Vice-Chancellor’s Awards Ceremony – 2019

University of Kelaniya
Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology
Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute
Vision of the University

To become a center of excellence in creation and dissemination of knowledge for sustainable development

Mission of the University

To nurture intellectual citizens through creativity and innovation, who contribute to the National development
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- 3rd Place

5.1.3. Faculty of Science
- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

5.1.4. Faculty of Social Sciences

5.1.5. Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology

5.1.6. Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies

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5.2.1. Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies
- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

5.2.2. Faculty of Medicine
- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

5.2.3. Faculty of Science
- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

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2019 is a specific year to University of Kelaniya as it celebrated its 60th Jubilee Celebrations. Hence, it’s undeniably a pleasure to issue this message on the occasion of the Long Services Awards and Vice Chancellor’s Awards Ceremony – 2019 of the University of Kelaniya. Vice-Chancellor’s Awards Ceremony is held annually in the University of Kelaniya since 2007 to recognize and appreciate the dedication and commitment of the academic and non-academic staff members.

Winning an award symbolizes that hard work and commitment of staff members are recognized in front of the entire staff, hence it is a significant moment to any award holder giving them a sense of pride and fulfilment. Winning an award also encourage the award winners to aim for higher targets and motivates the other staff members to render their services in a more dedicated and committed manner in future. This undoubtedly drives our university to achieve our goals and move to further heights in the academic arena. Another specific feature in this ceremony is that the staff of all categories covering the main university as well as 3 affiliated institutes are considered for awards, thus giving a fair chance to the entire community of the University of Kelaniya.

Marking the achievements of this year, we are pleased to introduce new award categories under 4 themes this year namely; The Outstanding early career researcher in the Library, The most successful director of the voluntary center/unit/ committee of the university, Faculty & Department awards under AHEAD project and appreciation for significant contributions made by staff during the year 2019 for specific tasks such as construction of ‘Bodiprakaraya’ and 60th Jubilee celebrations.

Further, it is a pleasure to announce that this year there are 3 award holders each under Outstanding Senior Researcher and Outstanding early career researcher categories amounting up to 6 award holders each from 3 faculties namely; Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies, Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Science. In addition, under competitive research awards, there is an award holder each from all 3 affiliated institutes unlike previous year.

I congratulate all awards winners and sincerely hope that we would be able to witness more and more award winners in the years to come.

Professor D. M. Semasinghe
Vice-Chancellor
VICE-CHANCELLOR’S AWARDS CEREMONY – 2019
A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

Long Service Awards and Vice-Chancellor’s Awards Ceremony - 2019 is organized to appreciate the service of all the academic and non-academic staff members of the University of Kelaniya for the year 2019. This is an annual event organized by the University of Kelaniya since 2007. Vice-Chancellor’s Awards are presented annually on the 01st working day of the year with the intention to recognize the contributions made by the staff members during the previous year. This recognition is made in terms of outstanding contributions and dedication made for the university, reception of local and international awards won by the staff members, long service awards, appreciation for those who obtained minimum no of leave etc. Further, the awards given in recognition of excellence of research work makes this a unique ceremony in the university system. Accordingly, Vice Chancellor’s Awards Ceremony - 2019, is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 01st of January 2020.

This awards ceremony recognizes the contribution of academic and non-academic staff members in the University of Kelaniya as well as of the 3 affiliated institutes namely: Postgraduate Institute of Archeology, Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies and Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, thus giving a fair chance to the entire community of the University of Kelaniya.

Adding into the uniqueness to this ceremony this year, new award categories under 4 themes are introduced namely; The Outstanding early career researcher in the Library, The most successful Director of the voluntary center/unit/ committee of the university, Faculty & Department awards under AHEAD project and appreciation for significant contributions made by staff during the year 2019 for specific tasks such as construction of ‘Bodiprakaraya’ and 60th Jubilee celebrations.

It is a pleasure to state that the number of presidential award winners are remarkably increased this year. In addition, all the 3 places have been secured for early career researcher award as well as for the outstanding senior Researcher award in the faculties of Commerce & Management Studies, Medicine, and Science. In addition, under competitive research awards, there is an award holder each from all 3 affiliated institutes unlike previous year.

Thus, it could be summed up and stated that this ceremony, with added uniqueness every year, has become an ideal ground for the university staff to reap the harvest of their talents, as well as commitments and contributions they have made through a year.
1. Appreciation for Significant Contributions

1.1 Award of Plaques in grateful appreciation for significant contributions

Citation: The following individuals have been awarded plaques for their significant contributions:

- Awarded in 1963:
  - 11th November

- Awarded in 1973:
  - 16th November

- Awarded in 1979:
  - 11th November

- Awarded in 1985:
  - 22nd November

- Awarded in 1992:
  - 11th November

- Awarded in 1996:
  - 3rd November

- Awarded in 2000:
  - 3rd November

Additional information:

- The plaques were presented at ceremonies held on the above dates.

- Recipients are listed in order of date of award.

- The plaques are intended to honor the contributions of these individuals to the community.
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Letters of Appreciation in recognition of specific contributions

The following are the letters of appreciation in recognition of specific contributions:

1. [Image of person speaking]

2. [Image of person]

3. [Image of person]

The following are the letters of appreciation:

1. A letter of appreciation to [Name] for [specific contribution].

2. A letter of appreciation to [Name] for [specific contribution].

3. A letter of appreciation to [Name] for [specific contribution].
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(II දුමුණිය)
විදුහලිතිය

සිංහල අතර ඉජුකා උඩු කොටගේ අමුතු විදුහලිතියේ ජාතික ප්‍රදානයේ ගී තානයේ 170,000ක් පමණ කිහිපයක් යන අතර ඔබේ 30 දිනා බෝසලිය ඔබේ යන අතර ඉජුකා උඩු කොට ඔබේ දෙස්වීමක් යි.
1.3. Service Appreciation for Employees who have taken minimum number of leaves in the Year 2019

मर्यादिता निवृत्ति उपलब्धक सथी महत्त्व - 2019 में एक छोटा 13 में से 13 छोटा छोटा निवृत्ति

कृपया ध्यान दें, यह मानक दिनों का निवृत्ति वर्तमान दिनों में मानक नहीं है।

Mr. M.D. Liyanage
Management Assistant
Accounts Branch
Leave - 3

Mr. D.M.N. Bandara
Chief Security Officer
Security Office
Leave - 3½

Mrs. S.K.J. Rathnayake
Management Assistant (Grade III)
Academic Establishment
Leave - 3½

Mr. W.A.M. Prabath
Health Service Labourer (Lower Grade)
Landscape Division
Leave - 04
Mr. L.D.P.N. Kithsiri  
Security Guard (Grade II)  
Security Office  
Leave – 04

Mr. M.M.P.M. Kumara  
Management Assistant (Grade III)  
Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies  
Leave - 04

Mr. K.A.G. kithsiri  
Lorry Cleaner (Grade III)  
Dean’s Office  
Faculty of Medicine  
Leave - 05

Mr. W.M. Kapila Bandara  
Works Aide (Grade III)  
Library  
Leave - 05

Mr. D.S.J.K. Weragoda  
Management Assistant  
General Administration  
Leave - 5½
Mr. K.D. Jayanayaka
Assisten Registrar
Leave - 5 ½

Mr. L.H.W.G. Samarakkodi
Trainee Technical Officer
Dean's Office
Faculty of Science
Leave - 06

Mrs. M.I. Hareerah
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Research and Publication
Leave - 06

Mr. W.P.A. Pushpakumara
Works Aide (Grade I)
Dean's Office
Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies
Leave - 06

Mr. K.M.S.D. Perera
Works Aide (Grade II)
Maintenance Division
Faculty of Medicine
Leave - 07
Ms. A.W.T.N.G. Wanigasekara
Management Assistant (Grade III)
Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies
Leave – 07

Mr. W.S.A.A.N. Senanayake
Driver (Grade II)
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute
Leave - 07

Mr. K.A.P Gunarathna
Works Engineer
Maintenance Division
Leave - 7 ½

Mr. H.L. Perera
Staff Technical Officer (Grade II)
Department of Medical Studies
Leave - 08

Mr. A.T.R. Peiris
Security Guard (Special Grade)
Security Office
Leave - 08
Mrs. N.T.P.R.K. Wijesuriya  
Management Assistant (Grade III)  
Faculty of Humanities  
Leave - 08

Mr. S. Chandrasena  
Office Machine Operator (Special Grade)  
Dean’s Office  
Faculty of Medicine  
Leave - 08 ½

Mr. W.T.S.D. Kumara  
Works Aide (Grade III)  
Registrar’s Office  
Leave – 08 ½

Mr. G.D. Kasun  
Works Aide (Grade III)  
Department of Microbiology  
Leave - 08 ½

Mr. H.A.D.S.M.S. Thirimanna  
Telephone Operator cum Receptionist  
Faculty of Medicine  
Leave - 09
Mrs. H.G.S. Wasanthi
Senior Staff Management Assistant (Stenographer)
Academic Division
Leave - 09

Mr. K.M.B. Perera
Postmortem Labourer (Lower Grade)
Department of Forensic Medicine
Leave - 09

Mr. D.T.D. Dayashantha
Security Guard (Supra Grade)
Security Office
Leave - 09

Miss. J.M. Mabulage
Management Assistant (Grade III)
Academic Establishment
Leave - 09

Mr. H.A.S. wicktarachchi
Telephone Operator/ Receptionist
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute
Leave - 09
Mr. S.M.H. Damindu  
Store Keeper (Grade III)  
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute  
Leave - 09

Mr. Gayan Rangana Gunasinghe  
Lab Assistant (Lower Grade)  
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute  
Leave - 9 ½

J.A Fernando  
Telephone operator  
Centre for Distance and Continuing Education  
Leave - 9 1/2

H.M.M.H Herath  
Book keeper  
Accounts Branch  
Leave - 10

Mr. M.D.S. Udayaraj  
Electrician (Grade I)  
Works Division  
Leave - 10
Miss. Y.P. Liyanaarachchi
Management Assistant (Grade III)
Registrar’s Office
Leave - 10

Mr. A.S.D. Silva
Management Assistant (Grade III)
Faculty of Graduate Studies
Leave - 10

Mr. H.M.P.A. Kumara
Works Aide (Grade III)
Supplies Division
Leave - 10

Mr. H.A.S. Kumara
Works Aide (Special Grade)
Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies
Leave - 10 ½

Mrs. R.D.U.D. Pieris
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Dean's Office
Faculty of Medicine
Leave - 10 ½
Ms. S.K. Dahanayake  
Library Assistant (Grade II)  
Library  
Leave - 10 ½

Mrs. M.G.R. Malkanthi  
Senior Staff Management Assistant (Stenographer)  
Faculty of Social Sciences  
Leave - 10½

Mrs. W.M.M.G.S. Mahakumbura  
Senior Staff Assistant (Library Service)  
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute  
Leave - 10 ½

Mr. W.W.A.R.Y. Wickramaratne  
Staff Assistant Shroff  
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute  
Leave - 10 ½

Mr. G.M.D.B. Gunarathna  
Management Assistant  
General Administrator  
Leave - 10 ½
Ms. W.A.I. Mallika  
Deputy Bursar  
Supply Division  
Leave - 10 ½

Ms. D.G.A.D. Gamage  
Management Assistant (Grade III)  
Deputy Vice Chancellor’s Office  
Leave - 10 ½

Mr. K.A.K. Pradeep Kumara  
Works Aide (Grade I)  
Centre for Distance and Continuing Education  
Leave - 11

Ms. P.U. Kalyani  
Staff Management Assistant  
Faculty of Humanities  
Leave - 11

Mrs. N.A.N.S.R.S. Thalangalla  
Senior Staff Management Assistant  
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute  
Leave - 11
R.A.T.S. Jayawardhana  
Management Assistant  
Centre for Distance and Continuing Education  
Leave - 11

