilaka is currently a professor at the Department of Physics and Electronics, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. His research findings have contributed to improve the efficiency of solar cells in a low-cost manner as they can be used practically in a more efficient way. His current focus is on photovoltaic and gas-sensing semiconductor thin films. His work so far has contributed to 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 350 citations with a h-index of 16 and i-10 index of 12 in the google scholar. Prof. Jayathilaka has also received one national patent and one international PCT for his work related to addressable data communication research.





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

Aruna Kumara Ranaweera received B.Sc. Honors Degree in Physics from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka in 2006. He received the Global Korea Scholarship for postgraduate studies 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. P. L. A. K. Piyumal

Department of Physics & Electronics

Faculty of Science

Puhulwelle Loku Arachchige Kasun Piyumal is currently working as a Lecturer at the Department of Physics and Electronics, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. He received his Bachelor of Science Honours degree in Physics with Second Class (Upper Division) Honors from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, in 2017. After graduation, he worked as a Teaching Assistant in the same Department. In 2018, he started pursuing his PhD degree in Electronics in the same Department and earned it in 2022. For his contribution towards research carried out in Sri Lanka, he was awarded a postgraduate research merit award by the General Research Committee (GRC) SLAAS. He is a member of IEEE, IEEE IES society, SLAAS, SLAAS CPS committee and IPSL. His current Research Interests Include different areas in Electronics, such as Power Electronic Applications, Solar Photovoltaic Systems, Applications of Supercapacitors and the development of Consumer Electronic products, and he has published/presented many indexed research papers. He has one international PCT, 3 National Patents and 4 industrial designs. He has served as an Advanced Developer for the “Remotely Controllable Regulator” product, commercialized with the Orel Corporation (Pvt) Ltd, which is the first-ever licensed product of the University of Kelaniya. In 2023, his team at the Electronics Design and Innovation Centre (EDIC) has signed 8 licensee agreements with the Orel Corporation (Pvt) Ltd, Susen Holdings (Pvt) Ltd and Infsoft Lanka (Pvt) Ltd for commercializing the inventions and innovations.



Dr. J.A. Seneviratne

Department of Physics & Electronics

Faculty of Science

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

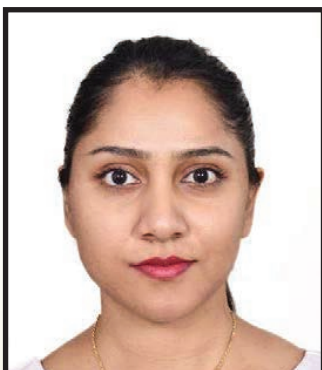
c. Third Place



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

Professor Kapila Seneviratne is a Senior Professor in the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya. Professor Kapila Seneviratne received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka in 1990. He graduated with a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Wayne State University, USA in 1997 and did his postdoctoral studies in the Department of Chemistry, University of British Columbia, Canada. Prof. Seneviratne is also a Commonwealth Fellow at the University of Leeds, UK, and a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA. His research interests are chemical and nutritional properties of edible oils and bioavailability of phenolic antioxidants. He has received the Esther and Stanley Kirschner Award from Wayne State University, USA, the Dr. C.L. de Silva Gold Medal Award from the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon, President's awards for scientific publications, SUSRED Awards from National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka, and Vice Chancellor Awards for Best Inventor 2020 and 2021, Researcher with Most Publications from Internal Grants 2021, Outstanding Senior Researcher Merit 2021 and Recipient of Highest Grants in the Faculty of Science 2020 for his research achievements.

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



Prof. N. Jayathilaka
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

Prof. Nimanthi Jayathilaka earned her B.Sc. (Honors) degree in Cell and Molecular Biology from University of Wisconsin, Superior, U.S.A in 2003 and earned her Ph. D. degree from the University of Southern California, U.S.A in Genetics, Molecular and Cell Biology in 2011. Following postdoctoral studies at University of California, San Diego, in December 2012, she joined University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka as a Senior Lecturer in Chemistry and was promoted to the position of Professor in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry in 2016. Her current studies extend to developing novel point-of-care tools for diagnosis of dengue infections and early prognosis of severe dengue. Further, her research involves computational, cellular, molecular, and biochemical analysis of inhibition of oxidative damage of macromolecules and food deterioration as well as investigating the effect of edible oils on the absorption of small polar antioxidants through passive paracellular permeation in cellular and animal model systems.

