



Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS)

Postgraduate Degree Programmes -2017/2018 Academic Year

Background

The PGIHS offers postgraduate degree and diploma programmes and other short-term training programmes with an interdisciplinary and a multidisciplinary orientation. The PGIHS aims at becoming a centre of excellence in education, research, and creative thinking in the Humanities and the Social Sciences and to produce scholars committed to the advancement of knowledge through critical and independent thinking with a sense of duty toward society. At present, the PGIHS caters to approximately 2000-2500 students annually following courses leading to postgraduate diplomas, masters and doctoral degrees in many different disciplines under five Boards of Study. About 700 students complete postgraduate diploma, masters and doctoral degrees annually at the PGIHS. The disciplines that the PGIHS provided training include: Arabic, Accounting, Archaeology, Buddhist Studies, Economics, Education, English, Fine Arts, Geography, Greek and Roman Studies (formerly known as Western Classical Culture), Hindu Civilization, History, Islamic Civilization, Management, Pali, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sanskrit, Sinhala, Sociology and Tamil.

Opportunities

Postgraduate students at the PGIHS have the opportunity to:

- Study in one of the finest nature-rich and environment friendly university in the world;
- Choose programmes in a discipline required for professional development and career progression, for example, PG Diploma, Master of Arts, Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy;
- Access wide-ranging library resources and modern learning aids;
- Follow courses from outside the main discipline on their own choice;
- Learn from a panel of distinguished teachers;
- Work with experienced supervisors drawn from the University and other local and foreign institutions;
- Undertake research projects leading to masters and doctoral theses on their own choice;
- Obtain University scholarships to pursue research degrees;
- Obtain scholarships for one semester study in Norway under NORPART project student mobility programme;
- Present and publish their research work at the PGIHS Research Congress and the Journal;
- Extend harmony, relationship and academic dialogue among students and staff through various interactive sessions and events.

Application Procedure

Application forms can be obtained by writing to Assistant Registrar, PGIHS, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya 20400, Sri Lanka with a self-addressed envelop. Electronic version of the Application Form can be downloaded from the website of the Institute (www.pgihs.lk) / can be obtained by writing to Programme Officer at info@pgihs.lk ; pgihs@yahoo.com.

Applicants are requested to follow the instruction given in the Application Form when completing it. All students seeking registration for research degree programmes shall submit a brief research proposal (2-3 pages synopsis) with the application form. This synopsis should include the following: **Title of the research, Background/introduction, Research question/s, Research objective/s, Methodology, Brief literature survey, Expected outcome and a List references.**

Study Programs

The Institute currently offers the following degree programs:

Degree Programme	Duration (Years)	Period of Application	Fields of Study
Postgraduate Diploma	1	January – March	Arabic, Accounting, Archaeology, Buddhist Studies, Economics, English, Fine Arts, Geography, Greek and Roman Studies, Hindu Civilization, History, Islamic Civilization, Management, Pali, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sanskrit, Sinhala, Sociology and Tamil.
Master of Arts in Applied Economics (by coursework)	1		Applied Economics
Master of Arts (by coursework)	1		Arabic, Archaeology, Buddhist Studies, Economics, English, Fine Arts, Geography, Greek and Roman Studies, Hindu Civilization, History, Islamic Civilization, Pali, Philosophy, Political Science, Sanskrit, Sinhala, Sociology and Tamil.
Master of Philosophy	2	Open	Arabic, Archaeology, Buddhist Studies, Comparative Religion, Economics, Education, English, Fine Arts, Geography, Greek and Roman Studies, Hindu Civilization, History, International Relations, Islamic Civilization, Pali, Philosophy, Political Science, Sanskrit, Sinhala, Sociology and Tamil.
Doctor of Philosophy	3		

Application for Research Degrees –MPhil/PhD

An applicant for a research degree shall submit a synopsis of the research intended to carry out with the application form for the admission to the degree programme. Admission to a postgraduate research degree programme may depend on both academic ability of the student and the availability of interested and suitably qualified supervisors. The research synopsis will help to identify supervisors at the time of admission of a candidate. An applicant shall nominate names of two subject experts as tentative supervisors with their consent. However, the relevant Board of Study is the authority in appointing supervisors. A candidate registered for the Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy degree programmes of the PGIHS shall submit a thesis for the fulfillment of the requirements of the degree.