Mr. J.L.S.N.K. Liyanage  
Driver  
Transport Division  
Leave - 11

Mr. W.R. Pushpakumara  
Works Aide (Special Grade)  
Department of Pharmacology  
Leave - 11 ½

Mr. R.P.K.C. Rajapaksha  
Technical Officer (Grade I)  
Department of Zoology  
Leave - 11 ½

Mr. R.A.G. Kithsiri  
Works Aide (Grade III)  
Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies  
Leave - 11 ½
Mr. K.P.M.G. Priyadarshana
Trainee Technical Officer
Faculty of Humanities
Leave - 11 ½

Mrs. K.B.A. Priyadarshani
Audit Assistant (Grade II)
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute
Leave - 11 ½

Ms. R.G.N.N Sriyananda
Management Assistant
Centre for Distance and Continuing Education
Leave - 11 ½

Mr. J.K. Hewathilaka
Driver (Special Grade)
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute
Leave - 11 ½

Mrs. R.N.P. Kumari
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Dean's Office
Faculty of Medicine
Leave - 12
Mr. S.R.M.U. Bandara
Management Assistant (store keeper) Grade III
Supplies Division
Leave – 12

Mr. K.D.S.L. Nanayakkara
Lab Attendant (Special Grade)
Department of Biochemistry
Leave - 12

Mrs. H.P.W. Chandrani
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Academic Establishment
Leave – 12

Mrs. E.D.C. Karunarathne
Senior Technical Officer
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute
Leave - 12

Mrs. W.M.D.K. Wijekoon
Senior Staff Assistant (Library) Service
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute
Leave - 12
Mr. W.C. Nandasiri
Works Aide (Grade II)
Internal Audit Division
Leave - 12

Mr. S.H. Rupasiri
Health Service Labourer (Special Grade I)
Landscape Division
Faculty of Medicine
Leave – 12½

Ms. L.D. Weerakkodi
Staff Management Assistant
Centre for Distance and Continuing Education
Leave - 12½

Mr. W.P.N. Pushpakumara
Driver
Transport Division
Leave - 12½

Mr. N.D. Kaluarachchi
Works Aide (Grade III)
Department of Public Health
Leave – 13
Mr. W.A.V.S. Jayathilaka
Works Aide (Grade III)
Department of Medical Education
Leave – 13

Mr. K.A.M.L. Gunathilaka
Works Aide (Special Grade)
Faculty of Humanities
Leave – 13

Mr. L.A.S. Dewappriya
Security Guard (Lower Grade)
Security Office
Leave - 13

Ms. U.K.D.V. Ayasanjali
Field Administrator (Grade II)
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute
Leave - 13
Mrs. M.D.B.C. Samarasinghe
Senior Staff Management Assistant
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute
Leave - 13

Mr. J.G.W.S. Nishantha
Management Assistant (Grade I)
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute
Leave - 13
2. LONG SERVICE AWARDS

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

25 වසරේකෙන් ආකාශයක් කිරීමෙන් විශේෂ ප්‍රසෝද්‍යයක් අධිරාජාතික පොලිස්

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

Prof. K.A.L.A. Kuruppuarachchi joined University as Senior Lecturer Grade II on 15.07.1994 and on 15.07.1999 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I. He was then appointed to the post of Professor of Psychiatry with effect of 01.03.2004 and currently serves as Senior Professor of Psychiatry from 01.03.2012 in the Department of Psychiatry in the Faculty of Medicine.

Prof. P.S. Wijesinghe
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology
Faculty of Medicine.

Prof. P.S. Wijesinghe joined University as Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01.06.1994 and on 01.06.1997 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I. He was promoted to Associate Professor on 22.10.2001 and was appointed to Professor of Obstetrics & Gynaecology on 15.08.2005. He was promoted to Senior Professor of Obstetrics & Gynaecology from 15.08.2013 and currently serves as the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

Prof. (Mrs.) S.J. de S Hewavisenthi
Department of Pathology
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. (Mrs.) S.J. de S Hewavisenthi joined University as Lecturer on 01.06.1994. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01.06.1997 and on 28.09.2005 she was promoted to Professor. She was then appointed to Professor of Pathology on 15.10.2008 and currently serves as Senior Professor of Pathology from 28.09.2013 in the Department of Pathology in the Faculty of Medicine.
Prof. A.P. Premawardena
Department of Medicine,
Faculty of Medicine
Prof. A.P. Premawardena joined University as Lecturer on 20.09.1994. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 20.09.1999 and on 29.04.2008 he was promoted to post of Professor. He currently serves as Senior Professor from 29.04.2016, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine.

Prof. A.H.M.H. Abayarathna
Department of History,
Faculty of Faculty of Social Sciences,
Prof. A.H.M.H. Abayarathna joined University as Lecturer (probationary) on 25.07.1994. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01.06.2000. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 01.06.2006 and on 25.11.2009 he was promoted to Post of Professor. He was promoted to Senior Professor on 25.11.2017 in the Department of History in the Faculty of Social Sciences, where he is currently serving. He also served as Dean of the faculty of Social Sciences.

Prof. Jagath Weerasinghe
Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology
Senior Professor Jagath Weerasinghe joined University as Senior Lecturer Grade 11 on 15/11/1993. He was then promoted to Professor on 12/07/2004 and on 17/07/2012 he was promoted to Senior Professor and currently serves as Senior Professor in the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology.

Prof. A.M. Gamini Adikari
Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology
Senior Professor A.M. Gamini Adikari joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 12/04/1994. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 12/04/1999 and on 12/04/2005 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I. He was then promoted to Professor on 28/02/2008 and currently serves as Senior Professor since 28/02/2016 and currently serve as Director since 02/09/2019 in the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology.
Dr. (Mrs). K.M.G.C.K. Amarathunga  
Department of Sociology,  
Faculty of Social Sciences,

Dr. (Mrs). K.M.G.C.K. Amarathunga joined University as Lecturer (probationary) on 07.03.1994. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01.01.2000 and to the post of Senior Lecturer Grade I on 01.01.2006. She has been serving in the Department of Sociology in the Faculty of Social Sciences since then.

Dr. (Mrs). J.M. Sudharmawathie  
Department of History,  
Faculty of Faculty of Social Sciences,

Dr. (Mrs). J.M. Sudharmawathie joined University as Lecturer (probationary) on 25.07.1994. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 16.01.2002 and she was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 16.01.2008 in the Department of History in the Faculty of Social Sciences. She has also served as the Head of the Department.

Prof. K.L.K.N.C. Premawardhene  
Department of Modern Language  
Faculty of Humanities

Prof. K.L.K.N.C. Premawardhene joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 03/01/1994. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 03/01/1999 and on 03/01/2005 she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I. She currently serves as Professor with effect of 24/11/2009 in the Department of Modern Languages in the Faculty of Humanities.

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

Dr. (Mrs.) B.T.S.D.P. Kannangara joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01/06/1994. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/06/2002 and on 01/06/2008 she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and currently serves in the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology in the Faculty of Science.
Prof. (Mrs.) K.A.W. Karunasekara
Department of Paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine

Prof. (Mrs.) K.A.W. Karunasekara joined University as Senior Lecturer Grade II on 10.10.1994 and currently serves as Professor with effect of from 22.02.2007 in the Department of Paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine.

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

Prof. (Mrs.) R.A.S.P. Senanayake joined University as Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 01/07/1994. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 01/07/2000 and on 13/02/2012 she was then promoted to Associate Professor and currently serves as Professor with effect of 26/07/2016 in the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology in the Faculty of Science.

Dr. (Ms.) K.P.P. Peiris
Department of Shalya Shalakya Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute.

Dr. K.P.P. Peiris joined University as Lecturer (prob) on 02/08/1993. She was promoted to Lecturer on 02/08/1993 and on 21/12/1998. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/01/2000 and then 19/01/2006 she was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade 1. Currently serves as Senior Lecturer Grade I since 19/01/2006 in the Department of Shalya Shalakya in the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute.

Dr. D.M.R.A. Solangaarachchi
Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology.

Dr. D.M.R.A. Solangaarachchi joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 12/04/1994. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/01/2000 and then 19/09/2010 she was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade 1. Currently serves as Senior Lecturer Grade I since 19/09/2010 in the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology.
Mrs. L.D.K.T. Dassanayake  
Senior Assistant Registrar  
Administration Division  
Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology.

Mrs. L.D.K.T. Dassanayake joined University as Clerk Grill on 02nd January 1992. She was promoted to Assistant Registrar on 15th October 2009 and she was then promoted to Senior Assistant Registrar on 15th August 2017 and currently serves as Senior Assistant Registrar in the Administration Division of the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology.

Mr. N.M. Aruna Shantha  
Landscape Division

Mr. N.M. Aruna Shantha joined University as supervisor (Landscape) Grade III on 15/06/1994. He was promoted to supervisor (Landscape) Grade II on 15/06/2004 and currently serves as Curator (Landscape) Lower Grade with effect from 01/07/2008 in the Landscape Division.

Mr. T.P. Nandalal  
Information and Communication Technology Centre  
Faculty of Science

Mr. T.P. Nandalal joined University as Instructor in Computer Technology Grade II on 28.03.1994 and currently serves as Instructor in Computer Technology Grade I on 28.03.2006 in the Information and Communication Technology Centre in the Faculty of Science.

Mrs. R. N. P. Kumari  
Senior Staff Management Assistant  
Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. R. N. P. Kumari joined the University as a Clerk (Grade 111) on 03.10.1994. She was promoted to Clerk (Grade II) on 01.01.2001 and Clerk (Grade I) on 03.10.2005. Mrs. R. N. P. Kumari was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 03.10.2010 and promoted to Senior Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 03.10.2015. Currently she serves a Senior Staff Management Assistant in the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Kelaniya.
Mr. K.N. Kothalawala
Senior Staff Assistant (Shroff)

Mr. K.N. Kothalawala joined university as Shroff (Temporary) on 04.04.1994. He was appointed as Shroff Grade III on 04.04.1995 and on 04.04.2001 he was promoted to Shroff Gr.II. He was then promoted to Shroff Grade I on 04.04.2006 and on 04.04.2011 he was promoted to Staff Management Assistant (Shroff). Mr. Kothalawala currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant (Shroff) in the Payment Division.

Mr. H.E. Anura
Senior Pharmacist
Medical Centre

Mr. H.E. Anura joined the university as Pharmacist (Lower Grade) on 03.10.1994. He was then promoted to Pharmacist (Higher Grade) on 03.10.2004 and on 03.10.2014 he was promoted to Pharmacist (Special Grade). Mr. Anura currently serves as Senior Pharmacist in the Medical Centre.

Mr. I.R.P. Wijewardana
Full Time Subwarden
(Grade II)

Mr. I.R.P. Wijewardana joined university as Laborer Gr.III on 01.11.1994. He was then promoted to Full Time Sub Warden Gr.II on 18.04.2005 and Mr. Wijewardana currently serves as Full Time Sub Warden Gr.I in the Student Welfare Division.

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

Mr. G.A.L.P. Wimalarathna joined university as Public Health Inspector Gr.III on 01.06.1994. He was then promoted to Public Health Inspector Gr.II on 01.06.2004. Mr. Wimalarathna currently serves as Public Health Inspector Gr.I in the Medical Centre.
Mr. J.W.A.D. De Silva,
Staff Technical Officer (Grade I),
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. J.W.A.D. De Silva joined the University as a Technical Officer on 18.04.1994 and was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II, Seg. “A”) on 18.04.2001. On 18.04.2004 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I). On 18.04.2008 he was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade II) and on 18.04.2013 he was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade I). Currently he serves as a Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) in the Department of Family Medicine of the Faculty of Medicine.

Mr. R.A.G.P.W. Rathnayaka,
Staff Technical Officer (Grade I),
Faculty of Medicine.

