



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

Finance Circular Letter No. 10/2022

09th December 2022

Vice-Chancellors of Universities
Rectors of Campuses
Directors of Institutes

Annual Allocation - 2023

HEAD No. 214 – University Grants Commission (UGC)

The Budget Estimates - 2023 have been prepared in consultation with the Universities/HEIs and submitted to the Department of National Budget (NBD) as approved by the University Grants Commission at its 1087th meeting held on 06th October 2022.

The NBD recommended the Capital Block Grant (CBG) and Recurrent Block Grant (RBG) for the year 2023 and approved by the Parliament of Sri Lanka on 08th December 2022.

Summary of Annual Allocation – 2023 (Rs. Mn)

Category/Object title	Revised Budget 2022	Actual Expenditure up to 31 st October 2022	Estimates submitted by the UGC - 2023	Estimates approved NBD - 2023
Recurrent Grants	56,864	50,039	66,656	59,651
Capital Grants	4,700	3,186	21,803	6,000
Total	61,564	53,225	88,459	65,651

The University wise allocation - 2023 is given in Recurrent Grants (Annex -1) and Capital Grants (Annex-II)

1. Preparation of Annual Budget

The National Budget Department allocates funds based on the guidelines and instructions issued by the National Budget Circular No.05/2022 dated 02.09.2022. In view of the highly restricted fiscal space, allocations for the year 2023 have been made discouraging new constructions, expansion of office spaces, purchase of new furniture and equipment, new recruitments, acquisition of lands for the new projects other than for ongoing infrastructure projects, purchase of new vehicles other than essential utility vehicles by the Budget 2023.

Accordingly, universities/HEIs are requested to prepare the Budget and Annual Action Plan as per the approved allocation for the year 2023. The specific guidelines and specimen Formats I – XII are given in this circular.

2. Capital Block Grant (CBG)

CBG has been allocated to the Universities/HEIs considering the progress of the ongoing construction projects and infrastructure required to facilitate additional students' intake of the universities. The universities/HEIs are requested to allocate funds for the capital projects considering the already committed activities and priorities, of the university.

3. Continuation of UGC funded projects

- a) Establishment of Technology Faculties in Universities – Rs. 875 Mn
- b) Establishment of Colombo North Centre for Liver Diseases, University of Kelaniya. - Rs. 100Mn

4. Projects financed by Head No. 126 - Ministry of Education

No	Name of the University/HEIs and the Project	Funding Agency	Allocation - 2023 Rs.Mn
1	12 Storied Building – Faculty of Medicine – University of Ruhuna	GOSL-MoE	50
2	Faculty of Medicine – Sabaragamuwa University	GOSL-MoE	300
3	Professorial Unit - Faculty of Medicine – University of Ruhuna	GOSL-MoE	200
4	Centre of Naval Studies and Shipping – University of Ruhuna	GOSL-MoE	560
5	Faculty of Allied Health Science - University of Ruhuna Faculty of Medicine –University of Sri Jayewardenepura	GOSL-MoE	450
6	17 Storied Building - Faculty of Medicine- University of Colombo	GOSL-MoE	1,400
7	Faculty of Health Care Science - Eastern University	GOSL/Kuwait	1,000
8	Township Project - Wayamba University	GOSL/Saudi	2,000
9	Faculty of Medicine - Sabaragamuwa University	GOSL/Saudi	1,000
10	Faculty of Medicine - University of Moratuwa	GOSL/Kuwait	50
11	Science & Technology HRD Projects- Faculties of Technology - SUSL/KLN/RUSL and FoE-USJP	GOSL/ADB	9,709

5. Recurrent Expenditure Block Grant (RBG)

Recurrent Expenditure Block Grant for the year 2023 has been allocated by the NBD based on the estimates submitted by the Universities/HEIs.

6. Payment for Student Bursaries and Mahapola – Treasury Contribution

The student Bursaries and Mahapola Scholarships will be paid as per the instructions given in the Commission Circular No.02/2019 and 03/2019. General Treasury share of the “Mahapola Scholarship” of Rs.5,000 is reduced considering the increased share of the Mahapola Trust Fund (MTF).

7. Funds for the Postgraduate Institutes and Other Higher Educational Institutes

Postgraduate Institutes and Other Higher Educational Institutes except Institute of Indigence Medicine, University of Colombo School of Computing, Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa, Swamy Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies and National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, are advised to finance their budget by the generated income.

8. The Master Procurement Plan and the detailed Procurement Plan

Universities/HEIs are required to prepare the Master Procurement Plan and detailed Procurement Plan as per the instructions given in the Public Finance Circular No.02/2020 dated 28.08.2020 and the Guideline No. 13 (Procurement Guideline reference 4.2.1). The Master Procurement Plan should be submitted with the Annual Budget - 2023.

