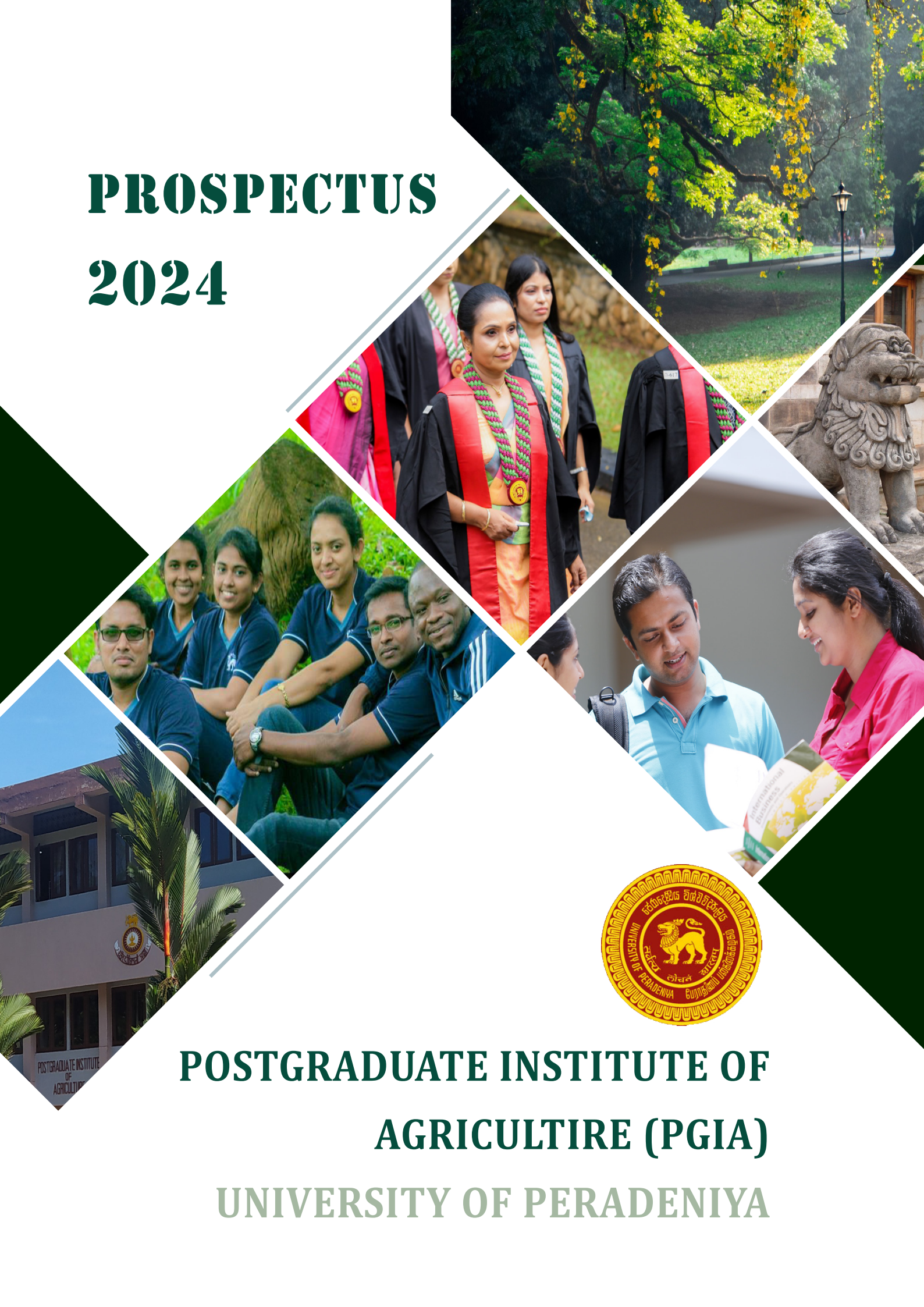


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**POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF
AGRICULTURE (PGIA)**
UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



As Sri Lanka's premier postgraduate institution for agricultural education and research, PGIA is committed to advancing knowledge and skills, promoting sustainable practices, and preparing the next generation of professionals to tackle the complex challenges in agriculture and allied fields. We take pride in offering a diverse range of postgraduate programs that cater to the evolving needs of students and professionals. With world-class staff, cutting-edge facilities at the Faculty of Agriculture, and a strong network of local and international, public and private collaborators, we provide a comprehensive and enriching academic experience.

Our programs are designed to foster innovation, critical thinking, and leadership skills, empowering our graduates to make significant contributions to both the national and global agricultural sectors. PGIA alumni are recognized for their expertise and skill, dedication, integrity, and adaptability, and we are confident that you, too, will play a vital role in advancing agriculture and allied fields in Sri Lanka and beyond.

As we approach the golden jubilee of the PGIA, I warmly invite you to explore our academic offerings, research opportunities, and potential collaborations.

Together, we can make impactful developments in shaping the future of agriculture for the betterment of society. Thank you for visiting our website. We look forward to welcoming you to PGIA.

Warm regards

Prof. DKNP Pushpakumara
Director, Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture
University of Peradeniya

VISION

To be a globally competitive Centre of Excellence in postgraduate education and research in agriculture and related fields.

MISSION

To provide high quality postgraduate education and promote pioneering high impact and innovative research to produce competent professionals in agriculture and related fields.

The Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture



The Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA) established in 1975, is the oldest of the Postgraduate Institutes in Sri Lanka and highly recognised for higher education and research. Although a part of the University of Peradeniya and linked to its Faculty of Agriculture, the PGIA was formed under a separate Ordinance as a relatively independent body, governed by a Board of Management and administered by a Director.

The PGIA is located within the University of Peradeniya, widely acknowledged as one of the most scenic University campuses in the world. Peradeniya, in turn, lies 8 km from Kandy, the last Royal Capital of Sri Lanka, the centre of the unique Kandyan culture and presently the second city in Sri Lanka. Peradeniya is home to the Royal Botanical Garden acclaimed as one of the best of its kind in the world.

