




**UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO**  
**FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES**



# **PROSPECTUS**

## **2023/24**

The Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) of the University of Colombo is a pioneer Graduate Faculty in Sri Lanka with over 35 Years of excellence in Teaching and Research in postgraduate education.

The background of the page features a faint, artistic illustration. At the bottom, there is a long, low building with several windows, partially obscured by dense, leafy trees. In the upper right corner, there are more trees and branches, some with small leaves. The overall style is soft and painterly.

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# WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO

Deriving its heritage from the Ceylon Medical School established in 1870 and the Ceylon University College established in 1921, the University of Colombo is a sprawling complex located in the heart of the capital city of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The University of Colombo has ten (10) Faculties with fifty nine (59) Academic Departments, a Campus, a School, five (5) Institutes and several Centers and Units. Many undergraduate and postgraduate study programmes in Arts, Science, Medicine, Management, Law, Education, Computing, Technology, Agro Technology, Nursing, Aesthetic Studies, and Molecular Biology etc. are conducted by the University.

The University of Colombo, with its multi-ethnic and multi-cultural student and staff population, fostering social inclusivity, cultural diversity, equal opportunities and unity with a proud history of one hundred and fifty years continues in its endeavor to be a modern University with an International Outlook.

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University in Sri Lanka

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# MESSAGE FROM VICE CHANCELLOR

**SENIOR PROFESSOR (CHAIR)  
H.D. KARUNARATNE**



I am delighted to share this message with the Prospectus 2023/2024 of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

The programmes of study offered by the Faculty of Graduate Studies are designed to achieve the highest academic goals and are indeed a benchmark for consideration at national and international levels in your chosen field of study. I am sure that this prospectus of the FGS detailing the information required for new entrants to our University will greatly support you and help you to integrate comfortably into university life. This year's edition gives you details of all the support systems available to our students, including how the University administration and student welfare systems work.

I am pleased to note that you have been placed under the capable guidance of your Dean and distinguished academic staff, who are highly qualified in various disciplines. Such a good mix of faculty will undoubtedly provide you with unforgettable academic opportunities and substantial research investment. The many extracurricular activities you can actively participate in are exciting and varied. Please feel free to contact your Student Counselor Office and the University Students and Staff Affairs division for an in-depth look at all available options.

I extend my best wishes to every one of you for a fruitful experience at the University of Colombo. As the Vice Chancellor, I hope that our university can help nurture and develop each of you as responsible professionals in our treasured country.

# MESSAGE FROM DEAN

## PROFESSOR A. A. AZEEZ

I am pleased to issue this message to the Prospectus of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS), University of Colombo. The FGS Colombo is the oldest Faculty of Graduate Studies in Sri Lanka. Currently, we are offering 28 postgraduate programmes in diverse fields of studies to more than 2200 students.

The FGS has always strived to achieve excellence in graduate education and research through continuously enriching its programmes in response to the needs of contemporary developments in the academia and industry. We are accountable and committed to providing student centered learning opportunities needed for their success. The delivery of all programmes will be to the highest standards, on which our reputation is based, with well qualified and experienced academics and industry experts and other resources drawing from all the faculties of the University of Colombo. In the meantime, we also enroll students who will pursue their postgraduate studies with dedication and hard work and hold themselves accountable to their success and excellence. Many local and foreign students with multi-ethnic and multi-cultural backgrounds are enrolled for studying at the FGS. Thus, you will have the opportunities to engage with the university community and develop a strong network that will play an important role in your future career.

I invite you to join us on a journey of academic and research work that will engage you with life long learning. I hope that this prospectus will provide sufficient information to plan your study and wish you all the best for your higher education endeavours at the FGS.





# ABOUT THE FACULTY

The FGS Colombo is a pioneer Graduate Faculty in Sri Lanka. It was established by the Universities Act 16 of 1978 and the Faculty of Graduate Studies Ordinance No. 3 of 1987. The mandate of the FGS is to “sponsor, coordinate and regulate postgraduate studies and specialized or multi-disciplinary research carried out within the University of Colombo.”

At present, the FGS conducts twenty-eight (28) Postgraduate programmes and three (03) Diplomas. Among the programmes offered there are two (02) Executive Diplomas, one (01) Higher Diploma, twelve (12) Postgraduate Diplomas and thirteen (13) Masters programmes. In addition, a Master of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology and a multidisciplinary MPhil/PhD programme is offered to provide advanced knowledge at postgraduate level and create human capital for growth and development. All the Postgraduate Diplomas and Masters programmes have been aligned with the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF).

## VISION OF THE FACULTY

To foster excellence, creativity and innovation in graduate education of Sri Lanka.

## MISSION OF THE FACULTY

To provide advanced knowledge at postgraduate level and create human capital for growth and development.