Mr. R.A.G.P.W. Rathnayaka joined the University as a Lab Attendant on 18.11.1992 and promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II, Seg. “B”) on 01.08.1995. On 01.08.2001 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II, Seg. “A”) and on 01.08.2014 he was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade I). Currently he serves as a Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) in the Department of Physiology of the Faculty of Medicine.

Mrs. W.R.H. Priyangani
Staff Technical Officer (Grade I),
Faculty of Social Science.

Mrs. W.R.H. Priyangani joined the University as a Clerk on 01.06.1994 and promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II, Seg. “B”) on 24.04.1998 and on 24.04.2008 she was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I) and on 24.04.2012 she was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade II). On 24.04.2017 she was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade I). Currently she serves as a Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) in the Department of Archaeology of the Faculty of Social Science.
Mr. S.K. Senavirathne,
Staff Technical Officer (Grade I),
Faculty of Medicine.

Mr. S.K. Senavirathne joined the University as a laborer (Grade III) on 02.12.1991. and promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II, Seg. “B”) on 30.06.1995. On 01.01.2002 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II, Seg.“A” ). On 30.06.2005 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I). Currently he serves as a Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) in the Department of Surgery of the Faculty of Medicine.

Ms. D.S.W. Manel,
Technical Officer (Grade I),
Faculty of Social Science.

Ms. D.S.W. Manel joined the University as a Lab Attendant on 03.08.1992. and promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II, Seg. “B”) on 20.10.2005. On 20.10.2011 she was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II, Seg. “A”). On 20.10.2017 she was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I) in the Department of Philosophy of the Faculty of Social Science.

Mr. K.P. Pushpakumara
Technical Officer (Grade I)
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute

Mr. K.P. Pushpakumara joined University as Laborer (Grade III) on 05.04.1994. He was promoted to Lab Attendant (Lower Grade) on 01.08.1995 and was then promoted to Clerk (Grade III) and on 2000.01.01 and he was then promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II - B) and on 02.05.2005 he was then promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II - A) and on 02.05.2011 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I) on 02.05.2015. He currently serves as Technical Officer (Grade I) 02.05.2015 in the Department of Dravyaguna Vingnana in the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute.
Mr. P.V.R.P. Dammika,  
Trainee Technical Officer,  
Faculty of Science

Mr. P.V.R.P. Dammika joined the University as a laborer (Grade III) on 01.11.1994. He was promoted to Lab Attendant on 01.12.2008 and on 15.09.2017 he was promoted to Trainee Technical Officer. Currently he serves as a Trainee Technical Officer in the Department of Physics of the Faculty of Science.

Mr. K.N.D.E. Rodrigo  
Department of Disability Studies.  
Faculty of Medicine

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

Mr. W.A.K. Premasiri  
Information & Technology Center  
Faculty of Science

Mr. W.A.K. Premasiri joined the University as a Laborer on 01.11.1994. He was appointed as a Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade) on 01.12.2005. He was then promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Higher Grade) on 01.12.2013 and he was promoted Laboratory Attendant (Supra Grade) 01.12.2018. And currently he serves in the Information & Technology Center.
Mr. W.A.D. Gamini  
Department of Microbiology  
Faculty of Science  

Mr. W.A.D. Gamini joined the University as a Laborer on 01.11.1994. He was appointed as a Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade) on 07.10.2003. He was then promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Higher Grade) on 07.10.2011 and he was promoted Laboratory Attendant (Supra Grade) 07.10.2016. And currently he serves in the Department of Microbiology of the Faculty of Science.

Mr. S.A. Rathnapulige  
Department of Forensic Medicine  
Faculty of Medicine  

Mr. S.A. Rathnapulige joined the University as a Laborer on 28.02.1992. He was appointed as a Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade) on 01.12.2005. He was then promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Higher Grade) on 01.12.2010 and he was promoted Laboratory Attendant (Supra Grade) on 01.12.2015. And currently he serves in the Department of Forensic Medicine of the Faculty of Medicine.

Mr. R. M. P. Kumarasinghe  
Transport Division  

Mr. R. M. P. Kumarasinghe joined university as Laborer (Grade III) on 01.11.1994 and on 01.11.2005 he was promoted to Labourer (Grade II). He was then promoted to Three-wheeler Driver (Grade II) on 01.10.2009 and on 15.08.2018 Mr. R. M. P. Kumarasinghe was promoted to Driver (Grade II) and currently serves as Driver (Grade II) in the Transport Division.

Mr. A.A.J.B. Amarasinghe  
Transport Division  

Mr. A.A.J.B. Amarasinghe joined the University as a Laborer (Grade III) on 08.05.1992. He was then promoted to Laborer (Grade II) on 08.05.2003 and he was promoted Laborer (Grade I) 08.05.2008. Mr. Amarasinghe was promoted Laborer (Special Grade I) 08.05.2015. After he was appointed as a Lorry Cleaner (Grade III) on 01.08.2018. And currently he serves in the Transport Division.
Mr. H.P. Abeywardana  
Transport Division

Mr. H.P. Abeywardena joined the University as a Laborer on 01.11.1994. He was then promoted to Laborer (Grade II) on 01.11.2004 and he was promoted Laborer (Grade I) on 01.11.2009. After he was appointed as a Lorry Cleaner (Grade III) on 02.05.2013. And currently he serves in the Transport Division.

Mr. M.K.P. Perera  
Library Attendant  
(Grade I)

Mr. M.K.P. Perera joined university as Laborer Gr.III on 01.11.1994. He was appointed as to Library Attendant Gr.II on 15.08.2007. Mr. Perera currently serves as Library Attendant Gr.I in the Main Library.

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

Mr. K.A.D. Nandasumithra joined University as Laborer Grade III on 01.11.1994. He was then promoted to Laborer Grade II on 01/11/2004 and on 1/11/2009 He was promoted to Laborer Grade I. And currently serves as Works Aide Special Grade 01/11/2016 in the department of Physical Education

Mr. B.S. Perera  
Department of Landscape

Mr. B.S. Perera joined University as Laborer Grade III on 01.11.1994. He was then promoted to Laborer Grade II on 01/11/2004 and currently serves as Works Aide Grade I 01/11/2010 in the Landscape Division.
Mrs. R.A. Padmalatha
Health Center

Mrs. R.A. Padmalatha joined the University as a casual Laborer (Grade III) on 18.03.1987. She was appointed as a Health Service Laborer (Lower Grade) on 15.07.1994. She was then promoted to Health Service Laborer (Higher Grade) on 15.07.2002 and she was promoted Health Service Laborer (Special Grade) 15.07.2009. Thereafter she was promoted Health Service Laborer (Special Grade I) 15.07.2014. And currently she serves in the Health Center.

Mr. S.H. Lalith Kumara
Department of Maintenance
Faculty of Medicine

Mr. S.H. Lalith Kumara joined University as Laborer (Grade 111) on 28.02.1992. He was then promoted to Laborer Grade II on 28/02/2002 and on 28/02/2007 he was promoted to Laborer Grade I. Mr. S.H. Lalith Kumara was promoted to Laborer Special Grade on 28/02/2015. And currently serves as Works Aid Special Grade in the Maintenance Division of the Faculty of Medicine
2.2 Award of a Silver Plated Medal for 30 Years of Continuous and Meritorious Service

Prof. D.W.R.K. Somadeva
Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology.

Senior Professor D.W.R.K. Somadeva joined University as Research Assistant on 02/01/1989 and appointed as Assistant Lecturer on 02/07/1989. He was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade 11 on 02/07/1994 and on 02/07/2000 he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I. He was promoted to Professor on 11/06/2007 and currently serves as Senior Professor since 11/06/2015 in the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology.

Mrs. C.M. Abeygunasekera
Library
Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. C.M. Abeygunasekera joined University as Junior Assistant Librarian on 02/05/1989. She was promoted to Senior Assistant Librarian Gr. II on 02/05/1994 and currently serves as Senior Assistant Librarian Gr. I on 01/05/2000 in the Library in the Faculty of Medicine.

Prof. E.M. Hewabowala
Department of English
Faculty of Humanities

Prof. E.M. Hewabowala joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 10/05/1989. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 13/12/1995 and on 13/12/2001 she was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I and currently serves as Professor with effect from 30/11/2009 in the Department of English in the Faculty of Humanities.
L.A. Sumith Jayasekara  
Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies

Mr. L.A. Sumith Jayasekara joined University of Colombo, Institute of Indigenous Medicine (IIM) as Clerk Grade III on 22/03/1989. He was then promoted to Clerk Grade II on 01/01/1996 in the University of Colombo, (IIM) and he was promoted to Clerk Grade I on 01/01/2001 in the University of Colombo, (IIM) and he was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerk) on 01/01/2007 in the University of Colombo, (IIM) and he was promoted to Assistant Registrar on 15/10/2009 in the University of Visual & Performing Arts. and currently serves as the Senior Assistant Registrar 16/11/2015 in the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya.

Ms. E.D.C. Karunarathne  
Chief Technical Officer  
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute.

Ms. E.D.C. Karunarathne joined University as Trainee Technical Officer on 16/01/1989. she was promoted to Technical Officer Gr.11 Segment (B) on 16/01/1989 and on 01/01/2000 she was then promoted to Staff Technical Officer Grade 1. Ms. E.D.C. Karunarathne was promoted to Senior Staff Technical officer on 02/10/2008 and currently serves as Chief Technical Officer 24/05/2017 in the Science & Technology Division in the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute.

Mrs. S. A. D. U. Senanayake  
Senior Staff Management Assistant  
Faculty of Humanities

Mrs. S. A. D. U. Senanayake joined the University as a Clerk (Grade 111) on 23.05.1989. She was promoted to Clerk (Grade II) on 23.05.1999 and Clerk (Grade I) on 23.05.2002. Mrs. S. A. D. U. Senanayake was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 23.05.2007 and promoted to Senior Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 23.05.2012. Currently she serves a Senior Staff Management Assistant in the Department of Modern Languages of the University of Kelaniya.
Mrs. D. D. S. C. Dangalla  
Senior Staff Management Assistant  
Faculty of Medicine

Mrs. D. D. S. C. Dangalla joined the University as a Clerk (Grade 111) on 03.10.1989. She was promoted to Clerk (Grade II) on 03.10.1999 and Clerk (Grade I) on 03.10.2004. Mrs. D. D. S. C. Dangalla was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 03.10.2009 and promoted to Senior Staff Assistant (Clerical Services) on 03.10.2014. Currently she serves as a Senior Staff Management Assistant in the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Kelaniya.

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

Mrs. M.D.A.S.R. Kudahetti joined University as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1989.11.23. She was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 1999.11.23 and on 2002.11.23 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. R.L.A. Rajapaksha was promoted to Staff Assistant on 2007.11.23 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2012.11.23 in the Academic Branch.

Mr. L.G. Lalith  
Supervisor (Maintenance)

Mr. L.G. Lalith joined university as Security Guard (Lower Grade) on 13.03.1989. He was then promoted to Security Guard (Higher Grade) on 13.03.1996 and on 13.03.2001 she was promoted to Security Guard (Supra Grade). Mr. Lalith was appointed as to Supervisor (Maintenance) Grade III on 10.12.2007 and on 10.12.2008 he was promoted to Supervisor (Maintenance) Grade II and he was promoted to Supervisor (Maintenance) Grade I on 06.09.2017 and on 10.12.2018 he was promoted to Supervisor (Maintenance) Special Grade. He got retired from the University service with effect from 29.08.2019.
Mr. W.A.A. Jayathilake,  
Technical Officer (Grade I),  
Faculty of Social Science.

Mr. W.A.A. Jayathilake joined the University as a Security Guard on 01.08.1988 and promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II, Seg. “B”) on 10.12.2007. On 10.12.2014 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II, Seg. “A”). On 10.12.2018 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I). Currently he serves as a Technical Officer (Grade I) in the Faculty of Social Science.