The PGIA over the years has greatly expanded its portfolio and offers programmes and courses in a wide range of disciplines. It has proved to be popular with those seeking postgraduate qualifications in Agriculture and related fields. The PGIA has produced 114 Ph.D., 499 M.Phil., 3516

Master, 295 MBA graduates and 991 Postgraduate Diploma holders since its inception. Alumni of the PGIA have distinguished themselves both locally and internationally.

The PGIA is also renowned for its research programmes. It is the pre-eminent institution for postgraduate research in Agriculture in Sri Lanka; some of its research highlights are presented in this Prospectus. Research students have the opportunity to present their research findings to a wider audience at the Annual Research Congress of PGIA which is always a high-profile international forum.

The PGIA has been able to construct its own buildings and state of the art facilities including classrooms, computer centres and a library. Further details on all these aspects can be accessed via the PGIA website.

This Prospectus will guide you through the process of selecting the best degree and study programme for you and how to apply for admission.

The University of Peradeniya



The University of Peradeniya is the heir to the University of Ceylon, established in July, 1942 in Colombo and Peradeniya. Following a series of transformations since then, the campus at Peradeniya was established as University of Peradeniya in 1952. It is presently the most complete university in Sri Lanka with a developed infrastructure, trained academic staff, fully equipped laboratories and all the specialized units and accessories of a modern university.

For the first time in the history of higher education in Sri Lanka, University of Peradeniya has been ranked in the category of 401 – 500 best universities of the world by the Times Higher Education (THE) world mission ranking for the year 2020. THE world ranking for the year included about 1400 universities in 92 countries of the world. The judgment of ranking is based after evaluation of their core missions such as teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international standing.

It is the largest in terms of student enrolment and the university with the widest range of Faculties and study programmes in Sri Lanka. It is also the only residential university in the Island, located in spacious grounds, exceptionally pleasant surroundings blessed with a mild climate. Its Alumni now serve throughout the world in

a range of capacities demonstrating the value of the experience gained at their alma mater.

The PGIA is closely associated with the Faculty of Agriculture which is one of the eight faculties of the University. The Faculty of Agriculture boasts over 100 academics with Doctoral qualifications attached to several departments of study with modern laboratories and other teaching and learning facilities. While these academics and facilities form its core resources, the PGIA also draws academics from other Faculties, other universities and National Institutions into its teaching panel.

The university provides a range of facilities for students to ensure their welfare including a health centre. The sports facilities including playgrounds, an Olympic-sized swimming pool and the unique gymnasium are unrivalled in the national university system. The campus is accessible by regular bus and train services, while canteens on campus offer food at subsidized rates. PGIA students are also eligible to enjoy these facilities. More information on facilities available at the University are detailed below.

"Over 5000
postgraduates
produced"



"14 % increase in
registrations per year"



"Over 2000
current
students"



" 6.5 million (SLR)
spent on
research in 2018"



Postgraduate degrees offered

Doctor of Business Administration Doctor of Philosophy

(Minimum of 3 years)
3 years fulltime or equivalent time of research

Master of Philosophy

(Minimum of 2 years)
2 years full time or equivalent time of research

Master of Science

(Minimum of 4 Semesters)
30 credits course work plus one year full time or
equivalent time of research

Master of Business Administration

(Minimum of 4 Semesters)
Course work and research
36 credits course work plus one year full time or
equivalent time of research

Masters

(Minimum of 2 Semesters)
Course work Only (minimum of 30 credits inclusive of
5 credits Directed Study)

Master of Business Administration

(Minimum of 4 Semesters)
Course work Only
(Minimum of 36 credits + 5 credits Project)

Postgraduate Diploma

Course work only (25 credits)

- The PGIA degrees have been revised regularly to cater to the requirements of the country
- The degrees offered by the PGIA conform with Internationally accepted Standards.
- The degrees are awarded by the University of Peradeniya and conferred at the General Convocation.



Find out more

Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture
<http://www.pgia.pdn.ac.lk/>

Research

The PGIA is at heart a research institute and even taught Masters programmes contain a significant research component. With modern research facilities and a highly qualified teaching staff, the PGIA attracts a wide variety of researchers from various professions, academia and industries. The mingling of ideas with knowledge makes it the perfect place to broaden one's horizons.

Academics in the Faculties of Agriculture and scientists in National Research Institutions are active researchers in their respective disciplines and obtain funds for this purpose from a variety of sources both in Sri Lanka and elsewhere.

Since these scientists are on the PGIA Panel of teachers, Postgraduate research students work under their supervision to complete their research requirements for M.Sc., M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees.

Many research projects are often carried out in collaboration with reputed foreign institutions and the students benefit from the exposure and interactions.

The PGIA has the mandate to produce the elite manpower needed by the Agriculture, Food and related sectors in Sri Lanka, and research is therefore given priority by the management.

Accordingly, the PGIA has established a fund (Research Facilitation Fund) from its own resources to provide supplementary funds for student research.



Students of the PGIA have the opportunity to present their research at the Annual Congress of the PGIA and Peradeniya University Research Sessions (IPURSE) which are now major events in Sri Lanka.

The proceedings of the Congress published in the Journal of "Tropical Agricultural Research" and in the PGIA website provides an overview of the research carried out at the PGIA.

Research Facilities Labs

Extensivelab facilities are available to PGIA students. Among these are well equipped chemical analysis laboratories, tissue culture laboratories, PCR machines, spectrophotometers, facilities for state of the art molecular bio labs, DNA finger printing facilities etc.

Library

The Agriculture Library emerged as a unit in the University Library System in 1960s catering to the information requirements of the Faculty of Agriculture.