# WHOM WE SERVE

We are offering multidisciplinary programmes to serve a wide range of postgraduate student community including:

- ✔ Professionals of all disciplines
- ✔ Academics, scholars and independent researchers
- ✔ Employees from private and public sector organizations
- ✔ Police and Armed forces
- ✔ Employees of NGOs and INGOs



# WHY CHOOSE FGS COLOMBO

- ✔ Located in the commercial hub
- ✔ Qualified and experienced teaching staff
- ✔ Industry experts in the teaching panel
- ✔ Multidisciplinary research opportunities
- ✔ Study options at student convenience
- ✔ Worthy investment for world class education



# STUDY PROGRAMMES

	DURATION (yrs)	SLQF LEVEL
<b>RESEARCH DEGREES</b>		
Master of Philosophy/Doctor of Philosophy - MPhil/PhD	02-03	11/12
Master of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology - MPCP	02	11
<b>MASTERS (WITH RESEARCH)</b>		
Masters in Counselling and Psychosocial Support - MCP	02	10
Masters in Gender and Women's Studies - MGWS	02	10
Masters in Information Systems Management - MISM	02	10
Masters in Manufacturing Management - MMM	02	10
<b>MASTERS (BY COURSE WORK)</b>		
Master of Business Studies - MBS	01	09
Masters in Conflict and Peace Studies - MCPS	01	09
Master of Development Studies - MDS	01	09
Masters in Environment Management - MEM	01	09
Masters in Human Rights - MHR	01	09
Masters in Japanese Studies - MJS	01	09
Masters in Labour Relations and Human Resource Management - MLRHRM	01	09
Masters in Public Administration and Management - MPA&M	01	09
Master of Regional Development and Planning - MRDP	01	09
<b>POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA</b>		
Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management - PGDip (Busi Mgmt)	01	08
Postgraduate Diploma in Human Rights - PGDip (HRts)	01	08



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<b>POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA</b>		
Postgraduate Diploma in Conflict and Peace Studies - PGDipCPS	01	08
Postgraduate Diploma in Development Studies - PGDip (Dev St)	01	08
Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling and Psychosocial Support - PgDCP	01	08
Postgraduate Diploma in Environment Management - PGDip (EnvMgmt)	01	08
Postgraduate Diploma in Gender and Women's Studies - PgDGWS	01	08
Postgraduate Diploma in Labour Relations and Human Resource Management - PG Dip (LRHRmgmt)	01	08
Postgraduate Diploma in Manufacturing Management - PGDip MM	01	08
Postgraduate Diploma in Public Administration - PGDip (Pub Admin)	01	08
Postgraduate Diploma in Japanese Studies - PgDJS	01	08
Postgraduate Diploma in Information Systems Management - PgDISM	01	08
<b>HIGHER DIPLOMA</b>		
Higher Diploma in Human Rights - HDHRS	01	04
<b>EXECUTIVE DIPLOMA</b>		
Executive Diploma in Human Rights - EDHR [Sinhala and Tamil medium]	01	03
Executive Diploma in Marketing - EDM	01	03

# AWARDS AND MEDALS

Students with outstanding academic excellence in the following Master's programmes will be recognised with a gold medal at the Annual Postgraduate Convocation of the University of Colombo.

- 🏅 Master of Regional Development and Planning
- 🏅 Masters in Conflict and Peace Studies
- 🏅 Master of Development Studies
- 🏅 Masters in Human Rights
- 🏅 Masters in Labour Relations and Human Resource Management
- 🏅 Master of Business Studies
- 🏅 Masters in Environment Management
- 🏅 Masters in Information Systems Management
- 🏅 Masters in Public Administration and Management
- 🏅 Masters in Manufacturing Management





# RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

## ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The Annual Research Conference 2022 of the Faculty of Graduate Studies was held on 14th November 2022, under the theme of “Developing Human Capital through Informatization and Digitalization”.



## PUBLICATIONS

The Faculty of Graduate Studies annually publishes the Colombo Journal of Multi-disciplinary Research - CJMR (Faculty Journal) and the conference proceedings (Annual Research Conference of FGS). In addition to that FGS publishes research outputs in edited books and in working paper series.



# INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

The FGS Colombo seeks to internationalize to improve the university's links with the globe. The Faculty closely works with international students, academics, and institutions through the Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and the Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies (CCIS). A range of programmes and research projects from Master's level to PhD has been initiated to boost the visibility and network with other countries. So far, the UOC has supported FGS in developing international activities through 55 MOUs from 18 countries.

## MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING

55 MOUs from 18 countries in 4 Continents





# TEACHING AND LEARNING

The curriculum is updated regularly to expose students to the recent advancements in relevant disciplines, industry and with shifts in global views.

Lectures conducted by leading academic and industrial experts.

Use of a blend of various teaching and learning techniques.

The student centered learning environment provides students with an interactive learning opportunity to share knowledge with colleagues through networking and collaborations

The Learning Management System (LMS) of each programme is enhanced with digital material which helps students to access teaching and learning materials on a remote basis. The continuous assessments encourage students to use their experiences and existing knowledge to create new knowledge in a self learning environment.

