



# UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA, SRI LANKA

## INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS

### POST OF VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Council of the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka invites applications/ nominations of persons for the post of the 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 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 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 has completed his sixty fifth year, 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, the general administration of the University and should, therefore, uphold the principles of academic excellence, transparency, accountability, democratic management and effective non-partisan 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. Prospective applicants and those who wish to be nominated 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 benefits applicable to the post.

The selection process is as per the Commission Circular No. 02/2020 dated 04th May 2020 which can be accessed at the website of the University of Kelaniya.

The applicants/nominees should be citizens of Sri Lanka and shall be less than 63 years of age. Applications/nominations shall accompany 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.
- 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 period of office, in addition to the documents mentioned I above.
- III. A letter of consent from the nominee in case of a nomination.
- IV. A letter from the employer indicating whether 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 or/and Higher Educational Institutions other than the University of Kelaniya.

Applicants / Nominees shall be summoned for an interview by the Evaluation Committee. In an exceptional situation, if any candidate is not in a position to appear before the Evaluation Committee, he/she shall be allowed to appear for an interview via **video conferencing**.

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

Applications/nominations should be addressed to the **Registrar, Secretary to the Council, University of Kelaniya, Dalugama, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka** and sent under registered cover or hand delivered to reach the above office **before 3.00 p.m. on 23.02.2023**. The envelope containing the application/nomination must be marked "**Post of the Vice-Chancellor**" on its top left-hand corner.

Applications/nominations received after 3.00 p.m. on 23.02.2023 will be rejected. In case of any clarifications or issues concerning this advertisement, the decision of the Council of the University of Kelaniya will be final.

**K.K.K. Dharmathilaka**  
**Registrar and Secretary to the Council**  
**University of Kelaniya**  
**Dalugama**  
**Kelaniya**  
**Sri Lanka**

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