In 1980 it was amalgamated with the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture Library and was housed in the second floor of the PGIA Building. The Library was moved to the present four-storied new building in 1996.

The main objective of the PGIA Library is to strengthen the agriculture education and research programmes of the University of Peradeniya with the provision of information in print, non-print and electronic media. With over 40,000 titles and access to many e-journals

(JSTOR, AGORA, CAB Abstracts etc.), this is a “must stop” on every researchers path to success.

Computer Unit

The Computer Unit of the PGIA is regularly expanded and upgraded. It now consists of 03 laboratories with a capacity for over 100 users. Most of the courses require students to use computer facilities as part of their learning process. In addition to this, the unit caters to a large number of workshops, short courses and training programmes, all of which require modern computing facilities. Therefore, it acts as a service centre.

The IT facilities include the latest software for teaching and research purposes. The Computer Unit is also initiating the framework for conducting courses on e-Learning basis.

Affiliations & other Resources

With decades old strong roots, the PGIA has been able to establish relations with government institutions, other universities and private industry. This has given the PGIA a unique opportunity to offer students a wide choice of research bases and resources around Sri Lanka. Some of these even extend beyond the shores of the island.

Tea Research Institute, Medical Research Institute, Veterinary Research Institute, Coconut Research Institute, the Rubber Research Institute, Rice Research and Development Institute, National Zoological parks, Research Institutes & Centres of the Department of Agriculture, Livestock Development Board, government and private farms, fields and laboratories are just a few of the plethora of resources available to PGIA students.



i Find out more

Contact Secretaries of relevant Boards of Study for information on Research avenues.

Visit <http://www.pgia.pdn.ac.lk/> and navigate to the Boards of Study information under programmes for contact information of Boards of Study Secretaries.

The PGIA Research Facilitation Fund (RFF) will entertain applications during

November - December each year.

Visit http://www.pgia.ac.lk/files/notice/2018/RFF_Application.pdf for more information.

Widening Access

Over the years, the PGIA has produced many hundreds of high quality M.Sc., M.Phils and Ph.Ds. Their research is the wealth of knowledge generated which has made outstanding contributions to the progress in the relevant fields.

The PGIA Annual Congress



The Annual Congress of the PGIA, which was inaugurated in 1989 has become one of the major scientific forum for the postgraduate students and academic staff of the PGIA, scientists in the national research system and University academics.

Over the years, the Congress has evolved into a recognized scientific event in agriculture and related fields, especially in the Asian region. This

event highlights the research programmes undertaken by the postgraduate students of the institute as well as those from the region focusing on their scientific merit and provides a forum for critical review of the output.



Research Presentations

Each year research students of the PGIA make research progress presentations. This is an opportunity for them to review their progress and collaborate with other researchers.

This is a successful exercise bringing together students, academics, interested industries and investors under one roof.

Thesis & Journal Management System

The new PGIA Theses are uploaded online, so the world will have access to valued generated knowledge. This will reduce repetition of research and encourage new research.

This is an outstanding method to ensure student research is recognized via an official portal of the PGIA.

PGIA Research Publication Platform (PRPP)

The recently launched web based PGIA Research Publication Platform enables the academic researchers of the PGIA to publish their research online. This platform allows individuals to access and update their various research work, even incorporating video and other media attachments. High quality student research will be selectively included in this system.



International Partnerships

The PGIA has developed international partnerships. Some of the key activities initiated and completed in this regard are:

- Advising and facilitating scholarly linkages for academic and research collaboration with international partners and organizations via student/staff exchange, memoranda of understanding, articulation arrangements, off-shore teaching programmes for academic and research projects and the annual Congress;
- Raising awareness of the Institutes strengths, academic and research achievements and items of global interest via communications with our international partners and overseas contacts.

PGIA students can gain many advantages for further studies, research collaborations and jointly awarded degrees via these partnerships.

Find out more

The PGIA Annual Congress holds in November every year
Visit <http://www.pgia.ac.lk/congress/index.php> for more information

The Research Publications Facilitation Fund (RPFF) entertain applications every year.
Visit <http://www.pgia.pdn.ac.lk/>

Scenic Beauty of Peradeniya

The University of Peradeniya is surrounded by some of the most scenic landscapes in the world and earned the title "Garden University" and is located on the outskirts of the city of Kandy. The University of Peradeniya is surrounded by some of the most scenic landscapes in the world and earned the title "Garden University" and is located on the outskirts of the city of Kandy. The 750 hectares of residential campus provides facilities for more than 12,000 students.



Sarachchandra Open Air Theatre

The Sarachchandra open air theatre or the Wala, modelled after the classical Greek. Amphitheatre is built on a natural slope of a hill with a capacity of 3500 spectators. It is the first of its kind in Sri Lanka.

It was the brain child of Prof. Sarachchandra , the pioneering dramatist of Sri Lanka who revitalized and re-generated modern Sinhala Theatre.

Many drama festivals are held year around at the Wala, staging popular plays where the atmosphere is unique and thrilling.

Student Life at Peradeniya

The PGIA is located in the scenic Peradeniya University campus. It is only 2 minutes away from the Galaha junction, the entrance to the University, nestled by the river Mahaweli and surrounded by mountains and lush greens flowing over the landscape, students can experience a truly breathtaking environment. The Peradeniya town, a 10 minute walk away from the PGIA caters to many or all needs and services. The ancient city of Kandy located only 6 km away from the University is another convenience and a site of historical values and attraction. Students will undoubtedly have an unparalleled experience at Peradeniya.



Accommodation

There are many places of accommodation ready to welcome local and international students at Peradeniya.

A Prestigious University with more than half a century of history, the Peradeniya area can cater to almost all requirements and comfort needs of the majority of students. Rooms, apartments and houses are available at reasonable rates.

The PGIA guest house, located a few minutes' drive from the PGIA on the Hanthana range is an affordable, warm stay for most international students until they find permanent accommodation.

