



UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA

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INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS / NOMINATIONS

POST OF VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Council of the University of Peradeniya invites Applications or Nominations to the post of Vice-Chancellor of the University, in terms of Section 34(1) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 and its subsequent amendments.

Under the provisions of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978, the Vice-Chancellor is a full-time officer of the University. He/she shall be the Principal Executive Officer, the Principal Academic Officer and the Accounting Officer of the University. He/she shall be an Ex-officio member and Chairman of both the Council and the Senate.

The Vice-Chancellor shall, unless he/she vacates office earlier or is removed from office in terms of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 as amended, holds office for a term of three years or until he completes his sixty-fifth birthday whichever event occurs earlier.

The Vice-Chancellor will be responsible for providing academic leadership, formulating, conducting and introducing management policies and implementing the decisions of the Council and directing the general administration of the university and should, therefore, uphold the principles of academic excellence, transparency, accountability, democratic management and effective leadership.

The successful candidate should possess a record of high academic achievement including a strong research profile, proven leadership qualities and interpersonal skills to interact objectively with diverse interest groups, a clear understanding of policy issues and a commitment to the effective implementation of decisions. He/she should also possess a deep understanding of the ethos and mission of a university, including its commitment to the community. (Prospective Applicants/ nominees are invited to visit the University Website <http://www.pdn.ac.lk> for details).

The Vice-Chancellor is eligible to receive the highest academic salary within the university system, an Entertainment Allowance of 15% of the basic salary, Communication Allowance, Fuel Allowance, etc. In addition to the above, an official vehicle and the Vice-Chancellor's Lodge will also be provided.

The following documents should accompany the Applications/Nominations:

- I. Complete Curriculum Vitae (with supporting documents) of Applicant/Nominee including the **date of birth** (the applicant/nominee should be a citizen of Sri Lanka and shall be less than 63 years of age as at the closing date).
- II. A personal statement of vision for the development of the University and a brief account of what the Applicant /Nominee proposes to achieve if appointed to the post of Vice-Chancellor.
- III. Where the incumbent Vice-Chancellor is an Applicant or had held the post of Vice-Chancellor of the University before, a report highlighting accomplishments during his/her first tenure of the office of the Vice-Chancellor
- IV. A Letter of Consent from the Nominee in case of a nomination.
- V. A letter from the employer indicating whether the Applicant/Nominee could be released in the event of his/ her appointment to the post, in case of an Applicant/ Nominee serving in Public Service, Corporations, Statutory Bodies and Higher Educational Institutions other than the University of Peradeniya.

Each Candidate will be interviewed by the Evaluation Committee as per the Criteria and Elements prescribed in the Marking Scheme given in Annex I of the UGC Circular No. 02/2020 dated May 04, 2020.

Candidates shortlisted by the Evaluation Committee and approved by the University Council shall be summoned before a Special Council Meeting for a brief presentation of a minimum of ten (10) minutes duration but not exceeding fifteen (15) minutes.

The Report of the Special Council Meeting recommending three names of the candidates will be forwarded to the University Grants Commission, for the consideration for appointment, as per the accepted procedure prescribed in the UGC Circular No. 02/2020 dated May 04, 2020.

Applications or Nominations should be addressed to the **Registrar/Secretary to the Council, Senate House, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya** and sent under **Registered Post** or hand-delivered to reach the above office **on or before 2.30 p.m. on 11th February 2021**.

The envelope containing the application/nomination material must be marked **-Post of the Vice-Chancellor-** on its top left-hand corner. Late applications will be rejected.

REGISTRAR
Secretary to the Council, University of Peradeniya
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