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

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



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

Director

Center for International Affairs

Senior Professor Neelakshi C. Premawardhena tenure as Director, Centre for International Affairs is characterized by visionary leadership, strategic acumen, and a profound commitment to fostering global engagement and collaboration. Under her guidance, the Centre for International Affairs has flourished into a hub of internationalization, facilitating numerous initiatives that have significantly enhanced global footprint of the University of Kelaniya. Among her notable achievements are the establishment of impactful international partnerships, the initiation of new exchange programs, and the nurturing of existing ones, aimed at promoting a culture of diversity and inclusion. Professor Premawardhena initiatives have led to a substantial increase in international collaborations, providing enriching opportunities for both faculty and students alike.

In 2023, Professor Premawardhena introduced an initiative under the Free Mover Programme—a Study Abroad Semester designed specifically for international students from non-partner universities. This program has further augmented the global appeal of the University of Kelaniya. Furthermore, 2023 marked ten years of partnership of the university with Erasmus+ programmes funded by the European Commission. The Erasmus Days 2023 were celebrated at a hybrid event connecting local and international Erasmus alumni to mark this significant milestone.

Her adept management skills have played a pivotal role in the successful execution of numerous global initiatives, contributing significantly to the academic and cultural enrichment of the university community. Professor Premawardhena tireless efforts have not only elevated the profile and visibility of the University of Kelaniya on the global stage but have also established a lasting legacy of excellence in international affairs. Recognizing her exceptional leadership, vision, and transformative impact on international endeavors, Professor Premawardhena has consecutively received the award for Successful Director of a Centre/Unit since 2018 at the Vice Chancellor's Awards. This accolade is a testament to her ongoing dedication and the profound impact she continues to have on the international success of the University of Kelaniya.



Prof. C.D.S.Wettewe
Director
Career Guidance Unit

Chamindi Dilkushi Senaratne (Wettewe) is a Senior Professor currently attached to the Department of English Language Teaching at the University of Kelaniya. She obtained her PhD from the Radboud University, Nijmegen, in the Netherlands, under the supervision of Professor Pieter Muysken. She was Head of Department (2010-2014) and Director of Staff Development Centre (2014-2017). She joined the National Centre for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences and Humanities (NCAS) in 2019 and served as the Senior Research Fellow till 2020 for a period of one year. She was a consultant to many national level language projects introduced by the Ministry of Higher Education in 2011 and co-ordinated English language programmes. She is a consultant of the preuniversity Online English Language Programme initiated by the University Grants Commission in 2022. She has published extensively in the field of Contact Linguistics and Sociolinguistics.

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



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

Research

Abstract

1. **Revisiting Girl Child Abuse in the Kurunegala Police Division: A Comprehensive Analysis, 2023, 1st International Conference on Gender Studies, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.**
2. **Social Security of Women Employed in the informal sector in Sri Lanka, 2nd International Conference in Gender Disparities, hotel Ramada, Centre for Gender Studies, University of Kelaniya. 7th & 8th of July 2023**
3. **A Sociological study on Gender based Domestic Violence (Wanathawilluwa in Puttalm District), 2nd International Conference in Gender Disparities, hotel Ramada, Centre for Gender Studies, University of Kelaniya. 7th & 8th of July 2023**
4. **The Dilemma of Female Child Sexual abuse: Special reference to the North Western Province, 2nd International Conference in Gender Disparities, hotel Ramada, Centre for Gender Studies, University of Kelaniya. 7th & 8th of July 2023**
5. **Decades of Moans: Social Interaction of Military war widows in Post war Sri Lanka, 2nd International Conference in Gender Disparities, hotel Ramada, Centre for Gender Studies, University of Kelaniya. 7th & 8th of July 2023.**

Research Conference

1. **Conference Chair in the 2nd International Conference on Gender Disparities'23, Centre for Gender Studies, University of Kelaniya.**