Students' Association-PASA

The Postgraduate Agriculture Students' Association (PASA) is the student body of the PGIA. For many years it has been an active promoter of student unity and creativity, carrying out various social and communal activities.

The PASA has planned a year around calendar of activities and as a student of the PGIA, involving with the PASA is an exciting way to make new connections and expand ideas and experiences.



PGIA Alumni

Alumni Association of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (AAPGIA) was inaugurated under the patronage of the past Director Prof. H.P.M. Gunasena on 10th September 1999. During this period a significant number of Alumni have become Life Members of the Association. According to the constitution those who have obtained a postgraduate degree or diploma are eligible to apply for Full Membership. The Office of the AAPGIA is located in the PGIA new building. AAPGIA has sponsored the awarding of prizes for the best research students of the Institute at the Annual Congress.



Prof. Suneth Sooriyapathirana
M.Sc. - B/S in Agric. Biology
Professor
University of Peradeniya



Prof. Rohana Mahaliyanaarachchi
Ph.D. - B/S in Agric. Extension
Senior Professor
University of Sabaragamuwa



Dr. Gamini De Silva
M.Sc. - B/S in Biostatistics
President of Institute of Applied
Statistics of Sri Lanka



Mr. Upul Jayaweera
MBA-B/S in Business Administration
Associate Director
National Australia Bank



Dr. Vishaka Hidellage
Ph.D. - B/S in Food Science & Tech:
Senior Advisor to UNDP Sri Lanka



Dr. Srimathie Indraratna
M.Phil. - B/S in Soil Science
University of Winnipeg

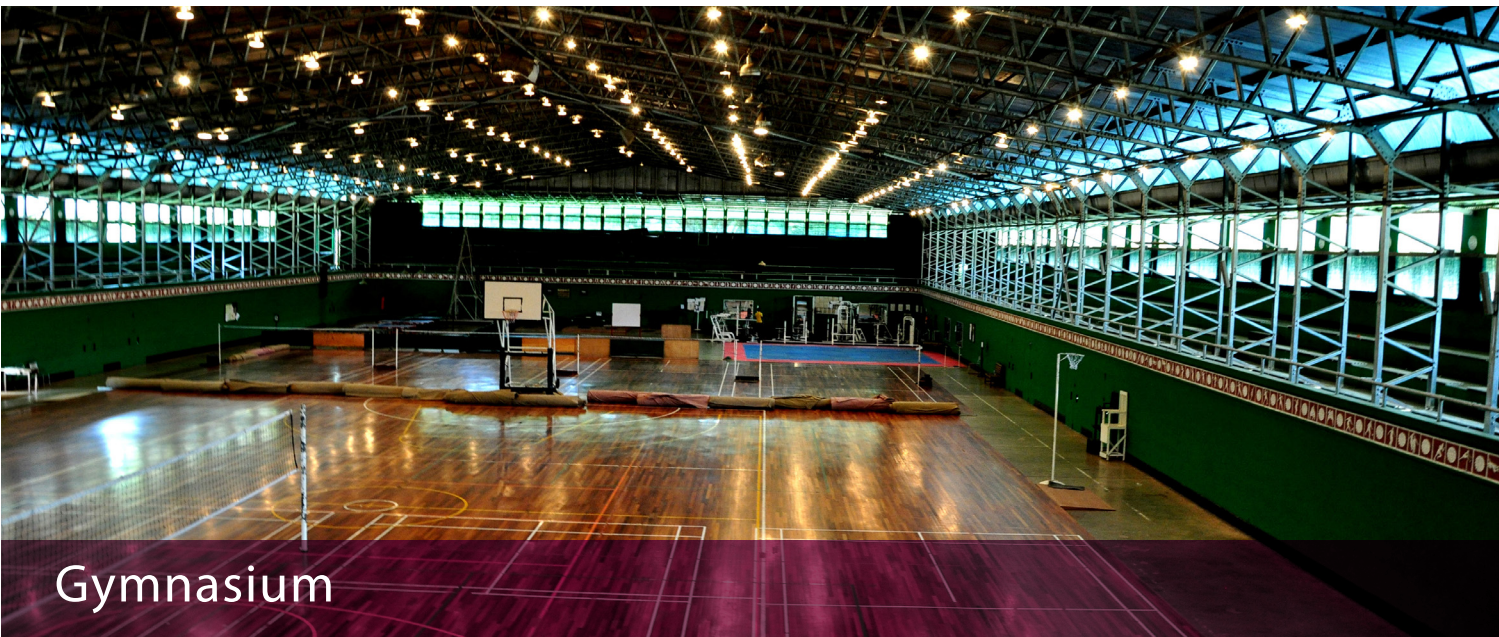
Sports

The University of Peradeniya boasts of the largest sports complex of any University in Sri Lanka. The large areas of land dedicated to sports stands as testament to this claim. As a student of the PGIA, you are entitled to enjoy all sports facilities of the University of Peradeniya available on campus *.



Swimming

The 8 lane swimming pool barely falls short of being Olympic size. At the deep end, dropping to a 18 ft depth the Pool is a great place to relax and keep in shape. Many swimming meets take place and the full time coaches are available to guide you to be a competent swimmer.



Gymnasium

The indoor gymnasium covers an area of about 4000 square meters and provides facilities for Table Tennis, Badminton, Weight Training, Basket ball, Volley ball, Chess, Carom, Martial Arts and many others. The Gymnasium is also used for the Convocation each year for the graduation ceremony and many student and staff led activities including musical shows are held at the Gymnasium.

* Conditions Apply

Athletics, Cricket and Rugby grounds



The 400 m athletics track is used by young and old alike during mornings and evenings to keep in shape. Athletic sportsmen and women use the grounds to practice for national and international sports events. The Tennis and Basketball courts are also situated here. The Cricket Ground is always busy with many tournaments and training sessions held for university students and staff.

