



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. 02/2020 of 04.05.2020 invites applications/nominations of persons for the position of the Vice-Chancellor, University of the Visual and Performing Arts. The applicants/ nominees 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 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 Visual and Performing Arts is to be the premier University of Sri Lanka to develop and refine the knowledge of human experience in the area of culture, aesthetics, creativity and entertainment while acknowledging the diversity of traditions and trends of visual and performing arts.

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 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 and those who wish to be nominated 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/ nominations:

1. Full Curriculum Vitae of applicant/ nominee (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/nominee 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. A letter of consent from the nominee in the case of a nomination.
5. In the case of an applicant/ nominee serving in Public Service, Corporation, 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.

The selection process is as per the UGC Circular No. 02/2020 dated 04 May 2020 which can be accessed at www.ugc.ac.lk/en/policy/commission-circulars.

Candidates shall be summoned before the Evaluation Committee for an interview. Candidates shortlisted by the Evaluation Committee and approved by the Council shall be summoned before the Special Council Meeting for a brief presentation of minimum ten (10) minutes duration but not exceeding fifteen (15) minutes. In an exceptional situation, if any applicant/nominee is not in a position to appear before the Evaluation Committee or Special Council Meeting, he/she shall be allowed to appear for an interview / make the presentation via video conferencing.

Applications and nominations should be addressed to the "Registrar, Secretary to the Council, University of the Visual and Performing Arts, 21, Albert Crescent, Colombo 07" and sent under registered cover or hand delivered to reach the Registrar on or before 24.07.2020 at 2.00 p.m. Applications received in the Registrar's Office after the closing date and time will not be entertained.

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

Registrar
University of the Visual and Performing Arts

18.06.2020