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INVESTMENT

	LOCAL STUDENTS	FOREIGN STUDENTS
PROGRAMME FEE		
Registration Fee	LKR 5,000/=	65 USD
Course Fee	LKR 150,500/=	2665 USD
Library Fee	LKR 1,500/=	20 USD
Examination Fee	LKR 18,000/=	250 USD
TOTAL FEE Excluding Refundable Library Deposit & Application Fee	LKR 175,000/=	3,000 USD
APPLICATION FEE		
Application Fee	LKR 3,000/=	40 USD
OPTIONAL		
Refundable Library Deposit	LKR 5,000/=	

 **One Year Programme**

 **English Medium**

 **Weekend Programme**

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**APPLY
ON OR BEFORE
19th September
2025**

**Postgraduate Diploma in
PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
PGDip (Pub Admin)
2025/26**

Online Mode
SLQF LEVEL 8

INTRODUCTION

The University of Colombo, as part of an ongoing process of conducting courses to meet the demands of the changing times, is calling applications for the intake for the year 2025 of Postgraduate Diploma in Public Administration - PGDip (Pub Admin)

The public sector, a key player in the process of socio-economic development of a country, is managed by the public sector professionals. Program of PGDip (Pub Admin) has been designed to enhance their skills and capacities for the daunting task of managing public investments and personnel. The courses are designed as online learning programs so that the public sector professionals, who aspire to advance their career in local, provincial and national levels of public administration, can follow them from any part of the country. The program encourages them to explore theory and practice in both policy analysis and public management that need a mix of skills in order to create career opportunities as managers, analysts and consultants.

The program would not only facilitate public sector managers to gain advanced knowledge but also help them to put new found knowledge and expertise to practice immediately in their own working environment. The contribution of such officers to enhance the level of efficiency of the public sector delivery and execution of infrastructure and human capital development projects would be the expected outcome of the program.

The study program provides a broad-based education that will equip the public sector professionals with the necessary new knowledge and key transferable skills to begin or enhance their career in public administration. The course is underpinned by a variety of teaching and learning methods. The objective is to develop and foster self-reliance in analysis and problem solving and to provide with the public sector professionals the confidence to seek solutions to problems.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

The objectives of the programme are as follows:

- To provide the opportunities for public/private sector graduates with some work experience, to pursue a course in public administration to help them perform better.
- To impart to them an awareness of the most up-to-date theoretical and practical knowledge in public administration and to develop their institutions to use such knowledge in practical problem-oriented situations.

- To inculcate in the public/private sector managers skills and the professional competence that will enable them to effectively play managerial roles in challenging situations.
- To improve the capabilities of the public/private sector managers in order to create career opportunities as managers, analysts and consultants.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entry requirements for the PgDPA shall be as follows:

- A Bachelor's degree from a recognized University/Institution in Public Administration; OR
 - Any other Bachelor's degree, with one (01) year of prior learning/ work experience related to Public Administration; OR
 - Membership of a Professional body/Professional qualification in Public Administration or related field from a recognized professional body with prior learning/work experience in Public Administration acceptable to the Faculty Board of the FGS and the Senate of the University of Colombo; OR
 - Completion of NVQ level 7 (equivalent to Bachelors degree in SLQF) with relevant work experience in Public Administration as determined by the Faculty Board and the Senate; OR
 - A Higher Diploma (SLQF 4) or a Diploma (SLQF 3) from a recognized University/Institution in any field with two (02) years or three (03) years of prior learning/working experience in Public Administration respectively; AND
- A good knowledge of English language and satisfactory performance at a selection test and/or an interview.

MEDIUM AND METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

English will be the medium of instruction. The teaching method will be online with the application of hybrid mode for review workshops. Candidates are not required to come to the University to attend the lectures. Candidates will be required to sit the written examination on-site. This programme intends to provide knowledge not only in a theoretical sense but also at a practical decision making level.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be downloaded from the faculty website (fgs.cmb.ac.lk). Duly completed application form, certified copies of National Identity Card, birth certificate, relevant educational and professional qualifications, and work experience (if any) along with a scanned copy of the payment slip (of application processing fee) should be submitted via Apply Online weblink. (All above documents should be submitted as one PDF document.) **Application fee LKR 3,000 (Local students) or 40 USD (Foreign students) (non-refundable)** can be paid using the code **318531200003** as the reference number at any Peoples' Bank branch or using our online payment portal (pay.cmb.ac.lk),

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AND

Completed application form and the photocopies of above mentioned original certified documents along with the payment slip should also be sent through the registered post to reach the Deputy Registrar, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo, No 35/30. Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha, Colombo 07. Please mention the programme name on the left side of the envelope. Apply on or before **19th September 2025**.

COURSE MODULES

SEMESTER I

PGDPA 5101 - Introduction to Public Administration
PGDPA 5102 - Public Sector Accounting and Finance
PGDPA 5103 - Public Policy
PGDPA 5104 - Managing Public Sector Organizations
PGDPA 5105 - Communication for Public Sector Managers

SEMESTER II

PGDPA 5206 - Human Security and Disaster Management
PGDPA 5207 - Human Resource Management
PGDPA 5208 - Technology and Public Sector
PGDPA 5209 - Legal Aspects of Public Administration
PGDPA 5210 - Ethics and Governance in Public Sector

Note: Examinations will be conducted on-site.