The Rugby and Football ground is the home of the Peradeniya Rugby team. The wonderful view is also a great escape to relax after a tough course or day at the PGIA.



Financial Support

It has been the experience of the PGIA that high achievers come from various economic backgrounds. This is especially true for fresh graduates. As an institute that is dedicated to promote education and globally relevant research, the PGIA has established Research Facilitation Fund (RFF) and Research Publication Facilitation Fund (RPFF) for research students. Loan and credit card facilities for PGIA students have also been negotiated with Government banks.

Research Facilitation Fund of the PGIA

The PGIA established the Research Facilitation Fund (RFF) in 2010 to fund/facilitate research expenses of students.

Research students can obtain funds for their research activities at the M.Phil. and Ph.D. levels for a 2-3 years full time research of national importance.

For more information about the RFF, visit www.pgia.ac.lk/rff



Research Publication Facilitation Fund

The PGIA established a Research Publication Facilitation Fund to facilitate research students to present their research papers in International conferences/symposiums.

Loan Schemes

The PGIA has been able to provide financial aid to students via student loans from some of Sri Lanka's leading commercial banks.

For more information please contact staff of the PGIA Admissions and Registration Branch or visit www.pgia.ac.lk/financial-aid



The PGIA has a multicultural composition of students, enriching its culture and providing students a diverse exposure.

International Students

Over the years the PGIA has been proud to bestow many International postgraduates to the world. As a centre of excellence in postgraduate research and education, the PGIA is always ready to cater its knowledge to international students.



Ravipan Saleepon
Ph.D.
Thailand



Sara Sahibzada
Ph.D.
Afghanistan



Benjamin Odoi
M.Sc.
Ghana

The PGIA offers limited number of partial scholarships for international students.

The PGIA has waived off the application fee from International applicants. Please see page no. 25 for fees structure for international students or visit www.pgia.ac.lk.

i Find Out More

Hotlines

International Inquiries :- +94 812388203

RFF :- 081 2388203

Loans :- 0812 388219

Email :- dir@pgia.ac.lk,
dr@pgia.ac.lk

Panel of Teachers

Teachers are drawn not only from the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Peradeniya but also from other Faculties both at Peradeniya and other Universities as well as researchers from specialized Institutions and industries throughout Sri Lanka. The PGIA at any time will usually have one or more visiting Professors from other countries who will participate in teaching & research.

All courses are conducted by a distinguished panel of teachers who possess proven ability to teach and direct research at postgraduate level having the following attributes:

- Postgraduate research degree usually at Doctoral level in the relevant field
- Post-doctoral teaching/working experience in this field
- Acceptable research portfolio
- Experience in teaching/examination at postgraduate level

It can be seen that the PGIA has a teaching panel with a wide range of expertise and experience from whom the students can benefit.

The full panel with qualifications are available in the PGIA website.

**“Over 350
highly
qualified
teaching staff”**

General Information

Academic

Selecting your Degree

The academic activities of the PGIA are conducted by eleven Boards of Study, each established on a disciplinary basis, as shown below.

- Agricultural Biology
- Agricultural Economics
- Agricultural Engineering
- Agricultural Extension
- Animal Science
- Bio-Statistics
- Business Administration
- Crop Science
- Food Science and Technology
- Plant Protection
- Soil Science

Each of the Boards of Study, in turn, offers one or more programmes of study leading to a postgraduate degree. Although the basic requirement for admission to a programme is a bachelor's degree, the prerequisites vary with the particular degree sought and the programme of study. Details regarding these aspects are given later in this Prospectus in the sections that deal with each Board of Study.

Prospective applicants should study these sections carefully and when applying for admission, select the degree, Board of study and Programme of study based on their qualifications and expectations. Applicants should also study the sections dealing with categories of students, transfer of credits and the schedule of fees given later in this Prospectus and in the PGIA Website before making their selections.

General Guide

The PGIA has formulated detailed manuals and guidelines for students. Following are the general guidelines and regulations that govern degrees at the PGIA which the applicants must know prior to registration. The Student Handbook will inform students of the rules and regulations governing academic programmes and progression.

The Manual of Procedures for the management of the PGIA contains the following core documents of interest to students:

1. The PGIA By-Laws: The basic establishment rules of the PGIA
2. Performance Criteria for Award of Degrees: The requirements that a candidate needs to satisfy before becoming eligible for a postgraduate award
3. Detailed Academic Procedures: Some of the rules relating to admission procedures are shown here. The complete documents may be accessed at the PGIA website.

General Requirements for Admission

Master of Science - M.Sc. (CW / CW& R)

Master of Business Administration - MBA (CW / CW & R)

Masters (CW only)

Postgraduate Diploma - PG.Dip.

Admission criteria for degrees shall be a Bachelor's degree from a recognized university or equivalent qualifications acceptable to the Senate of the University of Peradeniya.

In addition to the above, for MBA, professional qualifications equivalent to a degree acceptable to the University Senate is also valid, preference will be given to candidates with managerial experience.

Master of Philosophy - M.Phil.

Admission requirements for an M.Phil. degree shall be a M.Sc. degree (Level 9 or 10) from a recognized university in the relevant field.

A bachelors Hons. degree with a 4 year duration (Level 6) in the relevant field.

***Note that all applicants for M.Phil. shall be initially given provisional registration which shall be confirmed following an assessment of their research plan, competence as a researcher and the viability of the overall research programme.**



If a candidate presents the research proposal and is accepted by the Board of Study concerned within the first three months of his/her initial registration, the effective date of registration will be backdated to original provisional registration. If not, the date the proposal is accepted is taken as the commencement of research.

More information on page 29.

Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. Doctor of Business Administration - DBA

Admission requirements for a Doctoral degree shall be an M.Phil. degree (Level 11) OR an M.Sc. (or MBA in the case of Business Administration) degree (Level 9 or 10). A Bachelors honours degree of 4 year duration (Level 6) in the relevant field with a Minimum GPA of 3.70.