National level Contribution for Research

1. **Member of Research Team on Global Green Climate Fund (GCF), Knuckles Project, Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources Management, 2023**
2. **Research Consultant, Prevention of Violence against LGBTQ, Research and Development Division, Sri Lanka Police 2023**
3. **Chairperson, Research Unit, UN Affiliation Asian Crime Prevention Foundation 2023**

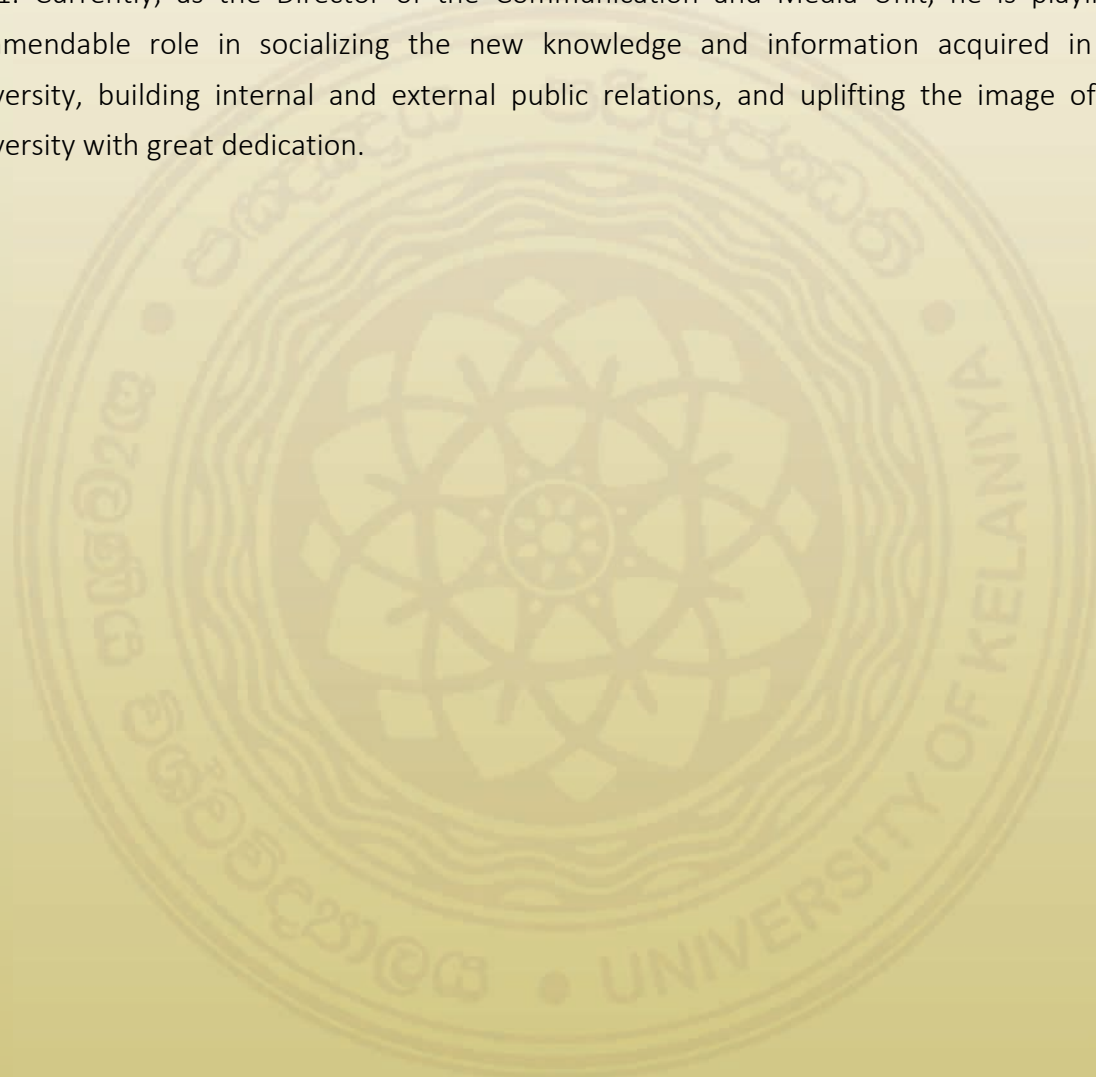


Mr. R. S. G. Rajapaksha
Director
Communication & Media Unit

Senior Lecturer Saman Rajapaksha commenced his education at the Bogamulla Maha Vidyala, Narammala and Nakkawatta National School, Kuliypitiya. He entered the University of Kelaniya as an undergraduate in 2001 to begin his higher education. In the year 2005, he completed his first degree in Bachelor of Arts (Honors) in Mass Communication and began his professional journey as a temporary assistant lecturer in the Department of Mass Communication in the same year. He joined the permanent staff of the University of Kelaniya as a lecturer in the Department of Mass Communication in November 2008 and since then, has been working towards the academic advancement of the University. Senior Lecturer Saman Rajapaksha completed his Master of Philosophy degree (MPhil) in 2013 in the field of Buddhist Communication Theory and Models.

His research interests include Asian Communication Studies, Religious Communication, Cultural Studies, Media Studies, Print Media, and Radio Media Studies. Buddhist Communication Theory and Models (බෞද්ධ සන්නිවේදන න්‍යාය හා ආකෘති) in 2018, iragala vœtena yāmaya broadcast script composition (ඉරහල වැටෙන යාමය ගුවන් විදුලි පිටපත් රචනා) in 2017, sannayana guvan viduli apadana (සන්නයන ගුවන් විදුලි අපදාන) in 2019, Buddhist Commentary on Language and Communication (භාෂාව හා සන්නිවේදනය පිළිබඳ බෞද්ධ විග්‍රහය) in 2020, and Buddhist Commentary on Development (සංවර්ධනය පිළිබඳ බෞද්ධ විවරණය) in 2022 are the books that have been authored by Senior Lecturer Saman Rajapaksha. Senior Lecturer Saman Rajapaksha has actively contributed to the success of the university as a student counselor since 2008 and as the senior student counselor of the Faculty of Social Sciences from 2018 to 2021. During this period, he also had the opportunity to act as the Acting Chief Student Counselor of the University. Moreover, Mr. Rajapaksha, who worked as a committee member of the Kelaniya University Sports Advisory Council in 2013 and 2014, also contributed to the advancement of the University as a committee member of the Arts Council in 2013. Furthermore, Mr. Rajapaksha is a newspaper feature writer, a relief presenter for the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, a radio presenter, and a resource person for television and radio programs. Moreover, he has been working as a member of the Columns Review Panel of the Godage Literary Awards for over five years.