Through successful completion of assignments students will be demonstrating their professional developments gained through acquiring knowledge, academic writing, analytical, research and oral presentation skills.

Students are exposed to seminars, workshops, outbound training workshops, industry visits and foreign field trips as part of their learning at the FGS Colombo.



# STUDENT LIFE

## INTERNATIONAL OUT-BOUND TRAINING



MMM Programme



MMM Programme

## LOCAL OUT-BOUND TRAINING



PGDip (Busi Mgmt) Programme



PGDip (Busi Mgmt) Programme



MBS Programme



MBS Programme



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PGDip (Busi Mgmt) Programme



# STUDENT LIFE



PGDip (Busi Mgmt) Programme



MBS Programme

## RESEARCH WORKSHOP



MISM Programme



MISM Programme



MHR Programme



MHR Programme

## STUDENT GET-TOGETHER



MISM Programme



MISM Programme

# FACILITIES AND RESOURCES



Administration Floor

You can meet FGS non-academic staff including SAR, SAB and Course Assistants on the Administration Floor.

Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Director of Studies and Programme Coordinators are also available to assist students with their needs.

FGS has two Board Rooms where monthly board meetings such as BSDS, BSPS, and Faculty Board Meetings and special small events take place. Students enrolled in the PhD and Master's Programmes at FGS will also face their viva voce examinations in the Board Rooms.

Board Rooms



Auditorium

Faculty of Graduate Studies Auditorium is a well-equipped auditorium with seating arrangements for up to 600 people for Conferences, Inaugurations, Annual Convocations, Training Sessions and other events. FGS Auditorium is available for rent, and vehicle parking facilities for attendees is also provided. Auditorium is located on the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of the FGS building.

The Main Examination Hall of the FGS located at the 5<sup>th</sup> floor and accommodates 500 students.

Examination Halls





# FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

The FGS Cafeteria is located on the ground floor, where students can enjoy delicious foods while sharing their thoughts with each other.

Cafeteria



Lecture Halls

More than 20 Lecture Halls are available for students to resume their on-site lectures at the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Lecture Halls are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors of FGS.

There are Lobby Areas on each floor where students can spend their leisure time and take up their discussions at the FGS premises. Students can work with their group-based and individual assignments in this area.

Lobby Areas



Library

FGS Library located in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of FGS building, supports teaching, learning and research activities connected to Postgraduate and Masters programmes in the Faculty. Only FGS students are eligible to use it, and there is a special collection of books related to ongoing programmes where students can congregate for self-study sessions.



# OTHER ACTIVITIES

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



FGS celebrated **International Women's Day 2023** under the theme of *"Women in Times of Crises"* on March 08, 2023 at the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The event was held in the hybrid modality and attended by the Vice Chancellor, Deans of other Faculties, Programme Coordinators and students of the FGS.



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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



FGS conducts a number of seminars and workshops to connect it's postgraduate students to local communities through different programmes.



# STUDENT TESTIMONIALS



**Professor Nalin Abeysekera [MPhil/PhD]**

Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, The Open University of Sri Lanka

“Undertaking a PhD program in Sri Lanka can be challenging, given the numerous commitments that one must balance. I am grateful for the mentoring, guidance and inspirational motivation that I received from FGS which played a significant role in my PhD success.”

**Ms. Thushari Siriwardhane [MPA&M]**

HR & Administrative Officer, Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt) Ltd

“I chose to study at FGS, University of Colombo, not only because it is the best university but also because many of the programs there fit my career goals. As I am a semi-government servant, the content of this course was highly relevant to my daily office work. Furthermore, all the lecturers (academics and government officers) of this program were highly qualified for the subjects they taught.”



**Ms. Anjalee Silva [PG Dip (LRHRmgmt)]**

Assistant Manager - HR, Serandib Technologies Asia (Pvt) Ltd

“Successful completion of PgDLRHRM from FGS- UOC, was one of the most advanced steps towards my academic and professional development. Personally I've experienced the benefit of the recognized qualification, as well as the effective utilization of knowledge gained.”

**Ms. Rajiv Ekanayake [PGDip (HRts)]**

Chief Executive Officer, Lyceum International Schools

“University of Colombo, undoubtedly is one of the best universities in Sri Lanka. FGS offers a variety of postgraduate programs, and caters to individuals with multiple competencies. Teaching faculty of the FGS is well qualified, friendly and very helpful, which I personally experienced well, during my postgraduate studies at the faculty.”





# LOCATION







### FGS PROSPECTUS COMMITTEE

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ☞ Professor A. A. Azeez      | ☞ Dr. S. B. Ranasinghe               |
| ☞ Professor K. Dissanayake   | ☞ Ms. C. L. Akurugoda                |
| ☞ Professor S. M. W. Ranwala | ☞ Mr. R. Y. H. De Alwis Senevirathne |
| ☞ Professor R. Senathiraja   | ☞ Mr. P. M. K. Subaweera             |

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Designed by: Mr. Pasindu Malshan



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