Those already registered for an M.Phil. degree may be upgraded to Ph.D. after a minimum period of 1 year if their research competencies are found to be exceptionally merit.

For a DBA, the requirement shall be an MBA from a recognized university.

Categories of Students

There shall be three categories of students, namely regular, provisional and casual.

a) Regular student

A regular student is a person, who has satisfied the appropriate admission requirements and has been registered to follow a prescribed programme of study leading to a degree.

b) Provisional student

A provisional student is a person who cannot be admitted as a regular student because his/ her academic performance cannot be fully evaluated or who is unable to provide the documentary evidence called for. Such a person showing promise of satisfactory and/or appropriate admission requirements may be admitted as a provisional student and may be transferred to regular student status on the basis of performance at the Institute and/or on submission of the documentary evidence called for. Credits earned may subsequently be transferred to meet the degree requirements.

c) Casual student

A casual student is a person who is enrolled as such by the Institute in order to follow one or more of the courses of study offered by the Institute. The student shall not be a candidate for any degree awarded by the Institute.

Transfer of Credits

Details on the rules governing transfer of credits can be accessed from the Student Handbook.

Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Teaching and learning at the PGIA will be through taught courses, full-time research or a mixture of the two according to the degree and programme being followed. Courses will be taught and assessed on a credit-based system as shown below:

<i>Teaching/learning Method</i>	<i>Hours per week for one credit</i>
Lectures	One
Laboratory sessions	Two to three
Field studies/clinical work	Three
Tutorials	Two to three
Industrial Training	Six

Most Classes will be held over the weekend for the convenience of students who are employed.

A wide range of Assessments - both formative and summative - appropriate at postgraduate level will be used in the course work. The work will be graded and grade points calculated according to standard procedures.

Candidates will be required to complete the necessary number of credits and achieve a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average(GPA) of 3.0 to be eligible for an award of a degree.

Details regarding these aspects are shown in the Student Handbook.

Those reading for research degrees will be expected to engage in full time research for the periods shown below:

M.Sc. - Course work + one year research
M.Phil. - minimum of 2 years
Ph.D. - Minimum of 3 years
DBA - Minimum of 3 years

The research work will be assessed every 6 months through progress reports and at the end by a dissertation which will be evaluated formally. Detailed procedures are described in the PGIA documents accessible on the website.

Schedule of Fees

Fees for PG.Dip./Masters/M.Sc./MBA Degrees/M.Phil/Ph.D/DBA - 2024

Peradeniya Branch

Board of Study	Degree Programme	Fees (Rs.) CW	Fees (Rs.) CW & R
Agricultural Biology	Plant Biology Conservation & Breeding Biotechnology	150,000.00 250,000.00	250,000.00 350,000.00
Agricultural Economics	All Programmes Pg. Dip. in Development Practice & Mgt.	125,000.00 70,000.00	225,000.00
Agricultural Engineering	All Programmes	200,000.00	300,000.00
Agricultural Extension	Development Communication & Extension Organizational Management	150,000.00 195,000.00	250,000.00 290,000.00
Animal Science	All Four Programmes	175,000.00	275,000.00
Business Administration	MBA	250,000.00	250,000.00
	Text book fee (from second semester onwards)	150,000.00	
Bio-Statistics	Applied Statistics	200,000.00	300,000.00
	Bio-Statistics		
	Pg. Dip. in Applied Statistics	125,000.00	
Crop Science	Crop Science	175,000.00	275,000.00
	Environmental Forestry	175,000.00	275,000.00
	Floriculture & Landscape Architecture	175,000.00	275,000.00
	Tropical Agriculture	400,000.00	500,000.00
	Horticulture	175,000.00	275,000.00
	Plantation Crop Management	175,000.00	275,000.00
Food Science & Technology	Both Programmes	350,000.00	450,000.00
Plant Protection	Both Programmes	150,000.00	250,000.00
Soil Science	All Programmes	150,000.00	250,000.00

Colombo Branch

Board of Study	Degree Programme	Fees (Rs.)	
		CW	CW & R
Bio-Statistics	Applied Statistics	250,000.00	350,000.00
	Bio-Statistics	250,000.00	350,000.00
Food Science & Technology	Food Science & Technology	400,000.00	500,000.00
	Food & Nutrition	400,000.00	500,000.00

Fees for Research Degrees Peradeniya & Colombo

Degree Programme	Fees (Rs.)
M.Phil.	250,000.00
Ph.D.	350,000.00
DBA	500,000.00

Fees for Foreign Students

SAARC Countries/ other developing countries

Board of Study	Degree Programme	Fees (USD) CW	Fees (USD) CW & R
Agricultural Biology	Plant Biology Conservation & Breeding Biotechnology	1250 2500	2250 3500
Agricultural Economics	All Programmes	1000	2000
Agricultural Engineering	All Programmes	1500	2500
Agricultural Extension	Development Communication & Extension Organizational Management	1250 1750	2250 2750
Animal Science	All Four Programmes	1250	2250
Business Administration	MBA	2500	2500
	Text book fee (from second semester onwards)	700	700
Bio-Statistics	All programmes	1500	2500
Crop Science	Tropical Agriculture Other programmes	4000 1500	4000 2500
Food Science & Technology	Both Programmes	1500	2500
Plant Protection	Both Programmes	1250	2250
Soil Science	All Programmes	1250	2250
M.Phil. Programme		2500	
Ph.D. Programme		3500	

Other countries

Programme	Other Countries (US \$)
PG Diploma	3000.00
All Masters Degree Programmes (CW only)	4000.00
All M.Sc. Programmes (CW & R)	6000.00
MBA (CW)	6000.00
MBA (CW & R)	8000.00
MBA Text Books	700.00
M.Phil. Programme	6000.00
Ph.D. Programme	8000.00

