

Faculty Award

Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

1. Introduction

Most students who enter the Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya are engaged in various academic and extracurricular activities and demonstrate exceptional talents. These activities enrich students' skills and values and also help them to build their confidence.

Hence, the Faculty of Science wishes to initiate an award scheme to recognize students for their outstanding performances, in both academic and extracurricular activities. This will help to empower them and help them to recognize their potential. This award will give them confidence and assist them in their career progression.

The objective of awarding the Faculty Award is to recognize highly motivated students who are equally talented in academic and extracurricular activities. Apart from academic merit, other areas of consideration are;

- exceptional leadership
- community service and good studentship
- outstanding talents in fields of sports
- creativity and exceptional ability in aesthetic or technical fields
- research or pursuing new knowledge.

Students who are **not** involved in any type of disciplinary action qualify to apply for the awards at the end of each academic year. The Dean of the faculty will announce the call for applications and the deadline to submit the applications. Undergraduates registered at the Faculty of Science are eligible to apply for the award.

Faculty Awards shall be awarded to the overall best-performing students of each academic programme in the faculty, at the end of each academic year.

The best five outstanding students of each academic programme shall be selected based on the guideline described below.

2. Application Procedure

- The Dean of the faculty shall call for applications at the end of each academic year.
- Any student who believes that he/she is eligible can apply for the Faculty Awards.
- The application form will serve as a tool for assessment against established evaluation criteria.
- Application forms can be downloaded from the Faculty of Science website.
- Students shall submit certified copies (certified by the senior academic advisor) of all the documentary evidence with the application.
- Students shall submit their applications through the Senior Academic Advisor of their respective programme who shall certify the contents of the applications.
- Students shall prepare and participate in an interview if the selection panel requests.

3. Eligibility Requirements

- The applicant should be an undergraduate student registered to follow any degree programme offered by the Faculty of Science for the academic year under consideration.
- The applicant shall have completed all the academic requirements of the considered year, including all the compulsory courses.
- The applicant shall have a GPA of 3.30 or above in each semester.
- For an application to be considered for the evaluation, the applicant should have **at least 70% of the total marks** for the application.
- *Students shall be considered **ineligible** to apply for this award,*
 - *If the student has obtained an improved grade/grades by subsequently repeating a module/ modules.*
 - *If any disciplinary action has been taken against the student by the Vice-Chancellor or Deputy Vice-Chancellor for any misconduct.*

4. Appointment of a Selection Committee

- A Selection Committee consisting of 5 members shall be appointed by the Senate under the Chairmanship of the Dean of the Faculty.
- The other members shall be two Senate members from the relevant Faculty and two Senate members from another faculty/faculties.
- The Selection Committee shall be responsible for organizing the selection process and final decision on recipients.

5. Selection Criterion

The best five students from each academic programme will be selected respectively from each batch in each academic year.

Academic Achievements (60%)

Applicants who have obtained a GPA above 3.30 will be considered for the evaluation, The marks of a particular GPA will be calculated as

Marks of the Applicant = (GPA of the Applicant /4.00) * 60

Extracurricular Activities (40%)

Any achievement considered under this category should be within the period of the academic programme and can be recounted in consecutive years throughout the programme.

Leadership of a recognized Body (maximum 30 marks)

<i>Leadership (office bearer) of a recognized national body</i>	
Recognition of a national body (e.g. Young Zoologist)	10
President/ Chairperson	5/year
General secretary	4/year
Treasure	3/year
Committee member	3/year
<i>Leadership post of recognized University / Faculty Organization</i>	
President of student society/ union	3/year
Secretary of student society /union	2/year
Junior treasurer of student society /union	2/year
Committee member of student society / union	1/year

Community Service and Good Citizenship (maximum 15 marks)

<i>Ideals of Community Service and Good Citizenship</i>	
Assisting a victim of an accident	5/case
Serving as a volunteer in a natural disaster	5/case
Assisting fellow citizens in an exceptional way	5/case
Community Service-related (CSR) activities	5/case

Outstanding Talents in Sports (maximum 30 marks)

<i>World University Games / National Games</i>	
First place	20
Second place	15
Third place	10
Participation in an event (maximum up to 10 marks)	5
<i>International Sports Event representing the University</i>	
First place	10
Second place	8
Third place	6
Participation in an event	3
<i>Inter University Events</i>	
First place	6
Second place	5
Third place	4
Participation in an event (maximum up to 04 marks)	
<i>Inter Faculty Events</i>	
First place	1.5
Second place	1
Third place	0.5
University Colors/ Best Athlete/ Player of the Year	3

Creativity and Exceptional Ability in Aesthetic or Technical Fields (maximum 30 marks)

<i>Aesthetic competitions</i>	
International aesthetic awards / accolades	20
National aesthetic awards / accolades	10
<i>Completion of examinations or graduating performance in aesthetic fields</i>	
Visharada in oriental music	5
Royal/ Trinity college examinations in western music	5
Arangetram in Bharatanatyam	5
<i>Public/ mass media performance in aesthetic fields (outside of the university)</i>	
Stage drama	6
Movie	8
Place in a TV reality show	8
<i>Performance in aesthetic fields at a university approved event</i>	
University level first place	5
University level second place	4
University level third place	3
Faculty level first place	2
Faculty level second place	1.5
Faculty level third place	0.5
<i>Participation in national competitions</i>	
First place	6
Second place	5
Third place	4
Invention in a technological field or taking part in a project of technological advancement (depending on the scale and the degree of creativity committee can decide maximum up to 10 marks)	10

Research or pursuing new knowledge (maximum 30 marks)

<i>Peer Reviewed Publication</i>	
Author of a paper in a peer reviewed indexed scientific journal	15
Author of a paper in a peer reviewed non-indexed scientific journal	10
<i>Presentation at a Scientific Forum</i>	
International conference (Full paper)	6
International conference (Abstract)	4
Local conference (Full paper)	3
Local conference (Abstract)	2
<i>Author of a book/chapter (Recognized publisher)</i>	
Author of a book	6
Author of a book chapter	2
<i>Active contribution to outstanding research projects</i>	
Notable contribution to a national project	4
Notable contribution to an institutional level project	2
Paper / Magazine article	2
Launching a website for knowledge dissemination	2

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