

Introduction

The Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) of the University of Colombo calls for applications for its MPhil/PhD Programme for 2026. The programme is intended to fulfill the needs of those who are engaged in academic research, consultancy, training, administrative and management positions and is committed to impart advanced training in research to achieve a higher degree of intellectual and professional competence in a variety of disciplines depending on the expertise available in the FGS.

Objectives

1. To provide an intensive training in research methodology.
2. To guide research in a chosen field through rigorous supervision.
3. To help candidates contribute to scholarship through high quality original research.

MEDIUM: English

COMMENCEMENT:
January 2026

DURING: Weekends

DURATION:
MPhil - Two Years
PhD - Three Years



University of Colombo
Faculty of Graduate Studies

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY/ DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (MPhil/PhD) 2026

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Structure

The MPhil or PhD shall be awarded on the basis of a thesis and an oral examination. Candidates shall be required to attend the compulsory Research Methodology course. The thesis will be prepared under the guidance of one or more supervisors to be nominated by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, and appointed by the University Senate. Where appropriate, supervision may be arranged through liaison with scholars from other universities in Sri Lanka or abroad.

Medium of instructions and thesis writing:
English

Payment Structure of MPhil/PhD Programme

Year	Programme Fee	MPhil Programme		PhD Programme	
		Local Students	Foreign Students	Local Students	Foreign Students
	Application Fee	LKR 8,000/=	50 USD	LKR 8,000/=	50 USD
1st Year	Registration Fee	LKR 7,500/=	75 USD	LKR 7,500/=	75 USD
	Course Fee	LKR 450,000/=	2,250 USD	LKR 450,000/=	2,250 USD
	Library Fee	LKR 1,500/=	20 USD	LKR 1,500/=	20 USD
	Refundable-Library Deposit	LKR 5,000/=	LKR 5,000/=	LKR 5,000/=	LKR 5,000/=
2nd Year	Registration Fee	LKR 7,500/=	75 USD	LKR 7,500/=	75 USD
	Course Fee	LKR 450,000/=	2,250 USD	LKR 450,000/=	2,250 USD
	Library Fee	LKR 1,500/=	20 USD	LKR 1,500/=	20 USD
3rd Year	Registration Fee			LKR 7,500/=	75 USD
	Course Fee			LKR 450,000/=	2,250 USD
	Library Fee			LKR 1,500/=	20 USD
	Total Fee Excluding Refundable Library Deposit & Application Fee	LKR 918,000/=	4,690 USD	LKR 1,377,000/=	7,035 USD
	Duration	Two Years		Three Years	

Procedure

All the students who are admitted to MPhil/PhD programme will follow a course in Research Methodology during the first six to eight months of the programme. In addition, they will be working on their research proposal with their assigned supervisor(s).

Whether a candidate proceeds with an MPhil degree or upgraded to a PhD level studies will be determined according to the performance and progress made during the first 2 years.

Admission Requirements

- Has obtained a Bachelor's Honours degree (SLQF level 06) from a recognized University/ Institution with First or Second Class Upper Division with a minimum of 30 credits in the relevant field; OR
- Has obtained a Bachelor's degree (SLQF level 05), with postgraduate qualifications in the relevant field with substantial research component acceptable to the Faculty Board and the Senate; OR
- Has obtained a two-year full-time Master's degree with a substantial research component (SLQF level 10) in the relevant field acceptable to the Faculty Board and the Senate; OR
- Has obtained any other Master's degree (complying with the requirements of SLQF level 9) in the relevant field with a substantial research component acceptable to the Faculty Board and the Senate; AND
- A good knowledge of English language and satisfactory performance at a selection test and/or interview.

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How to Apply

Applications can be downloaded from the faculty website (fgs.cmb.ac.lk). Duly completed application form, certified copies of National Identity Card, birth certificate, relevant educational and professional qualifications, consent letter from the prospective supervisor and work experience (if any) along with a scanned copy of the payment slip (of application processing fee) should be submitted via **Apply Online** weblink. **(All above documents should be submitted as one PDF document.)** Application fee **LKR 8000 (Local students) or 50 USD (Foreign students) (non-refundable)** can be paid using the code **318058300004** as the reference number at any Peoples' Bank branch or using our online payment portal (pay.cmb.ac.lk).

 **APPLY ONLINE**
<https://forms.gle/TrQLmGfhYTpDCS7EA>

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Completed application form and the photocopies of above mentioned original certified documents along with the payment slip should also be sent through the registered post to reach the Deputy Registrar, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo, No 35/30. Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha, Colombo 07 Please mention the programme name on the left side of the envelope. Apply on or before **30th September 2025**.