Mr. K.J.P. Perera  
Technical Officer (Grade I),  
Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute

Mr. K.J.P. Perera joined University as Security Service (Lower Grade) on 13.03.1989. He was promoted to Lab Attendant (Lower Grade) on 02.07.1997 and he was then promoted to Lab Attendant (higher Grade) and on 02.07.1999 and he was then promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II - B) and on 13.06.2005 he was then promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II - A) and on 13.06.2011 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I) on 13.06.2015 and currently serves as Technical Officer (Grade I) in the Department of Basic Principales in the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute.

Mr. H.A.M. Abeysiri  
Department of Botany,  
Faculty of Science

Mr. H.A.M. Abeysiri joined the University as a Casual Laborer on 22.11.1988. He was appointed as a Laborer (Grade III) on 01.09.1989. Thereafter he was appointed as a Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade) on 15.07.1997. He was then promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Higher Grade) on 01.01.2002 and he was promoted Laboratory Attendant (Supra Grade) on 01.01.2007. Mr. Abeysiri was promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Special Grade) on 01.01.2012. He currently he serves in the Department of Botany of the Faculty of Science.
Mr. H. P. G. Hemasinghe
Security Division

Mr. H. P. G. Hemasinghe joined university as Security Guard (Lower Grade) on 01.08.1988. He was then promoted to Security Guard (Higher Grade) on 01.01.1996. Mr. H. P. G. Hemasinghe was promoted to Security Guard (Supra Grade) on 01.08.2003 and currently serves as Security Guard (Supra Grade) in the Security Division.

Mr. D. T. D. Dayashantha
Security Division

Mr. D. T. D. Dayashantha joined university as Security Guard (Lower Grade) on 13.03.1989. He was then promoted to Security Guard (Higher Grade) on 01.01.1997. Mr. D. T. D. Dayashantha was promoted to Security Guard (Supra Grade) on 13.03.2001. He currently serves as Security Guard (Supra Grade) in the Security Division.

Mr. W. G. A. K. De Silva
Transport Division

Mr. W. G. A. K. De Silva joined university as Driver (Grade II) on 01.02.1989 and on 01.01.1999 he was promoted to Driver (Grade I). Mr. W. G. A. K. De Silva was then promoted to Driver (Special Grade) on 01.02.2004 and currently serves as Driver (Special Grade) in the Transport Division.
2.3 Award of a Gold Plated Medal for 35 Years Continuous and Meritorious Service

Prof. (Mrs.) I. K. Jayasekera
Department of Western Classical & Christian Culture
Faculty of Humanities

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

Prof. W.M. Wijeratne
Department of Linguistics
Faculty of Humanities

Prof. W.M. Wijeratne joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 15/03/1984. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 15/03/1989 and on 15/03/1995, he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I and he was promoted to the post of Associate Professor on 12/10/2001. He was promoted to Professor on 10/09/2007 and currently serves as Senior Professor 10/09/2011 in the Department of Linguistics in the Faculty of Humanities.

Prof. N.G.J. Dias
Department of Computer Systems Engineering
Faculty of Faculty of Computing and Technology

Prof. N.G.J. Dias joined University as Lecturer on 20/08/1984. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 16/03/1995. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 16.03.2001. On 27/11/2009, he was then promoted to Professor and was promoted to Senior Professor on 27/11/2017 in the Department of Computer Systems Engineering in the Faculty of Computing and Technology.
Prof. J.R.P. Jayakody  
Department of Physics and Electronics  
Faculty of Science

Prof. J.R.P. Jayakody joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 02/01/1984. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 01/06/1993 and on 01/06/1999 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and he was promoted to Professor on 18/12/2008. He was promoted Senior Professor on 18/12/2016 in the Department of Physics and Electronics in the Faculty of Science.

Mrs. K.D.S. Swarnalatha  
Department of Plant and Molecular Biology  
Faculty of Science

Mrs. K.D.S. Swarnalatha joined University as Clerk Gr. III on 02.04.1984. She was promoted to Technical Officer Grade II on 01.08.1987 and on 01.01.1995 she was then promoted to Technical Officer Gr. I and she was promoted to Technical Officer (Higher Grade) on 01.01.1999 and on 01.01.2004 she was then promoted to Staff Technical Officer Gr. I and she was promoted to Senior Staff Technical Officer on 15.08.2007 and currently serves as Chief Technical Officer on 29.08.2013 in the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology in the Faculty of Science.

Mrs. R.L.A. Rajapaksha  
Center for Distance and Continuing Education

Mrs. R.L.A. Rajapaksha joined University as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1984.01.23. She was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 1991.01.01 and on 1996.01.01 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. R.L.A. Rajapaksha was promoted to Staff Assistant on 2001.01.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2006.01.01 in the Center for Distance and Continuing Education.
Ms. D.P.P. Damayanthi  
Accounts Branch

Ms. D.P.P. Damayanthi joined University as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1984.09.17. She was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 1991.01.01 and on 1996.01.01 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Ms. D.P.P. Damayanthi was promoted to Staff Assistant on 2001.01.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2006.01.01 in the Accounts Branch.

Mrs. N.K.B.K. Gunarathmenike  
Senior Staff Management Assistant  
Loans & Salaries Division

Mrs. N.K.B.K. Gunarathmenike joined University as Clerk (Grade 111) on 1985.01.21. She was then promoted to Clerk (Grade 11) on 1996.01.01 and on 1999.01.01 she was promoted to Clerk (Grade 1). Mrs. N.K.B.K. Gunarathmenike was promoted to Staff Assistant on 2004.01.01 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 2009.01.01 in the Loans & Salaries Division.

Mr. S.T.A.C. Perera,  
Staff Technical Officer (Grade I),  
Faculty of Social Science.

Mr. S.T.A.C. Perera joined the University as a Laborer on 01.04.1985. and promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II, Seg. “B”) on 15.11.1993. On 22.11.2003 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I). On 22.11.2012 he was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade I). Currently he serves as a Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) in the Department of Economics of the Faculty of Social Science.

Mrs. C.N. Lokubalasuriya,  
Staff Technical Officer (Grade I),  
Faculty of Social Science.

Mrs. C.N. Lokubalasuriya joined the University as a Typist on 02.05.1984. and promoted to Technical Officer (Grade II, Seg. “B”) on 03.09.1984. On 01.01.1996 she was promoted to Technical Officer (Grade I). On 01.01.2005 she was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Grade I). Currently she serves as a Staff Technical Officer (Grade I) in the Department of Library & Information Science of the Faculty of Social Science.
2.4 Award of a Wall Plaque for 40 Years of Continuous and Meritorious Service

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Prof. Y.M.S. Madduma Bandara  
Department of Economics,  
Faculty of Faculty of Social Sciences,

Prof. Y.M.S. Madduma Bandara joined University as Lecturer (probationary) on 01.10.1979. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade II on 16.04.1987. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade I on 16.11.1995 and on 25.04.2003 he was then promoted to the post of Professor and he was promoted to Senior Professor on 25.04.2011 in the Department of Economics in the Faculty of Social Sciences. He has served as the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and as the Vice Chancellor of University of Kelaniya.
3. Felicitation of Top 10 Researchers in The University of Kelaniya

Prof. H.J. de Silva  
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. N.R. de Silva  
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. Ananda Ranjith Wickramasinghe  
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. K.T.A.A. Kasthurirathne  
Faculty of Medicine
Prof. A. Pathmeswaran
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. A.P. de Silva
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. B.A.H.R. Premarathna
Faculty of Medicine

Dr. D.A.D.A. Daranagama
Faculty of Science
Prof. U.S. Amarasinghe
Faculty of Science

Prof. N.K. Gunawardhana
Faculty of Medicine
4. Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Bringing Honour to the University by Winning Prestigious National or International Awards in 2019 (Presidential awards for scientific publications and literary awards)

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

Prof. (Mrs.) N. R. de Silva
Senior Professor
Parasitology
Faculty of Medicine

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

Prof. A.P. Premawardhena
Senior Professor
Medicine
Faculty of Medicine

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

Prof. (Mrs.) A. Pathiratne
Senior Professor
Zoology & Environmental Management
Faculty of Science
Prof. M. A. Niriella  
Professor  
Medicine  
Faculty of Medicine

Prof. H. D. R. C. Siriwardana  
Professor  
Surgery  
Faculty of Medicine

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

Prof. (Mrs.) K. T. A. A. Kasturiratne  
Professor  
Public Health  
Faculty of Medicine

Dr. (Ms.) S.T de Silva  
Senior Lecturer II  
Medicine  
Faculty of Medicine

Dr. S. F. Jayamanne  
Senior Lecturer II  
Medicine  
Faculty of Medicine
5. Vice Chancellor’s Awards

5.1 The Outstanding Senior Researcher.

5.1.1. Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

- 1st Place

Dr. D. K. Y. Abeywardhana

Department of Accountancy

Dr. Dilrukshi Yapa Abeywardhana is one of the senior lecturers attached to the Department of Accountancy, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. She obtained BCom (Honours) and MSc in Management degrees from University of Sri Jayawardenepura in 1999 and 2005 respectively. Subsequently, she completed Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Economics at the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom in 2012. Her Ph.D. research focused on Financing Decision of Small and Medium size Enterprises (SMEs) in the UK. During her PhD study in the UK she contributed to the University of Birmingham as a Lecturer in Open Economy Macro Economics and as a Research Assistant at the Department of Economics.

Dr. Abeywardhana has been teaching Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, Management Accounting, Advanced Corporate Finance, Advanced Management Accounting, International Finance and Financial Risk Analysis to undergraduates and post-graduate students. Her teaching and research experience spans over 20 years and published several research papers in nationally and internationally indexed journals. In addition to that, she presented research papers at International conferences in Australia, UK, France, India, and Sri Lanka. Dr. Abeywardhana won the best paper award for the paper titled “The impact of Population Ageing on Economic Growth in South Asia” in 2017 in Paris, France. She is interested and conducts research in Capital Structure, Ageing population and financial markets.

Dr. Abeywardhana rendered services to the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies as a Director to the Centre for Management Research (CMR), Coordinator of the Master of Business (Accounting/Finance) programme and Quality Assurance specialist. She works as a resource person to the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council (QAAC) of the University Grant Commission, Sri Lanka to review study programmes offered by the national universities. With her wealth of experience in the field of Finance she authored books, and book chapter which are useful for undergraduates, graduate students as well as those who are interested to learn project financing prctices.
Dr. Swarna Damayanthis Edirisinghe is working as a Senior Lecturer grade 1 of the Department of Commerce & Financial Management, Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies, University of Kelany. She is a Multi-Disciplinary Researcher and Senior Lecturer having more than 25 years of teaching experience in four Universities in Sri Lanka. Her teaching major is Statistics related subjects and supplementary subjects which includes economics and general management. She has published more than forty research articles as international indexed publications in refereed journals, full paper publications and abstract form published in National and international conferences/symposia. She has published three books on Capacity of Small & Medium Industries for Export Orientation, Statistical Analysis of Macro Economic Indicators and International Trade Theories. She was the Keynote Speaker several International Conference. She has obtained an award of senate honors for conducting high quality research and publication in the international indexed journals. She won the first place for Most Outstanding Senior Researcher of the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies in 2018.

Dr. Swarna Damayanthis Edirisinghe is one of the former Head of the Department of Commerce and Financial Management and has held several positions in the Kelaniya University. She is a graduate of Sri Jayewardenepura University having a First Class Pass in Social Statistics (Special) Honors. After that, she earned the Degree of Master of Social Sciences in Economics from University of Kelaniya and obtained the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy from University of Honolulu, United State of America.
Dr. D. M. R. Dissanayake is the current Head of the Department of Marketing Management and works as a Senior Lecturer Grade 1. He is the Director of the Centre for Brand Image Development (CBID) of the University of Kelaniya and currently serves as the Coordinator of the Master of Business Administration (MBA) programme of the university. In addition, he is the Coordinator to Centre for Advanced Marketing (CAM) of the University of Kelaniya which is established to conduct industry consultancy and research activities. He was able to obtain the awards of “Most Outstanding Young Researcher in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies” two times in the years of 2015 and 2017. His research activities are mainly focused on the disciplines of marketing, brand management, consumer behavior, digital marketing and business strategy.

