



UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

POST OF VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Council of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka in pursuance of Section 34 of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 and its subsequent amendments and the provisions of **Commission Circular No 03/2023 of 10th April 2023**, invites applications for the Office of the Vice-Chancellor. The applicants should be citizens of Sri Lanka and shall be **less than 63 years** of age as at the closing date of applications. The appointment is for a period of three years from the date of appointment or until the appointee completes the sixty fifth (65th) year of age, whichever occurs earlier.

The University of Colombo is the only metropolitan University in Sri Lanka and a rapidly developing, pioneer higher educational institution in Sri Lanka linked to the then Ceylon University College and the University of Ceylon. Regionally and internationally, the University of Colombo is recognized as a highly reputed institution providing many programs promoting international collaboration for research and human resource development through its regular and extended academics programmes, The University of Colombo has a Campus, ten (10) Faculties, six (06) Institutes and a School providing professional and accredited teaching programmes to a population of approximately 35,000 students in the undergraduate, postgraduate and extension programmes. The University of Colombo is also actively engaged in various community development and nation building activities through a number of Centres functioning directly under the Vice-Chancellor.

The Vice-Chancellor shall be a full-time Officer of the University and shall be the Principal Executive Officer and the Principal Academic Officer. She/he is an ex-officio member and the Chairperson of both the Council and the Senate of the University. She/he is the Accounting Officer of the University and shall be responsible for the maintenance of the discipline within the University. The Vice-Chancellor shall be responsible for maintaining transparency, accountability and good governance in the management of the affairs of the University. The Vice-Chancellor is responsible for providing leadership to the academic community by formulating, introducing and implementing a streamlined management policy.

The Vice-Chancellor shall be a person with a vision to carry forward the corporate goals of the University through her/his intellectual as well as managerial brilliance. In addition, the Vice-Chancellor is called upon to identify needs of the nation in terms of national policies of higher education and should be able to strengthen the time-tested values for the advancement of the University through academic activities including research & development. The applicant is therefore expected to be a person of high academic calibre and integrity with a record of outstanding achievements with excellent communication skills along with an ability to stimulate diverse interests of the students and staff alike.

The person who aspires to be the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Colombo should be able to effectively deal with volatile, demanding and stressful situations with tact and competence. She/he should also be able to work long hours depending on the task at hand.

The Vice-Chancellor will receive the salary of a Senior Professor and the allowances applicable to the post and in addition an entertainment allowance amounting to 15% of the salary.

The application/nomination should consist of the following documents, numbered as given below.

- (i) A complete Curriculum Vitae of the applicant including date of birth.
- (ii) A personal statement of vision for the development of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka and a brief account of what the applicant 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, he/she shall give a report highlighting accomplishments during his/her first period of the office, in addition to the documents mentioned in section (i) & (ii) above.
- (iv) A letter from the employer indicating whether applicant could be released in the event of his/her appointment to the post, in case of an applicant serving in Public Service, Corporations, Statutory Bodies and Higher Educational Institutions other than the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Candidates for the post of Vice-Chancellor shall be summoned for evaluation and for an interview at a Special Council meeting. During this evaluation, Candidates are required to deliver a brief presentation of a minimum of ten (10) minutes duration but not exceeding fifteen (15) minutes.

Applications along with relevant documents as requested above should be sent under confidential cover by registered post or courier to reach the **Registrar, Office of the Registrar, University of Colombo, 94, Cumaratunga Munidasa Mawatha, Colombo 03** or hand delivered to reach the above office on or before **15.10.2024 before 3.00 pm**. In addition, a soft copy of the above documents together with any other supporting documents in PDF format should be emailed to postofvc@cmb.ac.lk.

No applications will be accepted after the closing date. The envelope containing the application with other documents must be marked as "Post of Vice-Chancellor" on its top left-hand corner.

The closing date of the Applications is the 15th of October 2024.

KC Sanjeevani Perera
Registrar & Secretary to the Council
University of Colombo,
Sri Lanka.

15th September, 2024