



UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA, SRI LANKA INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS

POST OF VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Council of the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka invites applications from citizens of Sri Lanka for the post of Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kelaniya in terms of Section 34 (1)(a) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 and 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 of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor shall, unless he/she vacates office earlier or is removed from office under subsection (7) of Section 34 of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 as amended, hold office for a term of three years or until he /she has completed his / her sixty fifth year, whichever event occurs earlier.

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

The candidates 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 the University, including commitment to the community. Applicants are invited to visit the University website <https://www.kln.ac.lk> for more information.

The Vice-Chancellor is eligible to be on the highest academic salary scale and is entitled to an entertainment allowance of 15% of the basic salary, other allowances, and relevant benefits applicable to the post.

The selection process is as per the Commission Circular No. 03/2023 dated 10th April 2023 which could be accessed at the website of the University of Kelaniya. Applicants should be less than 63 years of age by the closing date for submission of applications.

Applications must be accompanied by the following documents.

- I. A statement of vision for the development of the University of Kelaniya, a brief account of what he/she proposes to achieve if appointed to the post of Vice-Chancellor and a full Curriculum Vitae including name, date of birth, address, telephone numbers and e-mail address of the applicant. A soft copy of the above documents together with any other supporting documents in PDF format should be submitted by email to registrar@kln.ac.lk.
- II. 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 in Office, in addition to the document mentioned (I) above. A soft copy of this Report in PDF format should also be submitted by e-mail to registrar@kln.ac.lk.
- III. In case of an applicant serving in Public Service, Corporations, Statutory Bodies or/and Higher Educational Institutions other than the University of Kelaniya, a letter from the employer indicating whether the applicant could be released in the event of his/her appointment to the post.

All eligible applicants will be summoned before a Special Meeting of the Council for a brief presentation of 10 - 15 minutes.

Applications should be addressed to the **Registrar, University of Kelaniya, No. 218, Dalugama, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka** and sent under registered cover or hand delivered to reach the above office **before 3.00 p.m. on 06.03.2026**. The envelope containing the application must be marked "**Post of the Vice-Chancellor**" on its top left-hand corner.

Any interpretation as to matters in Commission Circular No. 03/2023 dated 10th April 2023 or applicability of the Circular, shall be decided by the UGC and any such decision of the UGC shall be final.

Applications received after 3.00 p.m. on 06.03.2026 or incomplete (incomplete means, the applications without signature, vision statement, full CV, any supporting documents or not sending through Head of Department, Dean and Vice-Chancellor in case of Universities or through Head of Organizations in case of other HEIs / Organizations) will be rejected. In case of any clarifications or issues concerning this advertisement, the decision of the Council of the University of Kelaniya shall be final.

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12.02.2026