Admission Criteria

Degree Programme	Eligibility Criteria*	Degree requirements
Postgraduate Diploma	- A Bachelors' Degree in any discipline;	25 credits from coursework
Master of Arts in Applied Economics	- A Bachelors' Degree (Special/General/Combined) with a First or Second Class (Upper/Lower Division) pass; OR - A Bachelors' Degree and a Postgraduate Diploma; AND - Two years of work experience after completing the first degree;	Minimum 30 credits from coursework and an independent study
Master of Arts (by coursework)	- A Bachelor's Degree (Special) with a First or Second Class (Upper/Lower Division) pass; OR - A Bachelor's Degree (General/Combined) with a First or Second Class (Upper or Lower Division) pass with a Grade not less than an average 'B' or equivalent grade point in the subject in which the applicant intends to register for a Masters of Arts degree programme; OR - A Postgraduate Diploma in the relevant subject/field;	Minimum 30 credits from coursework and an independent study
Master of Philosophy	- A Bachelor's Degree (Special) with a First or Second Class (Upper Division) pass; OR - A Bachelor's Degree (General/Combined) with a First or Second Class (Upper Division) pass with a Grade not less than an average 'B' or equivalent grade point in the relevant subject/field; OR - A Bachelors' Degree (Special/General/Combined) and a Postgraduate Diploma in the relevant subject/field; OR - A Bachelors' Degree (Special/General/Combined) in any discipline and a Masters' degree in the relevant subject/field;	Two years of full-time research (The Board of Study may recommend coursework)
Doctor of Philosophy	- A Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Business Administration and Master of Philosophy Degree in the relevant field of study	Three years of full time research (The Board of Study may recommend coursework)

*A person may also be admitted as a student to follow a degree programme if he/she has obtained special qualifications for admission to the programme which the relevant Board of Study of the Institute has accepted as suitable for the applicant's proposed field of study.

Registration and Academic Fees

Fee	Local Students (Rs.)	Foreign Students (US \$)	
		Clergy & Students from SAARC Countries	Students from Non-SAARC Countries
1. Registration Fee (Programme)	5,000	250	250
2. Academic Fee (including examination fee)			
Postgraduate Diploma (Programme)	70,000	1250	1550
Master of Arts/Master of Education (Programme)	90,000	1600	1900
Master of Philosophy (Per year)	75,000	1000	1300
Doctor of Philosophy (Per year)	100,000	1200	1500
3. Library Fee	2000	60	60

Other Fees and Charges

Fee	Local Students (Rs.)	Foreign Students (US\$)
Registration Renewal (Annual) Fee (payable from the 2 nd year of registration)	2000	Local rate
Examination Fee (for repeat examination-per course)	2000	20
Casual/Exchange Student Registration Fee	25,000	1000
Library Deposit (Refundable)	2000	40
Credit/Non-credit/Audit Course Fee (per credit)	3500	30
Detailed Certificate	500	10
Provisional Certificate	250	05
Transcript to be sent within Sri Lanka (Registered post)	1000	10
Transcript to be sent outside Sri Lanka (Registered post)	1500	15

Revision of Fees and Charges

The Institute shall reserve the right to revise or change fees and charges of degree programmes without prior notice. Students who have not completed their programmes when a change is made to the fees shall pay at new rates for the balance of their programme.

Payment of Fees

- At the registration, a candidate should make the following payments: registration fee, 50% of the Academic Fee, Library fee and library deposit. The balance 50% of the Academic Fee can be paid in two installments before the commencement of the semester examinations.
- All fees and charges related to postgraduate diploma/degree programmes should be made payable in following modes: deposit to the PGIHS Bank Account 057-1-001-6-0027421 at People's Bank or write a cheque to "Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences" or pay by cash to the Shroff of the PGIHS. Applicants/students should produce copy of the payment slip to the Institute immediately after the payment of relevant fees and charges.

Refund of Fees

Fees and charges paid in respect of postgraduate diploma/degree programme of the Institute shall not be refunded. However, the following exemptions are applied:

- Where a fee is paid under a misapprehension on the part of the candidate or where it is paid in excess under such a misapprehension, the fee or the excess may be refunded with a 10% deduction as university administrative charges;
- Where a fee has been paid due to a mistake/lapse on the part of university officials, the whole or whatever part of the fee that has been paid in excess of the right amount may be refunded.
- Where a candidate withdraws from the examinations before the date of the commencement of the examination or withdraws from the examination on medical grounds, he/she shall pay one half of the prescribed fee when re-sitting the examination in the year immediately following the withdrawal.

Send duly completed application forms to: **Assistant Registrar, PGIHS, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya 20400, Sri Lanka**

Director/PGIHS