Apart from this, he works as a visiting lecturer at Kalutara and Katana Police Training Colleges. A new YouTube channel named “Vidulakara TV” was launched under the Communication and Media Unit of the University of Kelaniya under his initiative. Its main objective is to take the research and creativity of university students to national and international platforms. In addition, the publication of the “Vidulakara Newspaper” under the Communication and Media Unit to promote the knowledge and writing capacities of the students at the University of Kelaniya can be highlighted. Saman Rajapaksa acts as a member representing the University of Kelaniya in the expert committee appointed to receive ideas and suggestions for the restructuring of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation. He has been conducting a “listener’s survey” on contemporary Sri Lankan radio’s social responsibility and listener aspirations since the year 2023. Senior Lecturer Saman Rajapaksha has been working as the Director of the Communication and Media Unit of the University of Kelaniya since August 2021. Currently, as the Director of the Communication and Media Unit, he is playing a commendable role in socializing the new knowledge and information acquired in the University, building internal and external public relations, and uplifting the image of the University with great dedication.





Dr. P.W. Samarasekara

Director

University Business Linkage Cell

Dr. Pradeep W. Samarasekere, a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Computing and Technology at the University of Kelaniya, stands as a distinguished individual with over a decade of experience in both the United States and Sri Lanka, seamlessly bridging academia and industry. Renowned as an expert in rare earth metallurgy and advanced materials, Dr. Samarasekere contributions extend across groundbreaking research and inventions. His significant achievements include the development of novel technologies in rare earth metals extraction, selective extraction of precious metals from e-waste, and sustainable chemistry focusing on affordable and clean energy technologies. Dr. Samarasekere holds a number of patents for these interdisciplinary innovations.

