



University of the Visual and Performing Arts

Invitation for Applications / Nominations

POST OF VICE CHANCELLOR

The Council of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts acting in terms of Section 34 of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 and its subsequent amendments and the provisions of University Grants Commission Circular No. 03/2023 of 10.04.2023 invites applications for the position of the Vice-Chancellor, University of the Visual and Performing Arts. The applicants should be citizens of Sri Lanka and should be less than 63 years of age on the closing date of applications.

The University of the Visual and Performing Arts was established in Year 2005 for the purpose of providing, promoting and developing higher education in the branches of the Visual and Performing Arts and for advancing these arts to achieve standards of excellence in relation to their aesthetic and applied dimensions.

The vision of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts is to enrich the cultural life of humankind through the core values of preserving tradition while encouraging innovations, re-engaging tradition and being innovative, excellence in creative practice, research and education, encouraging intelligence of expressions, and creating artistic identity and collaboration.

The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed for a term of three years. Unless he/she vacates office earlier or is removed from office in terms of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 as amended, he/she shall hold office for a term of three years or until he/she completes his/her sixty fifth (65) years whichever event occurs earlier.

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. 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 successful candidate should possess a record of high academic 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. He/She should also possess a deep understanding of the ethos and mission of a University including its commitment to the community. Prospective applicants are invited to visit the University website : www.vpa.ac.lk for further details.

The Vice-Chancellor is entitled to the highest salary in the academic salary scale, and other allowances applicable to the post. The University doesn't have quarters for the Vice-Chancellor. However, accommodation facilities shall be provided as per the University Grants Commission Establishment Circular Letter No. 09/2019 of 25.11.2019.

The following documents should accompany all applications :

1. Full Curriculum Vitae of applicant (including date of birth).
 2. A statement of vision for the development of the University, a brief account of what he/she proposes to achieve, if appointed to the Post of Vice-Chancellor.
 3. Where the applicant is incumbent Vice-Chancellor or had held the Post of Vice-Chancellor of the University before, he/she shall give a report highlighting accomplishments during his/her first term in the office, in addition to the document mentioned in 2 above.
 4. In the case of an applicant serving in Public Service, Co-operation, Statutory Body and Higher Educational Institution other than the University of the Visual and Performing Arts, a letter from the employer indicating whether applicant could be released in the event of his/her appointment to the post.
- In addition to the hard copies of above documents a soft copy of the above documents together with any other supporting documents in PDF Format should be submitted to the e-mail of registrar@vpa.ac.lk before 2.00 p.m. on the due date.

The selection process is as per the UGC Circular No.03/2023 dated 10 April 2023 which can be accessed at www.ugc.ac.lk/en/policy/commission-circulars.

Applicants shall be summoned before the Special Council Meeting for a brief presentation of a minimum of ten (10) minutes duration but not exceeding fifteen (15) minutes. In an exceptional situation, if any applicant is not in a position to appear before the Special Council Meeting in person, he/she shall be allowed to appear via virtual mode with prior notice to the Secretary.

Applications should be addressed to the **Registrar (Acting)/Secretary to the Council, University of the Visual and Performing Arts, No. 21, Albert Crescent, Colombo 07** and sent under registered cover or hand delivered to reach the Registrar (Acting) on or before **2.00 p.m. on 29.05.2023**. Applications received by the Registrar's Office after the closing date and time will not be entertained.

The envelope containing the application should be marked "Post of the Vice-Chancellor" on the top left-hand corner.

**Registrar (Acting)/Secretary to the Council
University of the Visual and Performing Arts**

25.04.2023