Other Fees

Fee *	Local (Rs.)	Foreign USD
Application Fee	3000.00
Administrative Fee*	14000.00	1200.00
Annual Congress (per year)	1500.00	10.00
Comprehensive Examination (per attempt)	13000.00	75.00*
Thesis Defence Examination (per attempt)	13000.00	75.00*
Refundable Library Deposit (per programme)	5000.00	50.00
Non-refundable Library Fee (per programme)	3000.00	15.00
Prerequisite/ Casual/Audit per credit unit	2500.00	20.00
Transcript		
Within Sri Lanka , Issued to student or officials	1500.00	20
Outside Sri Lanka issued to the student or issued to officials	3000.00	
Detailed Certificate	1000.00	10.00
Provisional Certificate/ Letter of reference/ Covering letter	500.00	10.00
Make-up Examination Fee	5000.00	25.00

* Semester fees for 4 semesters

Partial scholarships on programme fees are available for high caliber foreign students upon strong recommendation of the relevant Board of Study.

How to Apply

Multiple modes of application have been provided for the applicants convenience. Applying online is preferred and quick.

** For categories of students, see page 23*

Filling an Application Form

Applications can be made on the standard form that can be downloaded from the website (<http://www.pgia.ac.lk/>) or obtainable from the PGIA office on payment of a prescribed fee and should be submitted to the address below, preferably by registered post.

Deputy Registrar, Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture,
PO Box 55, Old Galaha Road,
Peradeniya,
Sri Lanka

An application processing fee of Rs. 3000.00 is charged per application.

Online Applications (<http://www.pgia.ac.lk/howtoapply.php>)

Visit the application portal at <http://www.pgia.ac.lk/howtoapply.php> -> enter your login credentials (NIC/PP and password) -> fill the online application -> print generated application and paying-in vouchers -> pay Rs. 3000/- to Peoples' Bank using vouchers & endorse them -> post/ handover the original voucher & deposit slip to the PGIA for confirmation.

Application for Admission as a Regular Student

The Institute will call for applications through notices in the national media indicating the period within which applications will be entertained each year. Every application for admission shall be made on the prescribed form obtained from the Institute, indicating the degree, Board of Study and programme applied for. Each application shall be considered by the appropriate Board of Study against the basic rules of admission described earlier and may require an applicant to appear for an interview. The selection of an applicant for admission shall depend upon the academic background and the capacity for higher studies as disclosed by transcripts of previous degrees and the referees' reports submitted in support of the application. The appropriate Board of Study will recommend a programme of study for each applicant selected for admission to the Institute. If the minimum number of students required to conduct a given programme of study is not met, the programme will not be held for that year. The students in such a case will be advised to follow alternate programmes.

Applications for Enrolment as a Casual Student

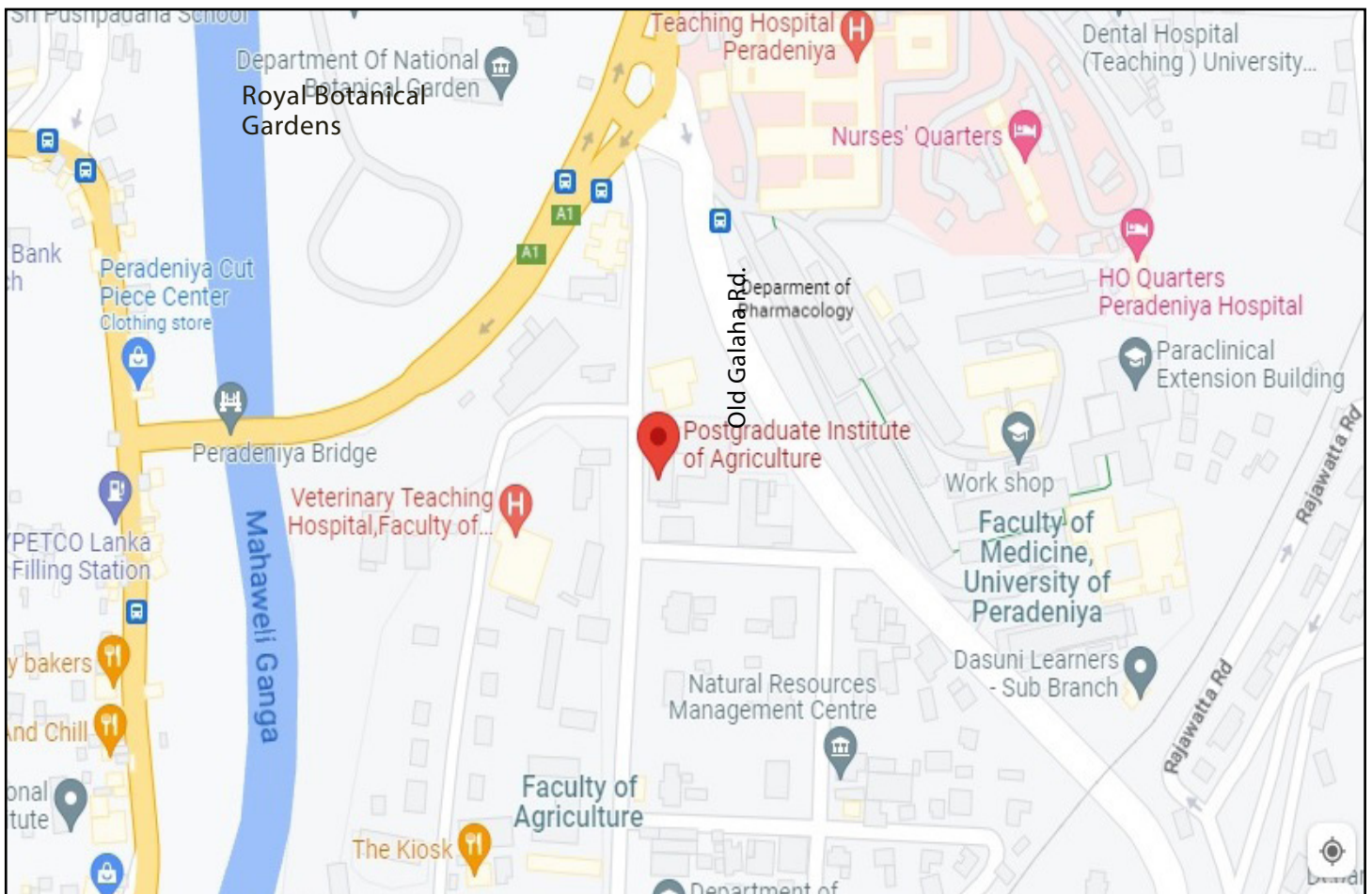
Every application for enrolment as a casual student shall be made in a formal letter to the Director clearly indicating the purpose of the intended enrolment as well as the applicant's academic or professional background. The Director shall determine whether the applicant could benefit from the course or courses of study and make a suitable recommendation to the Board of Management. A person who has been permitted to enrol as a casual student must at the time of enrolment pay all fees and deposits in respect of each semester as specified by the PGIA. This rule shall also apply to all persons including any permanent or temporary members of the academic staff of the University who may wish to follow certain courses as preparation or value addition to a research degree or as part of postgraduate programmes carried out in other Institutes or Faculties. No student shall continue as a casual student for more than two semesters. A casual student shall not be enrolled for more than 9 credit units per semester.

