



# OCEAN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

## POST OF VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Ocean University of Sri Lanka was established by the Parliament Act No. 31 of 2014 to cater the manpower needs in the fisheries, marine and maritime sectors of Sri Lanka. The Board of Governors of the Ocean University of Sri Lanka invites applications/nominations for the post of Vice-Chancellor, Ocean University of Sri Lanka. The applicants/ nominees should be citizens of Sri Lanka. The successful applicant/nominee will hold office for a period of four years from the date of appointment or until he/she completes 65 years of age whichever occurs earlier.

The vision of the Ocean University of Sri Lanka is to provide innovative solutions for marine, maritime and fisheries sectors in order to be the centre of excellence in marine and fisheries education in the region.

The Ocean University is a specialized and leading university in the ocean, marine, and maritime sector, which is operating two divisions as "Higher Education" offering Bachelor's Degree programs and "Vocational Training" offering Diploma and Certificates. The government of Sri Lanka, with its strong commitment to the development of the marine industry, is promoting education and training to produce quality professionals. Further, the government strategy includes the transformation of the national economy to a dominant "Ocean Economy" through research and innovations leading to harnessing of marine resources in the greater economic zone.

The Vice-Chancellor shall be a person with a vision to carry forward the vision and goals of the University through his/her intellectual as well as managerial brilliance. In addition, the Vice-Chancellor is called upon to identify the needs of the local and foreign job markets in terms of national policies of higher education and vocational education.

Vice-Chancellor should be able to strengthen the time-tested values for the advancement of the University through academic activities including research & development and vocational training. The applicant/ nominee is therefore expected to be a person of high academic caliber and integrity with a record of outstanding achievements 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 with excellent communication skills along with an ability to stimulate diverse interests of the students and staff alike.

The Vice-Chancellor is a fulltime officer of the University and is the Principal Executive as well as the Principal Academic Officer. The Vice-Chancellor is also the Accounting Officer of the University. He/ She is an ex-officio member and the Chairman of both the Board of Governors and the Academic Council. He/ She is responsible for the maintenance of discipline within the Ocean University. It is the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to ensure that the provisions of the University Act No. 31 of 2014 and any appropriate instruments are duly observed, and shall exercise all such powers as he/she may deem necessary for the purpose.

The Vice-Chancellor will be responsible for providing academic leadership, and is responsible for formulating, introducing and conducting streamlined management policies and implementing the decisions of the Board of Governors, the general administration of the University and should therefore, uphold the principles of academic excellence and good governance. The Vice-Chancellor shall be responsible to maintain transparency, accountability, democratic management and effective nonpartisan leadership.

The Vice-Chancellor is eligible to be on the highest academic salary scale in the University system and approved allowances.

The following documents should accompany applications/ nominations:

- A complete Curriculum vitae of the applicant/ nominee, including date of birth.
- A statement of vision for the development of the University and a brief account of what the candidate/ nominee proposes to achieve if appointed.
- Where the incumbent Vice-Chancellor is an applicant or applicant had held the Post of Vice-Chancellor of the University before, he/she should give a report highlighting accomplishments during his/her prior period of office in addition to the documents mentioned in Paragraph (ii) above.
- A letter of consent from the nominee, in case of nominations.
- 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 Sector, Corporations, Statutory Bodies and Higher Educational Institutions.

Applications/ nominations should be in a sealed cover/ envelope addressed to the Registrar, Ocean University of Sri Lanka, No. 51. Pannananda Mawatha, Mattakkuliya, Colombo 15 and either hand delivered or sent under registered cover to reach the above office before 3.00 p.m. on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The envelope containing the application/ nomination must be marked 'Post of Vice-Chancellor' on its top left-hand corner.

Candidates shortlisted by the Evaluation Committee and approved by the Board of Governors will be invited to make a brief presentation of a minimum of ten (10) minutes duration but not exceeding fifteen (15) minutes. In an exceptional situation, if any candidate is not in a position to appear before the Special Board of Governors Meeting, he/ she may be allowed to make the presentation via video conferencing.

The report of the Special Board of Governors Meeting recommending three names of the candidates will be prepared and forwarded to the State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation for further action.

**Registrar**  
**Ocean University of Sri Lanka**  
**No. 51. Pannananda Mawatha**  
**Mattakkuliya**  
**Colombo 15.**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**