He has published nearly 80 research papers in local and international journals including conference proceedings. His overall Google Research Gate Citations include 173 citations, and there are 166 Google Scholar Citations including 8 h-index and 5 i10 –index. He serves as a member of the editorial board to 3 international journals and 3 local journals. Dr. Dissanayake has extended his service as a keynote speaker in several international conferences held in Sri Lanka and overseas whilst contributing as the session chair for 5 international research conferences. He is a reviewer for local and international conferences serving as per requested.

The highlights of the research works conducted by Dr. Dissanayake in the year 2019 include 39 Google Scholar Citations and 6 publications with one keynote address in an international conference. Additionally, he contributed for 6 journals as an editorial member by reviewing the papers and served as session chair for two research conferences whilst being a panel member for 4 research conferences. He contributed as a thesis supervisor for 5 postgraduate programs as well.
Prof Madunil A Niriella is a Professor in Gastroenterology, Department of Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, Ragama and an Honorary Consultant Gastroenterologist, Colombo North Teaching Hospital, Ragama, Sri Lanka. He is also a Hepatologist in the Colombo North Hepatobiliary and Liver Transplant Service, Ragama. He is a board certified trainer in Gastroenterology and a long term member of the Specialty Board of study in Gastroenterology, Post-graduate institute of Medicine, University of Colombo. He graduated from the University of Colombo and had his post graduate training in intestinal and liver disease from the Professorial Medical Unit, Ragama and the Addenbrooke’s Hospital, Cambridge, UK. His research interests in liver disease include non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), cirrhosis and its complications, hepatocellular carcinoma and liver transplantation. His luminal research interests include inflammatory bowel disease, tropical gastroenterology and endoscopic techniques.

During evaluation period for this award he presented 14 research abstracts at international and local scientific gatherings such as Digestive Diseases Week (DDW) 2019 organized by the American Gastroenterology Association and The Liver Meeting 2018-19 organized by the American Association Study of the Liver, Asia-Pacific Digestive Week 2018 and International Medical Congress 2019 organized by the Sri Lanka Medical Association. He also authored 10 papers on above subjects in high impact, indexed, peer reviewed journals in the past year. He has also won many awards related to the research presented in his field of interests both nationally and internationally during this period. Some of these include Dr. E. M. Wijerama Award for the Best Overall Free Paper at 132nd Anniversary International Medical Congress, Sri Lanka Medical Association – October 2019, Dr. Wilson Peiris Award at 132nd Anniversary International Medical Congress, Sri Lanka Medical Association – October 2019, Sir Frank Gunasekera Award for the Best Paper in Community Medicine/Tuberculosis at 132nd Anniversary International Medical Congress - Sri Lanka Medical Association – October 2019, “Presidential Poster of Distinction” The Liver Meeting 2018, organized by the American Association for the Study of the Liver (AASLD), San Francisco, CA, United States – November 2018 and two Presidential Research awards for Scientific Research for publications from 2017 – National Research Council – August 2019.
Anuja Premawardhena graduated from University of Peradeniya in 1992 coming first in the all Island Merit list. During his undergraduate carrier, he was ranked first in all examinations in his batch and obtained distinctions in, Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry, Parasitology, Pharmacology, Forensic Medicine, Community Medicine, Microbiology, Medicine and in Pediatrics. He won all awards awarded to his batch, numbering 10 gold medals, scholarships and prizes. Anuja passed the MD in General Medicine in 1997 placing first in the Merit list and secured the John Stokes Gold Medal for the best student. In 1997 after obtaining the Commonwealth Scholarship he read for his D.Phil. at University of Oxford UK. The subject of specialization was haemoglobinopathies.

He joined University of Kelaniya as a Lecturer in Medicine in 1994 and has rose to the rank of a Professor in 2008 and Senior Professor in 2016. The training he received in haemoglobinopathies under Sir David Weatherall in Oxford has led to significant changes in the field of thalassemia care in Sri Lanka, with Ragama Hospital setting up, in collaboration with University of Kelaniya the first and only Adolescent and Adult thalassaemia care center in Sri Lanka. The first diagnostic laboratory for thalassaemia in Sri Lanka too was set up in Ragama and at present it is also equipped with a genetic laboratory.

The thalassaemia Centre has now developed into an academic hub with collaborative research and teaching of undergraduates in Medicine, postgraduates in Medicine and Hematology. At present, there are 5 students registered for Ph.Ds.” in this unit. He has won Presidential awards for research from 1999 to 2013 every year and then again in 2015 and 2017. He is an invited speaker on haemoglobinopathies at many National and International symposia. In 2018 Anuja delivered the prestigious Sri Lanka Medical Association oration(SLMA) for the second time, the first delivery being in 2004.; a rare distinction; achieved by only one other academic in the history of the SLMA.

Anuja Premawardhena has an H index of 18 and RG score of 35.59 as at 2019 December. He has over 65 full research papers in journals including in New England Journal of Medicine, Lancet, BMJ and Blood. Together with his research team he published 12 papers in 2019 alone.
Chrishantha Abeysena is a Senior Professor in Community Medicine, in the Department of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. He served in the Ministry of Health for 4 years till he joined the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya in January 1997.

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

He served as the Head of Department of Public Health and Chairperson of the Community Health Strand of the Faculty of Medicine. He is a member of the Senate, University of Kelaniya since 2007 to date. He is also a member of the Board of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Kelaniya since 2015 and currently Chairperson of the Board of Study in Multidisciplinary Studies related to Health. He is a member of the Ethics Review Committee, University of Kelaniya, and served as the active committee member of the committee for the development of first ever SOPs at a University level in Sri Lanka.

He served as a Chairperson of the Board of Study in Community Medicine, in the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, as an examiner for more than 55 post graduates exams in the PGIM and the Chief examiner for MSc and MD in Community Medicine and MD in Community Medicine. He successfully supervised more than 28 MSc, MPhil, MD dissertations and thesis. He has been a resource person for more than 75 conferences and symposia.

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.
5.1.3. Faculty of Science

- 1st Place

Prof. U. S. Amarasinghe

Department of Zoology & Environmental Management

Professor Upali S. Amarasinghe’s research career commenced in 1980 when he started research on reservoir limnology fisheries in Sri Lanka. So far, he has published over 150 research papers, edited 10 monographs presented over 75 scientific communications in international and national conferences. He serves as a member of the editorial board of Asian Fisheries Science, and as an honorary editor of Sri Lanka Journal of Aquatic Sciences. He also served as a member of editorial board of the Journal of National Science Foundation.

In July 2010, he was awarded Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) by Bangor University, U.K., for his research on the management of tropical artisanal fisheries. He has been conferred a D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) from the University of Ruhuna in November 2019.

He was a member of the working party of experts on inland fisheries in the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Commission of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. He also served as an international consultant to the International Development Research Centre, Canada (IDRC), to the University of Stirling, UK, to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). Professor Amarasinghe also served as a consultant to the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asian-Pacific (NACA) in Bangkok, Thailand.

His research findings have a high positive impact on inland fisheries of Sri Lanka because they were adopted by the government for defining management strategies. Under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act of 1996, several inland fisheries regulations have been formulated and implemented, based on his research findings.

He was instrumental to obtain two major research grants for collaborative research projects from the European Union and Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research. Through these projects, he has trained several postgraduate students.

Hitherto, he has trained 40 postgraduates. They include 10 Ph.D. degrees, 16 M.Phil. degrees and 14 M.Sc. degrees. Presently 05 postgraduate students carry out research under his supervision.
He won several national and international awards for his research. They include the prize for the best young scientist in biology for his research on inland fisheries awarded by the Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), Committee of Vice Chancellors and Directors (CVCD) excellence award in 2008 for the most outstanding scientist in biological sciences, GRC Award in 2009 for the most outstanding scientist in biological sciences awarded by Sri Lanka Association for Advancement of Science. He received Presidential awards for the authorship of scientific papers figuring in Science Citation Index. In 2000, he was awarded a Commonwealth Postdoctoral Fellowship to work as a visiting academic at the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of London. He was also an academic visitor in the Netherlands Institute of Ecology in 2007. He is a Chartered Biologist of the Institute of Biology of Sri Lanka and a Fellow of National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka.

According to Google Scholar Citations, Professor Amarasinghe h-index is 25 and upto now, there are 2029 citations of his research. The i10-index of Professor Amarasinghe is 57.
Dr. Suranga Wickramarachchi is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya. She obtained her B.Sc. (Chemistry) Honors degree from the University of Kelaniya. She earned her PhD in 2006 from the Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield, UK. She won the highly competitive, merit based scholarship granted by the Engineering and Physical Science Research Council (EPSRC) of the United Kingdom to fund her PhD studies. Her PhD was on vibrational spectroscopic studies of long chain alkanes. For her outstanding findings during her PhD research she was declared as the winner of the Jeremy J Laskowski Prize for Excellence in PhD Research in 2006 by the Sheffield Hallam University. Her expertise are in Organic Spectroscopy and Natural Products.

She has authored two text books titled Structure Elucidation of Organic Compounds Using Spectroscopy: A work book with Problems and Answers and Fundamentals of Heterocyclic Synthesis for university students. Her research interests include synthesis, applications and toxic potential of silver nanoparticles, isolation/identification of novel bioactive compounds from endolichenic fungi and development of controlled release formulations to prolong the bioavailability of bioactive compounds. She served as a Visiting Academic at the Lincoln University, New Zealand during her sabbatical and gained training on developing of controlled release formulations. She has published her research findings in peer reviewed, indexed journals and has 12 publications to her credit. In recognition of her research work she was awarded the SUSRED Award (Support Scheme for Supervision of Research Degrees) in 2016 by the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka. She is among the top 500 scholars of the University of Kelaniya during the period 2014-2019 with an H-index of 6 according to Google scholar rankings.

During the year 2019 she has published two full papers in peer-reviewed indexed journals and has 17 abstracts presented at international and national academic conferences. She produced one full time MSc student in 2019 and authored two text books.
Prof. Nimanthi Jayathilaka earned her B.Sc. (Honors) degree in Cell and Molecular Biology from University of Wisconsin, Superior, U.S.A in 2003 on merit base scholarships. Following her undergraduate studies, she joined the prestigious research group at the University of Chicago lead by Dr. Janet Rowley; the first person to identify genomic translocations as the cause of leukemia, where she worked as a research technologist. She earned her Ph. D. degree from the University of Southern California, U.S.A in Genetics, Molecular and Cell Biology in 2011. Then she moved to University of California, San Diego, U.S.A for her postdoctoral research in genome-wide transcriptional regulation.

She made numerous contributions to the leukemia research at the University of Chicago, which resulted in several highly-cited publications in high impact journals. During her graduate studies she developed a candidate drug with very promising potential in treating transplant rejection and her discoveries are patent protected under international patent law and which was licensed by C & C Biopharma, USA. Her work related to genome-wide chromosomal interactions was published in Nature Biotechnology one of the top 10 journals publishing original research in all fields with an impact factor of 35 and the new findings of this study were covered by many popular news media in the US and around the world.