In 2020, the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Directors (CVCD) bestowed upon Dr. Samarasekere the prestigious Lifetime Excellence Award for the Best Inventor in all categories within the Sri Lankan University system. This accolade reflects his outstanding commitment to innovation and excellence. Dr. Samarasekere has also been honored with the Vice-chancellors Award for The Best Innovator in the University of Kelaniya, and the Inventor Patent Award and Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship Inventors Award by the University of Houston. Dr. Samarasekeres technology innovations have received international acclaim, earning him the Grand prize at the US Department of Energys National Clean Energy Challenge, National Cleantech University prize at Caltech, and the distinguished Edison Award for Best New Product in Energy Sustainability. His contributions were further acknowledged as one of the Top 50 Emerging Global Enterprises by the Kairos Society, a global summit for university-led start-up companies. His research endeavors have attracted numerous research grants totaling over two million US dollars, showcasing his prowess as a Principal Investigator.

Building on his wealth of experience, Dr. Samarasekere assumed the role of Director of the University Business Linkage Cell (UBLIC) at the University of Kelaniya in 2021. Under his guidance, the UBLIC has flourished, playing a crucial role in advancing the universitys innovation ecosystem. Dr. Samarasekeres strategic initiatives have significantly enhanced the university patent portfolio, securing a total of 16 national patents, 3 international PCT applications, and 9 industrial design patents, thereby fortifying the institution intellectual

property assets. Through his strategic leadership and unwavering commitment to fostering innovation, Dr. Samarasekere has steered the successful commercialization of 11 cutting-edge technologies developed by the university researchers. This accomplishment not only contributes to the university economic impact but also underscores his dedication to translating academic research into tangible real-world applications. Dr. Samarasekere received his B.Sc. degree in Chemistry from the University of Colombo and earned his Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Houston, Texas, USA. Following his academic pursuits, he co-founded REEcycle Incorporation in the USA, where he served as the Chief Technology Officer until his relocation to Sri Lanka in 2017 to join the University of Kelaniya as a Senior Lecturer.





Dr.D.M.N.S.W. Dissanayaka

Director

Central Business Incubator

Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies

Srinath Dissanayake is a senior lecturer attached to the Department of Commerce and Financial Management, Faculty of Commerce and Financial Management at the University of Kelaniya. He obtained her PhD from the University of Waikato, New Zealand specialising in the field of entrepreneurship. Srinath has been serving at the Central Business Incubator since 15.01.2023.

The Central Business Incubator known as CBI is the facilitative arm for business incubation and entrepreneurial development at the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya. The Incubation Centre was first established in 2017 as the Entrepreneurial Centre for Venturing and Research (ECVR), attached to the Department of Commerce and Financial Management. In 2021, under the AHEAD project of the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, the ECVR has reformed and expanded to serve entrepreneurial needs of the faculty, university, and the surrounding communities. Throughout the period of 1st November 2022 to 31st of October 2023 various actions were carried out focusing the objectives of the CBI that include, contributing the social and economic development of the county, establishing entrepreneurial thinking among undergraduates, promoting innovation and new product development, facilitating students' career development in entrepreneurship by establishing networks with corporate entrepreneurs, and conducting entrepreneurship education and research.

4.9. The Best Promotor of International Relations in the University



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

The Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Kelaniya, in collaboration with the Maharashtra Bhugolawidy Association India, Solapur University - India, Pangea Geographical Association, and the Sri Lanka Association of Geographers (SLAG), successfully organized the International Conference DeWeSAS 2023. This conference attracted over 65 delegates from India and several other countries. Regarded as one of the most significant post-COVID-19 events, the conference played a pivotal role in reintegrating the university into the global arena and fortifying international connections. Prof. Dharmasiri was a convener of the program.

Furthermore, Professor Dharmasiri has received the prestigious International Award from the ICCR in acknowledgement of his remarkable achievements and significant contributions to fostering understanding, goodwill, and friendship between India and Sri Lanka. This award was conferred by the High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka.