Aptitude test

Every M.Sc. applicant is required to pass an Aptitude Test conducted by the Institute, prior to admission. The result is valid for two consecutive years from the date of examination.

Getting to the Institute

Getting to the institute is a delightful venture, climbing mountains, crossing rivers, passing castles and temples.



Arriving at the institute is convenient and easy. Coming from the Kandy City on the A1 towards Colombo, 6 km from the city you see the Royal Botanical Gardens, from where just 100 m away you reach the entrance to the University, the Galaha Junction on your left.

Coming from Colombo, passing the Peradeniya town and crossing the bridge over the river Mahaweli, you find the Galaha Junction on your right.

The Galaha Junction is the gateway to the PGIA and you can easily find your way here once you walk down the Old Galaha Road, by the Peradeniya Post office.

Boards of Study and the Programmes on offer - 2024

The academic programmes leading to postgraduate degrees are conducted by eleven Boards of Study which correspond to the different disciplines in Agriculture.

The Board of Study (BS) is the authority for the curriculum and for teaching, learning and assessment (TLA) methods for each of the programmes and courses in their speciality and is the custodian of the programme details and course capsules.

Each Board of Study is comprised of the

- a) Director of the Institute,
- b) a Professor and four other teachers in the appropriate speciality in agriculture nominated from among its teachers in that speciality by the Faculty of Agriculture of the University and
- c) three members appointed by the Board of Management from among persons of eminence in the appropriate speciality in agriculture and related fields
- d) one Senior Professor, Professor or Senior Lecturer of each speciality not exceeding three from among the Faculty of Agriculture of each University nominated by the respective Faculty Board from among their members, appointed by the Board of Management.

Each BS also offers full-time research degrees (M.Phil./Ph.D.) usually in the areas of National Importance.

Every prospective applicant should study these sections carefully and decide the degree programme to which they wish to gain admission. These details must be completed in the application for admission. Please note that each programme will have certain prerequisite*/ foundation*/ compulsory/ elective courses which the student will have to follow.

* Charges apply

This section of the Prospectus describes the programmes of study offered by each BS; the description contains the following information for each programme:

- Title and introduction
- Key features of the programme
- Number of credits
- List of courses
- Admission requirements
- Description of the ongoing research programmes and highlights of past research.

Further details in respect of the courses can also be accessed on the website.

M.Phil.&Ph.D.Programmes offered by the Boards of Study

All Boards of Study of the PGIA offer M.Phil. & Ph.D. degrees. The research pursued are in line with the objectives of the Boards of Study and are aligned with the national and global requirements. These prestigious degrees require a researcher of high calibre, willing to meet the standards placed on quality, relevance and originality of the research.

Degree of Master of Philosophy

Admission Requirements:

Applicants must possess an M.Sc. /MBA degree or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the Senate of the University of Peradeniya. However, since some programmes require a strong background in a particular field of study, preference is given to students who possess such qualifications. The recommendation in this respect will be at the discretion of the relevant Board of Study. Students may be prescribed some courses in the field of a particular discipline by their Supervisor(s) if they deem necessary to bridge the gap between the desired level and the actual level of knowledge of the candidate to undertake the research study.

Duration: Students are required to carry out a research project for a minimum of 2 years of fulltime or equivalent time of research

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Admission Requirements: Applicants must possess a Master's degree or an equivalent qualifications acceptable to the Senate of the University of Peradeniya.

Duration: Students are required to carry out a research project for a minimum of 03 years of full time or equivalent time of research

Research Requirements: Students are required to submit a proposal outlining his/her proposed research project to the relevant Board of Study before a student is allowed to commence his/her study leading to M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree. When the research proposal presented to the BS is accepted, the student is registered to pursue his/her M.Phil/Ph.D degree pending approval of the Board of Management of the PGIA. Every student registered to pursue a M.Phil/Ph.D degree must submit in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the M.Phil/Ph.D degree, a thesis based upon independent research conducted on a specific subject falling within the student's field of study.

Effective date of commencement of research: Commencement of the duration of the M.Phil./Ph.D. research project is determined based on the date on which the research proposal is accepted by the Board of Study concerned. The commencement of the duration of research project is reckoned as the original date of registration if a student's proposal is accepted within three months time from the original date of registration. Those whose proposals are accepted after three months duration of the initial registration, the date on which the proposal is accepted will be reckoned as the effective date of commencement of research.

Find out more

For further information on Degrees and their related rules and regulations please refer the student handbook.