In December 2012, she joined University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka as a senior lecturer in Chemistry and was promoted to the position of Professor in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry in 2016. Currently, she is investigating early molecular markers of disease severity in dengue, as well as the absorption of phenolic antioxidants by coconut oil in cellular and animal model systems. Her studies are currently supported by grants from the National Science Foundation, National Research Council, and AHEAD RIC grants in Sri Lanka. Further, she received the Early Career Women Scholars Fellowship awarded by the Organization for the Women in Science in Developing Countries in 2019 to develop low-cost, point-of-care molecular tools to detect early molecular markers of disease severity in dengue patients. Her research interests also extend to investigating other potentially fatal tropical diseases such as Melioidosis for which she was instrumental in securing support from the United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases in collaboration with the Genetech Research Institute.
During 2018-2019, she published several abstracts and two full papers. She has an H Index of 8 with 857 citations according to Google Scholar rankings. Her work has been cited over 80 times in 2019 and she has won a total of 4 research grants during 2018-2019 period. She has won 2 Senate Honors for publishing research articles in indexed journals, Presidential Award for publications in high impact journals for 2017, and SUSRED award by NSF for supervision of research degrees during 2018-2019.
5.1.4. Faculty of Social Sciences

Dr. D. M. Ajith Dissanayaka

Department of Economics

Dr. Ajith Dissanayaka is Senior Lecturer attached to the Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. He has completed Bachelor of Arts Honors Degree in Economics from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka and Master of Arts Degree in Economics from the University of Sri Jayawardenapura, Sri Lanka. Postgraduate Course (1997) in ‘Research Methodology’ from INCU. He has also followed a course (1999) in ‘Environmental Valuation & Resource Economics’, AIT, Bangkok, Thailand and Ph.D. Course units (2004-2006) in ‘Welfare Economics & Environmental Valuation’, Gothenburg University, Sweden. And also Post Graduate courses in ‘Energy Planning & Sustainable Development’ (2002), ‘International Development Studies’ (2004) University of Oslo, Norway. He has completed his Ph.D. in Economics in 2010 (Spilt-site University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka and Goteborg University, Sweden). He secured Sida/SAREC Ph.D. scholarship Swedish Corner 45,000 and NORAD scholarship Norwegian Corner 30,000 during his overseas studies.

During his 25 years of experience in teaching and research, he has published over 50 research papers in learned journals and presented papers in International research conferences. Dr. Dissanayaka was awarded the best paper award for his presentation on ‘Income Distribution and Incidence of Poverty in Sri Lanka’, at the 2nd International Conference on Multidisciplinary Academic Research (ICMAR)- 2019 conducted by the Asia Pacific Institute of Advanced Research in Indonesia.

During 2019, he has published 06 research papers in index journals and 07 book chapters. According to Google Scholar Citations, Dr. Dissanayaka h-index is 12. There are many citations of his research. He has contributed to strengthening undergraduate research capacity of the Department by supervising a large number of undergraduate dissertations. Moreover, He also has supervised and examined a number of Postgraduate Dissertations.
5.1.5. The Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology

Prof. Raj Somadeva

Department of Archaeology

Raj Somadeva entered the University of Kelaniya in 1982 and followed Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree in Archaeology. In 1986 he won a Second Class Upper Division Honors Degree from the Faculty of Social Science. He joined the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology as an assistant lecturer in 1989. Raj Somadeva has completed his Master of Philosophy Degree (MPhil) in 1994 in the same University. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Degree from the Department of African and Comparative Archaeology in the Faculty of Philosophy of the Uppsala University in Sweden in 2006 where his thesis titled 'Urban Origins in Southern Sri Lanka' was accepted as a part of their publication series on Global Archaeology in 2006. In 1990 he was invited by the German Institute of Comparative Archaeology (KAVA) in Bonn as a visiting research fellow. He was a Charles Wallace Research Fellow (2005) of the Institute of Archaeology in the University of London.

In 1998 he was awarded as one of the winners of Top Ten award in Sri Lanka under the category of Academic leadership and accomplishment. In 2015-16 he was appointed to the board of the National Research Council (NRC) in Sri Lanka. Among his publications are Archaeology of Urban Origins in Southern Sri Lanka (2009), Archaeology of Uda Walava Basin (2010), The Nilgiriseya Survey (2012), Archaeology of Mountains (2014), World Civilizations (in Sinhala) (2016). His publication titled "Rock Paintings and Engraving Sites in Sri Lanka" won the State Literary award for the best academic publication (English) in the year 2013. He won the Vice Chancellor's award of the Kelaniya University for the best researcher in the years 2015 and 2018. Raj Somadeva has published more than 50 research articles both locally and internationally. He was invited to carry out the forensic investigations of the Mass grave recovered from the Matale General Hospital premises and his report was well received internationally. Now he is serving as the Consultant Professor of Forensic Archaeology of the Mass grave recovered in Mannar which is the most controversial forensic investigations in the country. He is also a life member of the Society of South Asian Archaeologist based in New Delhi. Senior Professor Somadeva is currently serves as a Senior Professor in Archaeology in the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology in Colombo and is a founder Fellow of the Sri Lanka Council of Archaeologists.
5.1.6. The Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies

Prof. W. M. Deshapriya Gunasena
5.2 The Outstanding Early Career Researcher.

5.2.1. Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

- 1st Place

Mrs. S.M.D.Y. Jayarathna

Department of Human Resource Management

Ms. S. M. D. Yasodara Jayarathna is a Lecturer attached to the Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya. She has completed her Bachelor of Business Management (Special) Degree in Human Resource with a first class honors in 2013 from the Department of Human Resource Management, University of Kelaniya.

Further, she finished the Master of Business Administration (MBA) at University of Colombo in year 2017. Additionally, she also completed the Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Human Resource Management and Development, offered by the University of Salford, Manchester, United Kingdom in year 2018 with a Merit Pass. Specifically, in year 2019, Ms. Jayarathna has conducted studies on Job Demands, Job Resource, Emotional Exhaustion, Organizational Citizenship Behaviour and Work Family domain, which are contemporary areas in Human Resource Management. For her work, she received the outstanding early career researcher of faculty of commerce and management studies - 1st place in year 2018 and 03 senate awards in year 2017 and 2018 for publishing in high impact indexed journals. Ms. Jayarathna has published 17 full paper articles out of which 15 papers were published in refereed indexed journals and 02 papers were published in refereed non-indexed journals, 02 conference papers were presented at conferences held in Indonesia - 2016, Singapore – 2018, 10 abstracts and 01 extended abstract, and 04 monographs. Her citations in google scholar is 53, where her h-index is 03. She is interested in conducting research in the areas of Human Resource Management, International Human Resource Management, and Organizational Behavior.
Tharindu Weerasinghe has received his bachelor’s degree in Human Resource Management (B.Sc. Special) with a First Class (Honors) from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Further, he has obtained his MBA (Master of Business Administration) with a merit pass from the Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM), Sri Lanka.

Currently, Tharindu Weerasinghe serves as the Research Manager of the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies; Treasurer of the Arts Council of the University and a Psychological Counsellor of the Counselling Unit of the University.

His specialization is in the areas of Management, Human Resource Management, Leadership, Team Management, Counselling and Research Methodology. He has authored five books up to date; two text books in the streams of Business Studies and Mathematical Economics, three books in Human Resource Management (HRM), and has co-authored one book in Strategic Management. Up to date he has published twenty-two research articles in the aforesaid areas in local and foreign journals and conferences.
Dr. Ruwani Fernando is a Senior Lecturer of the Department of Finance, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya since 2010.

Dr. Ruwani Fernando completed her Ph.D. in Finance at the University of Waikato, New Zealand in 2019. She was a recipient of the Commonwealth Scholarship granted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand in 2016. She has completed her Master of Science in Management, from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, in 2013. A paper based on her master’s thesis has been awarded as the best paper at the International Conference on Economic, Finance and Management Outlook, organized by Asian Economic and Social Society in Malaysia 2013. She has obtained her Bachelor of Business Management Special degree in Finance with first class honors from the University of Kelaniya in 2008. She has been awarded by the Security of Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka for the highest GPA of the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies and by the Institute of Charted Accountants of Sri Lanka for the highest GPA of the B.B.M. (Special) Degree in Finance at the general convocation held in 2008.

Dr. Ruwani’s research program focuses on two mainstream areas in finance: risk management, and corporate finance. She has coauthored with some researchers in the fields which resulted in around 12 publications. Some of those articles appeared at the journals such as Corporate Governance: An international review, Applied Economics and Emerging Markets Finance and Trade. To date, she has obtained 21 citations for her research endeavors.
Dr. D.S.G. Mettananda

Department of Paediatrics

Dr. Sachith Mettananda graduated MBBS from University of Colombo in 2004 with First Class Honours, nine distinctions and the Sir Andrew Caldecott Gold Medal for the best performance in final MBBS. He qualified Diploma in Child Health and MD in Paediatrics from University of Colombo and was Board Certified as a Specialist in Paediatrics in 2013. In 2012, he won the Commonwealth Scholarship UK to read for a DPhil in Clinical Laboratory Sciences at the University of Oxford which he completed in 2015.

Sachith joined the University of Kelaniya in 2006 as a Lecturer (Probationary) and is currently a Senior Lecturer in Paediatrics and an Honorary Consultant Paediatrician to the Colombo North Teaching Hospital, Ragama. In 2019 he has authored 13 scientific publications in peer-reviewed indexed journals which include Scientific Reports (IF-4.0), Frontiers in Molecular Biosciences (IF-3.5), PLoS One (IF-2.7), Pediatric Blood and Cancer (IF-2.4), Health and Quality of Life Outcomes (IF-2.3) and BMC Paediatrics (IF-1.9). Additionally, he has also presented 8 research papers in scientific meetings. He is currently an editorial board member in the Ceylon Medical Journal and Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health. In the year 2019, he has received numerous international and national awards which include Presidential Awards for Scientific Publication and S.E. Seneviratna Award and Professor Sir Nicholas Attygalle Award at the SLMA 132nd Anniversary International Medical Congress.
Dr. Dileepa Ediriweera is a Senior Lecturer (Grade II) at the Computer Centre, Faculty of Medicine. He won the 2nd place of the Vice Chancellor's Award for the Outstanding Early Carrier Researcher in the Faculty of Medicine for the year 2019.

Dileepa received his primary and secondary education from De Mazenod College, Kandana and obtained his MBBS degree from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. He holds a Master of Science degree in Biostatistics from the University of Peradeniya, a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Informatics from the University of Colombo and a Diploma in Computer System Designing from the National Institute of Business Management, Sri Lanka. He served in the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka for five years and joined the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya in 2013.

Dileepa’s main research interests include neglected tropical diseases and non-communicable diseases. He has co-authored more than 30 scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals and 60 conference abstracts. In recognition of his contribution to research, he has been awarded three President’s Awards for Scientific Publications, Dr. E. M. Wijerama award, Dr. S. E. Seneviratna award, Wilson Peiris Prize and Kumaradasa Rajasuriya award by the Sri Lanka Medical Association, Dr Henry Rajaratnam award by the Ceylon College of Physician, best overall oral paper award and A.E. Senevirathne award by the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka and best research paper prize by the College of Pathologists of Sri Lanka, Senate honours for carrying out high-quality research and Vice-Chancellor’s Award for bringing honour to the university by winning prestigious national or international awards by the University of Kelaniya.

Dileepa is currently reading his PhD degree and he won the Commonwealth Split-site PhD Scholarship to continue his research at the Lancaster University, United Kingdom. His PhD research is on neglected tropical diseases and through this, he developed snakebite and soil-transmitted helminths risk maps for Sri Lanka. This research also involves evaluating the spatiotemporal patterns and the effects of global climate change on snakebites as well.
Dr. Nayana Gunathilaka is a Senior Lecturer attached to the Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine University of Kelaniya. His research interests are Molecular Medical Entomology, Parasitological and Molecular biological aspects of vector borne disease pathogens. He has over 140 publications under his name, including 38 full papers indexed journals and 112 presentations at the national and international symposia. He has over 197 citations and a h-index of 8 in the Google Scholar. During the year of consideration Dr. Gunathilaka had 10 full papers in peer-reviewed indexed journals and 10 presentations at scientific conferences, 26 Genbank submissions and 60 citations of his publications. He has served as the Editorial member, Associate editor and reviewer in 6 international journals in 2019.
5.2.3. Faculty of Science

- 1st Place

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

Dr. Jayathilaka obtained his BSc (Special) Degree in Physics from the University of Kelaniya in 2004 with a well-deserved First Class Honours. He was awarded the Gold Medal by the Alumni Association of Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya for the best results in Physics in 2004. He was recruited to the Department of Physics, University of Kelaniya in 2008 as a probationary lecturer. Upon joining the department, he obtained his M.Phil degree from the University of Kelaniya in 2010. In 2011 he was awarded a scholarship by the Ministry of Higher Education under the Higher Education for the Twenty First Century (HETC) project to carry out his PhD research work at the Department of Physics, University of Colombo and obtained his PhD degree in 2015. He was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer in 2015.