Additionally, he was invited to deliver keynote speeches at numerous international conferences conducted in India. Beyond these engagements, he played a pivotal role in several virtual conferences held in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Bali, India, and Kenya.

Professor Dharmasiri initiated establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the University of Kelaniya and Solapur University in India. He serves as a resource person, providing consultation and evaluating a substantial number of PhD theses.

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

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

4.11 The Academic with most outstanding creative literary work in the University (newly added)



Dr. G.K.R. Jayaweera
Department of Economics
Faculty of Social Sciences

Dr G.K.R. Jayaweera is a senior lecturer at the Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. She has completed her Bachelor of Arts Degree (2004) in Economics from the University of Peradeniya and her Master of Social Sciences (2008) in Economics from the National University of Singapore. She earned her PhD in Economics in 2019 from the University of Wollongong, Australia.

Dr. Jayaweera has provided her teaching services to the University of Wollongong, Australia, the Open University of Sri Lanka, and the Ocean University of Sri Lanka. She has contributed to a number of research projects and won the World Banka research grant for the AHEAD round 2 DOR. She has published a number of journal articles and books with international publishers. Currently, she is a member of the Editorial Board of the Kalyani Journal.



Mr. E.W.A.H.C. Gunasinghe

Department of History

Faculty of Social Sciences

Hasitha Chamikara Gunasinghe graduated from the University of Kelaniya in 2014 with a BA Honours Degree in History with First Class Honours Division. He has been serving the University as a Temporary Demonstrator in the Palm Leaf Manuscript Study & Research Library, Faculty of Social Sciences and as an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of History from 2014 to 2017.

Later he had entered the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service (SLEAS) and worked as an Assistant Director of Education, Ministry of Education, Sri Lanka. He joined the Department of History, University of Kelaniya in 2018 as a Lecturer (Unconfirmed) and currently serving as a Lecturer.

His specialized field of research is Ancient Palm Leaf Manuscripts and the Kandyan Period of the History of Sri Lanka. The title of his Dissertation submitted for the MPhil Degree is the Meritorious Deeds (*Punya Lekhana*) as a Historical Source in Studying Religious, Political and Socio-economic Conditions of the Kandyan Period.

He has contributed to various academic journals of university level and the national level. He has presented research papers at various fora and conferences at university level, national level and international level. He has written books and monographs on various historical issues and aspects including '*Vivarana Sahitha Vihara Asna Hewath Nampotha*' which was published by the Samayawardhana Publishers.

4.12. The Academic with the most outstanding creative production in the university



Dr. M.B.K.C. Dayasiri

Department of Paediatrics

Faculty of Medicine

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

Following medical graduation from University of Colombo, he studied paediatric toxicology for nearly four years and completed M Phil in paediatrics from University of Kelaniya.

He subsequently completed MD in paediatrics from University of Colombo and received further training at John Radcliffe hospital, Oxford. During his training at Oxford, he also contributed to research in paediatric toxicology in Oxfordshire. He is a recipient of over 15 national and international academic, professional and research awards and distinctions with the most recent being the CVCD Excellence Award for the Most Outstanding Young Researcher in medical and dental sciences in 2023.

Dr. Dayasiri is a Fellow of the prestigious Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, United Kingdom and recipient of the Masters in medical toxicology and diploma in child health from University of Colombo, diploma in child health and membership from Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health, and diploma in UK medical practice from Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. Dr. Dayasiri has authored over hundred publications in peer reviewed medical journals and four text books written for medical undergraduates.

4.13. Appreciation for outstanding, selfless and dedicated service in the university



Prof.M.A.Y.L. Nadeesha

Director

Student Affairs



4.14. Appreciation of the most impactful websites

4.14.1 The Best Websites of the University

University Library Website

4.14.2 The Best Faculty Websites of the University

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

4.14.3. The Best Department Websites of the University

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

4.14.4 The Best Websites of the Unites/Centers

1 st place	Distance and Continuing Education
2 nd Place	Career Guidance
3 rd Place	Research Council

4.14.5. The Best Website of the Institute

Postgraduate Institutes of Pali and Buddhist Studies

5. Certificate of Appreciation

Mrs. T.A.H. Siriwardana
Staff Management Assistant
Examination Division