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. Now he is a co-supervisor of two MPhil and one PhD student. His work so far has contributed to 24 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 60 international and local conferences.

Dr. Jayathilaka has been the recipient of several prestigious university and national awards, made in recognition of his outstanding scientific research which includes the CVCD Excellence Awards for the Most Outstanding Young Researcher (Physical Science) in 2018, the SLAAS Postgraduate Research Award for the Best Researcher in Physical Science in 2016, the Most Outstanding Young Researcher of the Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya-Vice-Chancellor’s Award 2014, 2nd place - the Most Outstanding Researcher of the Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya-Vice-Chancellor’s Award 2017. President’s Awards for Scientific Publications in 2014 and 2015, NRC Merit Awards for Scientific Publications in 2012 and 2016.
Dr. Vasana Chandrasekara is a Senior Lecture in the Department of Statistics & Computer Science, at the Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. She graduated from the Faculty of Science, University of Colombo in 2009 with a B.Sc. (Hons.) special degree in Statistics with Computer Science. Further she obtained a B.Sc. (Hons.) in Computer Science from British Computer Society in 2009 and holds MBCS. She completed Master of Financial Economics from the University of Colombo in 2011. She pursued her doctoral degree with one supervisor from Department of Statistics, University of Colombo and another supervisor from Federation University Australia. She had a chance to work with the foreign supervisor in Australia for some time period and finally she obtained the Ph.D. from the University of Colombo in the year 2018.

Her research interests include data mining in the field of data science, time series analysis, econometrics and statistical modelling. She has published around 40 research articles including abstracts, extended abstracts and full papers at national and international level conference proceedings and in national and international journals. She has published 16 research abstracts in her field of interest and has authored over 23 full papers on above subjects in peer-reviewed indexed journals with a H index of 4 and 7.91 score in Research Gate. She has published 5 abstracts and 7 full papers in conference proceedings and peer-reviewed indexed journals including science citation index expanded, clarivate analytics, scoopus, etc during the year 2019.

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 and Senate Honours for conducting high quality research in the years 2015, 2016 (twice), 2018 and 2019 (twice) by the University of Kelaniya. She served as a scientific reviewer of the several national and international research conferences and journals.
Dr. Renuka Attanayake obtained her BSc (special) degree in Botany (Department of Plant and Molecular Biology) from University of Kelaniya and later she worked as a science teacher in a rural school in Polonnaruwa. After that she decided to join as a temporary demonstrator, and later as a probationary lecturer in the Department of Botany, University of Kelaniya. While working as a probationary lecturer, she was awarded a research assistantship to conduct MSc degree from the Washington State University (WSU), WA, USA. After her MSc she joined the PhD program of the same university and studied Population genetics of a devastating plant pathogen. At the same time, she worked on a molecular plant breeding project on Chick pea in the Grain Legume genetics and physiology research unit of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) attached to the WSU.

Then she joined the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology, University of Kelaniya in 2013 as a senior lecturer. In 2014, American Phytopathological Society (APS) awarded her prestigious JANE award for returning scientists working on Phytophthora infestanse to start her research carrier in a developing country. Since then she was able to secure funding from National Science Foundation (NSF) research grant (2.8 million) and NSF equipment grant (1.9 million) in 2015. By 2019, she has been awarded two Indo Sri Lanka collaborative research grants from Ministry of Science and Technology (worth of 100 million and 5.8 million), TWAS grant (9000 USD) in 2018 and in 2019, 25,000 Euro grant from International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) to work on Polyethylene bio degrading fungi. In 2018, she was awarded Early Carrier Researcher Travel Award from APS to attend APS conference in Boston, USA. So far she has published 17 research papers in indexed journals, 45 abstracts and three book chapters. In 2019, she published two articles in indexed journals, one article in non-indexed journal and 11 abstracts.
Dr. G.V.P. Samaranayake is a Lecturer (Probationary), attached to the Department of Ayurveda Basic Principles, Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya in 2019.

She graduated from the same institute with a first class honors in Bachelor of Ayurveda Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) Degree in 2015 and earned her Post Graduate Diploma in Shalya Tantra (PGD in Shalya Tantra) from the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute. She is currently following a Post Graduate Diploma in Toxicology in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.

Further, she has partially completed Attorney-at-Law offered by Sri Lanka Law College. She obtained her Instrumental Esraj Vadya Gandarva Visharada Degree from the Bhathkanda Sangeetha Vidyapith, Lucknow in 2009.

Her research interests are Ayurveda Shalya & Shalakya Tantra, Human Anatomy, and Toxicology & Forensic Medicine. She has published more than thirty research articles at national and international level conference proceedings and has done more than 12 journal publications in refereed indexed journals. She has authored a book in the field of medical jurisprudence by local reputed publisher.
5.2.5. Library

Dr. M. I. G. S. Sampath

Dr. M.I.G. Suranga Sampath works as a Senior Assistant Librarian of the Library, University of Kelaniya. He obtained his B.Sc. Special Degree in Mathematics with honors in 2008 from the Department of Mathematics, University of Ruhuna. He completed his MSSc in Library and Information Science in 2014 from the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya. In 2014, he received the Chinese Government Scholarship to pursue his postgraduate degree and, he obtained PhD in the field of Probability and Mathematical Statistics from the School of Mathematics and Statistics, Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST), Wuhan, China in 2019.

In 2016, he received the financial assistance to attend DAAD Spring School on Combinatorial Stochastic Processes, Hanoi, Vietnam by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). During the period from 02nd of February, 2018 to 30th of April, 2018, he received two fellowships to conduct collaborative research programmes with Professor K. Kalidass, Department of Mathematics, Karpagam Academy of Higher Education, Tamil Nadu, India and with Professor Rakesh Kumar, School of Mathematics, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Jammu and Kashmir, India under the financial support of National Science Foundation of China and the Fundamental Research Funds for the Central Universities. Recently, he introduced a new concept named “Multiple-Differentiated Vacations” in Queueing Theory and it is an application to IEEE 802.16e power saving mechanism. This concept will be appeared in the Indian Journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics which is a Science Citation Indexed. Moreover, he received the HUST Academic Excellence Award for his research papers published in peer reviewed, Science Citation Indexed journals for the academic year 2017/2018 in 2019.

During 2019, he has published two research papers in Science Citation Indexed journals and one book chapter in the springer book series "Communications in Computer and Information Science (CCIS)". Further, he participated two international conferences to present his research findings. He has worked as a scientific reviewer for several international conferences and he is a reviewer of a few peer reviewed, Science Citation Indexed journals.
Dr Nadeesha Gunawardana entered to the University of Kelaniya in 1996 and She was awarded as the best performance in History of the Faculty of Social sciences at the bachelor of Arts Special Degree Examination, 2001, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. She received her M.Phil from the same University in 2001. She received her Ph.D in History, University of Pondicherry, in India. In the year 2018 she won the William-Jones-Research Fellowship from the University of Cardiff, United Kingdom. She is interested with ancient history of Sri Lanka and India, Epigraphy and ancient trade.
5.3 The Researcher with The Highest Number of Publications

5.3.1. Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

Dr. J. M. R. Fernando

Department of Finance

Dr. Ruwani Fernando is a Senior Lecturer of the Department of Finance, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya since 2010.

Dr. Ruwani Fernando completed her Ph.D. in Finance at the University of Waikato, New Zealand in 2019. She was a recipient of the Commonwealth Scholarship granted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand in 2016. She has completed her Master of Science in Management, from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, in 2013. A paper based on her master’s thesis has been awarded as the best paper at the International Conference on Economic, Finance and Management Outlook, organized by Asian Economic and Social Society in Malaysia 2013. She has obtained her Bachelor of Business Management Special degree in Finance with first class honors from the University of Kelaniya in 2008. She has been awarded by the Security of Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka for the highest GPA of the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies and by the Institute of Charted Accountants of Sri Lanka for the highest GPA of the B.B.M. (Special) Degree in Finance at the general convocation held in 2008.

Dr. Ruwani’s research program focuses on two mainstream areas in finance: risk management, and corporate finance. She has coauthored with some researchers in the fields which resulted in around 12 publications. Some of those articles appeared at the journals such as Corporate Governance: An international review, Applied Economics and Emerging Markets Finance and Trade. To date, she has obtained 21 citations for her research endeavors.
Dr. D. S. G. Mettananda
Department of paediatrics

Dr Sachith Mettananda graduated MBBS from University of Colombo in 2004 with First Class Honours, nine distinctions and the Sir Andrew Caldecott Gold Medal for the best performance in final MBBS. He qualified Diploma in Child Health and MD in Paediatrics from University of Colombo and was Board Certified as a Specialist in Paediatrics in 2013. In 2012, he won the Commonwealth Scholarship UK to read for a DPhil in Clinical Laboratory Sciences at the University of Oxford which he completed in 2015. Sachith joined the University of Kelaniya in 2006 as a Lecturer (Probationary) and is currently a Senior Lecturer in Paediatrics and an Honorary Consultant Paediatrician to the Colombo North Teaching Hospital, Ragama. In 2019 he has authored 13 scientific publications in peer-reviewed indexed journals which include Scientific Reports (IF-4.0), Frontiers in Molecular Biosciences (IF-3.5), PLoS One (IF-2.7), Pediatric Blood and Cancer (IF-2.4), Health and Quality of Life Outcomes (IF-2.3), BMC Paediatrics (IF-1.9) and Journal of Biosocial Science (IF-1.0).
5.3.3. Faculty of Science

Prof. U. S. Amarasinghe

Department of Zoology and Environmental Management

Professor Upali S. Amarasinghe’s research career commenced in 1980 when he started research on reservoir limnology fisheries in Sri Lanka. So far, he has published over 150 research papers, edited 10 monographs presented over 75 scientific communications in international and national conferences. He serves as a member of the editorial board of Asian Fisheries Science, and as an honorary editor of Sri Lanka Journal of Aquatic Sciences. He also served as a member of editorial board of the Journal of National Science Foundation.

In July 2010, he was awarded Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) by Bangor University, U.K., for his research on the management of tropical artisanal fisheries. He has been conferred a D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) from the University of Ruhuna in November 2019.

He was a member of the working party of experts on inland fisheries in the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Commission of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. He also served as an international consultant to the International Development Research Centre, Canada (IDRC), to the University of Stirling, UK, to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). Professor Amarasinghe also served as a consultant to the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asian-Pacific (NACA) in Bangkok, Thailand.

His research findings have a high positive impact on inland fisheries of Sri Lanka because they were adopted by the government for defining management strategies. Under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act of 1996, several inland fisheries regulations have been formulated and implemented, based on his research findings. He was instrumental to obtain two major research grants for collaborative research projects from the European Union and Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research. Through these projects, he has trained several postgraduate students.

Hitherto, he has trained 40 postgraduates. They include 10 Ph.D. degrees, 16 M.Phil. degrees and 14 M.Sc. degrees. Presently 05 postgraduate students carry out research under his supervision.
He won several national and international awards for his research. They include the prize for the best young scientist in biology for his research on inland fisheries awarded by the Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), Committee of Vice Chancellors and Directors (CVCD) excellence award in 2008 for the most outstanding scientist in biological sciences, GRC Award in 2009 for the most outstanding scientist in biological sciences awarded by Sri Lanka Association for Advancement of Science. He received Presidential awards for the authorship of scientific papers figuring in Science Citation Index. In 2000, he was awarded a Commonwealth Postdoctoral Fellowship to work as a visiting academic at the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of London. He was also an academic visitor in the Netherlands Institute of Ecology in 2007. He is a Chartered Biologist of the Institute of Biology of Sri Lanka and a Fellow of National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka.

According to Google Scholar Citations, Professor Amarasinghe h-index is 25 and upto now, there are 2029 citations of his research. The i10-index of Professor Amarasinghe is 57.
5.4 The Recipient of the Highest Amount of External Research Grants

5.4.1. Faculty of Science

Prof. N. Jayathilaka
Department of Chemistry

Prof. Nimanthi Jayathilaka earned her B.Sc. (Honors) degree in Cell and Molecular Biology from University of Wisconsin, Superior, U.S.A in 2003 on merit base scholarships. Following her undergraduate studies, she joined the prestigious research group at the University of Chicago lead by Dr. Janet Rowley; the first person to identify genomic translocations as the cause of leukemia, where she worked as a research technologist. She earned her Ph. D. degree from the University of Southern California, U.S.A in Genetics, Molecular and Cell Biology in 2011. Then she moved to University of California, San Diego, U.S.A for her postdoctoral research in genome-wide transcriptional regulation.

She made numerous contributions to the leukemia research at the University of Chicago, which resulted in several highly-cited publications in high impact journals. During her graduate studies she developed a candidate drug with very promising potential in treating transplant rejection and her discoveries are patent protected under international patent law and which was licensed by C & C Biopharma, USA. Her work related to genome-wide chromosomal interactions was published in Nature Biotechnology one of the top 10 journals publishing original research in all fields with an impact factor of 35 and the new findings of this study were covered by many popular news media in the US and around the world.

In December 2012, she joined University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka as a senior lecturer in Chemistry and was promoted to the position of Professor in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry in 2016. Currently, she is investigating early molecular markers of disease severity in dengue, as well as the absorption of phenolic antioxidants by coconut oil in cellular and animal model systems. Her studies are currently supported by grants from the National Science Foundation, National Research Council, and AHEAD RIC grants in Sri Lanka. Further, she received the Early Career Women Scholars Fellowship awarded by the Organization for the Women in Science in Developing Countries in 2019 to develop low-cost, point-of-care molecular tools to detect early molecular markers of disease severity in dengue patients. Her research interests also extend to investigating other potentially fatal tropical diseases such as Melioidosis for which she was instrumental in securing support from the United States Army.
Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases in collaboration with the Genetech Research Institute.

During 2018-2019, she published several abstracts and two full papers. She has an H Index of 8 with 857 citations according to Google Scholar rankings. Her work has been cited over 80 times in 2019 and she has won a total of 4 research grants during 2018-2019 period. She has won 2 Senate Honors for publishing research articles in indexed journals, Presidential Award for publications in high impact journals for 2017, and SUSRED award by NSF for supervision of research degrees during 2018-2019.
Anuradhani Kasturiratne is a Professor in Public Health at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, and a specialist in Community Medicine. Her teaching spans both undergraduate MBBS and B Sc programmes and the Master of Public Health programme conducted by the Faculty of Medicine. She is a trainer and examiner for the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, Colombo. Anuradhani has been working on non-communicable disease epidemiology since 2003. She contributed to the inception of the Ragama Health Study, a prospective population based cohort study on predictors of metabolic syndrome and cardiovascular disease among Sri Lankans, which commenced in 2007 and is currently on-going, providing evidence for national policy and practice.

She has been an investigator in large-scale international collaborative studies and community trials on epidemiology and prevention of non-communicable diseases in South Asia. She also works in the fields of snakebite and health economics, focusing on the burden of disease and snakebite and non-communicable disease intersections. She is the lead investigator of the University of Kelaniya in the NIHR-Global Health Research Unit for diabetes and cardiovascular disease among South Asians and places emphasis on the need for capacity building in health professionals for better prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.

Anuradhani Kasturiratne has been nominated for the award in the field of “The Recipient of the highest amount of external research grants in the Faculty of Medicine”
Dr. Suranga Wickramarachchi is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya. She obtained her B.Sc. (Chemistry) degree from the University of Kelaniya. She earned her PhD in 2006 from the Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield, UK. She won the highly competitive, merit-based scholarship granted by the Engineering and Physical Science Research Council (EPSRC) of the United Kingdom to fund her PhD studies. Her PhD was on vibrational spectroscopic studies of long chain alkanes. For her outstanding findings during her PhD research, she was declared as the winner of the Jeremy J Laskowski Prize for Excellence in PhD Research in 2006 by the Sheffield Hallam University.

Her expertise is in Organic Spectroscopy and Natural Products. She has authored two textbooks titled Structure Elucidation of Organic Compounds Using Spectroscopy: A Work Book with Problems and Answers and Fundamentals of Heterocyclic Synthesis for university students. Her research interests include synthesis, applications and toxic potential of silver nanoparticles, isolation/identification of novel bioactive compounds from endolichenic fungi, and development of controlled release formulations to improve the bioavailability of bioactive compounds. She has published her research findings in peer-reviewed, indexed journals and has 12 publications to her credit.

In recognition of her research work, she was awarded the SUSRED Award (Support Scheme for Supervision of Research Degrees) in 2016 by the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka. She is among the top 500 scholars of the University of Kelaniya during the period 2014-2019 with an H-index of 6 according to Google Scholar rankings. She served as a Visiting Academic at the Lincoln University, New Zealand during her sabbatical and gained training on developing controlled release formulations. Upon her return, she initiated a new research area on developing controlled release formulations at the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya. She obtained the university research grant, RP/03/02/06/01/2016 to fund her research on “Encapsulation of cinnamon leaf oil and lemongrass oil within chitosan: formulation and invitro evaluation of antifungal efficacy against Aspergillus flavus”. She produced one MSc student and completed two final year undergraduate research projects funded by this grant. She published a full paper in peer-reviewed indexed journal and five abstracts in international academic conferences on the research work of this grant.
5.6 The Best Promoter of International Relations in The University

Prof. A. K. Manatunga
Department of Archaeology

Anura Manatunga is a Senior Professor at the Department of Archaeology and the Director of the Center for Heritage Studies of the University of Kelaniya. This is his fifth time of receiving the Vice Chancellor's Award for the Best Promoter of International Relations in the University. His contribution in the field of international relations during the period concerned is summarized herewith.

Prof. Manatunga organized four international workshops in 2019 at the University of Kelaniya and participated as a resource person in all of them. Further, six other foreign scholars delivered scholarly presentations in the 'Heritage lecture Series' which he organized during this period. He attended 08 International conferences and Workshops in Kolkata, New Delhi, Thailand, Rajgir, Lucknow and Jammu and Kashmir as a special invitee. He attended two more International Conferences as Keynote speaker held in Habarana and Colombo in 2019.
5.7 The Best Innovator in The University

Prof. S. R. D. Kalingamudali

Department of Physics and Electronics

Professor Sudath Rajendra Deshapriya Kalingamudali had his Primary and Secondary Education at the Wesley College, Colombo. He obtained his BSc (Special) degree in Physics with first class honours from University of Kelaniya (UoK) in 1990 and PhD from University of Sheffield in 1994 under an open Commonwealth Scholarship. He has won the Fulbright Fellowship twice, which is a rare achievement for an academic. He was a keen Hockey player at the UoK and was awarded University Colours for Hockey in 1985 and 1986, and his team won the Second place at the 3rd University Games in 1986. Since 2015, he is a Senior Professor in Physics at UoK. He was a Visiting Professor at two USA universities, namely the Georgia State University and Louisiana State University.

He is a Chartered Scientist, a Chartered Engineer and a Chartered Physicist. He is a Fellow of two reputed international scientific institutions in UK, namely the Institution of Engineering and Technology and the Institute of Physics (IOP), which is also a rare achievement for a Sri Lankan Physicist. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Physics, Sri Lanka (IPSL) as well.

He was the Head of Department (HoD) for over 6 years, and Founder Director of the Research and Services Centre of the Faculty for over 3 years. Presently, he is the HoD April 2019, Chairman/Sports Advisory Board since 2014, and the Project Director of the Solar Edu-Training programme of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Research since 2017. Also he served as a Peer Reviewer (International and National) for subject and programme review processes.

He has held many positions in professional institutions. These include President and Vice President of IPSL, Secretary/International relations, Secretary/Section E1, and Secretary/Science and Technology Advisory Committee of SLAAS; and President/Alumni Association of Faculty of Science, UoK. He has also been a member of evaluation/selection panels for Professorial promotions as UGC/Senate nominee, Chartered Physicist evaluation panel of IOP, Presidential Task Force and Sri Lankan National Vocational Training Council. He has participated in more than 40 Workshops/Seminars as a Resource Person, organised more than 20 educational Workshops, conducted more than 35 general lectures on Electronics for
secondary school teachers and students, and participated as the Chief Guest/Guest of Honour in more than 20 educational events including the Annual Prize Giving 2012 of his Alma Mater.

His main research interests are designing and developing of electronic circuits for various applications. He has published/presented over 40 research papers. He played an instrumental role in partnering with OREL Corporation (Pvt) Ltd to license an innovative product “Remotely Controllable Regulator Connected in Series with Resistive and Inductive Loads” which was invented by Mr Kelum Perera as his final year undergraduate project supervised by Prof Kalingamudali. This was another first in the University of Kelaniya history.
5.8 The Faculty with The Most Number of Research Papers Presented in Research Conferences / Symposia Organized by It and Its Departments / Centers / Units in The University

Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

5.9 Awards under AHEAD project

5.9.1. The Recipient of The Enriching Learning, Teaching, And Assessment – English Language Skills Enhancement

- Faculty Award
  Faculty of Science

- Department Awards
  Department of Plant and Molecular Biology
  Department of Industrial Management

5.9.2. The Recipient of The Development Oriented Research Award from The AHEAD Project

Faculty of Science

5.9.3. The Recipient of The Results Area I To Increase the Intake from The AHEAD Project

Department of Industrial Management
5.10 The Most Successful Director of the Voluntary Centre / Unit / Committee of The University

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

Department of Modern Languages

Neelakshi Chandrasena Premawardhena is Professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Director, Centre for International Affairs at University of Kelaniya. She obtained her B.A. (Honours) Degree and M.Phil from University of Kelaniya and PhD from University of Siegen, Germany in 2001. She is attached to University of Kelaniya since 1994 and teaches German and Linguistics to undergraduate and postgraduate students. A recipient of number of international and national awards and an invited speaker at overseas universities, international events and conferences Prof. Premawardhena has many research publications to her credit. Her research interests include Intercultural Communication, Cross Cultural Pragmatics, Social and Cultural Sustainability, learning traditions, Discourse Analysis, Language Change, Second and Foreign Language Teaching and Computer Assisted Language Learning.

Prof. Premawardhena has held several administrative positions at University of Kelaniya including Head, Department of Modern Languages, and has been privileged to be the inaugural Director of the Centre for International Affairs of the university in 2011. She continues in her position as Director, International Affairs to date in addition to her teaching duties in the Department of Modern Languages. She has the experience of serving in many national and international committees on research, administration and education, and serving as the International Chair for Asia, Associate Editor, Member of Editorial Boards, Reviewer and Chairperson of many international conferences and journals. She is also the Coordinator for number of collaborative projects with international university partners and organisations including all Erasmus and Erasmus+ Projects funded by the European Union, Government of Sri Lanka Presidential Scholarships for Foreign Students, Student Exchange Programmes with partner universities and Cultural Exchange Programme with Peace Boat, Japan. She has a wealth of experience in projecting Sri Lankan culture, traditions and lifestyle to international audiences, offering cultural awareness programmes and assistance to international visitors and students to understand and integrate themselves into Sri Lankan way of life.
Among the highlights of the contribution to International Affairs in 2019 are securing grants of over 100,000 Euro for staff and students University of Kelaniya including Erasmus Mundus and Erasmus+ Projects for 15 staff and 9 students on outgoing mobility and 10 incoming staff mobility from Europe to University of Kelaniya. Several joint research projects and capacity building projects have been initiated through incoming staff mobility.