9. Annual Action Plan

Universities/HEIs are required to prepare an Action Plan for the year 2023 as per the Public Finance Circular No. 02/2020 dated 28.08.2020. Funds for the capital projects will be released by the General Treasury based on the progress of the Action Plan.

10. Progress Monitoring of Ongoing Construction Projects

Universities are requested to monitor the progress of the on-going construction projects to ensure on time completion of the projects and submit quarterly progress report as per the Format XII. Two progress review meetings will be conducted by Capital Project Monitoring Committee (CPMC) of the UGC during the month of July and October 2023.

11. General Guidelines

- a) In terms of section 8 (2) (b) of the Finance Act. No. 38 of 1971 the approval of the Hon. Minister in charge of the subject of finance and the concurrence of the Line Minister should be obtained before incurring capital expenditure in excess of Rs.500,000/-. Therefore Universities/HEIs are requested to submit their capital expenditure program to the UGC to obtain approval of the Hon. Minister of Finance in this regard.

- b) Please e-mail (budget@ugc.ac.lk) a **soft copy of the Budget prepared as per Format I to XII, Master Procurement Plan and Action Plan** for the year 2023 on or before **16th December 2022** with a copy to National Budget Department.
- c) This Circular together with all annexes are available for download at www.ugc.ac.lk
- d) If further clarifications are required in this regard, please contact Accountant on 011-2685021 or e-mail - finance@ugc.ac.lk. or Senior Assistant Accountant/Budget & Finance on 011-2123490.



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Summary - Recurrent Grant

Rs. '000

	University/Institute	Personal Emoluments	Other Recurrent	Total Recurrent
1	University Grants Commission	358,000	350,000	708,000
	Mahapola & Bursary	-	1,725,000	1,725,000
2	University of Peradeniya	7,350,000	625,000	7,975,000
3	University of Colombo	4,932,000	425,000	5,357,000
4	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	5,615,000	650,000	6,265,000
5	University of Kelaniya	4,433,000	375,000	4,808,000
6	University of Moratuwa	3,155,000	475,000	3,630,000
7	University of Jaffna	3,457,000	500,000	3,957,000
8	University of Ruhuna	4,183,000	500,000	4,683,000
9	The Open University of Sri Lanka	2,605,000	-	2,605,000
10	Eastern University, Sri Lanka	1,640,000	300,000	1,940,000
11	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	1,600,000	300,000	1,900,000
12	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	2,027,000	425,000	2,452,000
13	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	2,037,000	425,000	2,462,000
14	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	1,682,000	360,000	2,042,000
15	Uva Wellassa University	997,000	425,000	1,422,000
16	University of the Visual & Performing Arts	1,033,000	300,000	1,333,000
17	Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine	519,000	160,000	679,000
18	University of Vavuniya	492,000	180,000	672,000
19	Trincomalee Campus	373,000	150,000	523,000
20	Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture	-	-	-
21	Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology	70,000	-	70,000
22	Postgraduate Institute of Science	-	-	-
23	Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies	70,000	-	70,000
24	Postgraduate Institute of English	-	-	-
25	Postgraduate Institute of Humanities & Social Sciences	-	-	-
26	Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine	15,000	-	15,000
27	Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences	-	-	-
28	Institute of Indigenous Medicine	613,000	105,000	718,000
29	Institute of Human Resource Advancement	66,000	-	66,000
30	University of Colombo School of Computing	388,000	25,000	413,000
31	Institute of Technology University of Moratuwa	509,000	110,000	619,000
32	National Institute of Library and Information Sciences	23,000	-	23,000
33	Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	59,000	-	59,000
34	Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies	298,000	80,000	378,000
35	The National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities & Social Sciences	17,000	10,000	27,000
36	Institute for Agro-Technology and Rural Sciences	55,000	-	55,000
37	Postgraduate Institute of Medicine	-	-	-
	TOTAL	50,671,000	8,980,000	59,651,000

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	University/Institute	Capital
1	University Grants Commission	200,000
2	University of Peradeniya	525,000
3	University of Colombo	300,000
4	University of Sri Jaywardenepura	600,000
5	University of Kelaniya	250,000
6	University of Moratuwa	350,000
7	University of Jaffna	325,000
8	University of Ruhuna	250,000
9	The Open University of Sri Lanka	-
10	Eastern University, Sri Lanka	150,000
11	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	150,000
12	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka *	300,000
13	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	300,000
14	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka **	200,000
15	Uva Wellassa University	250,000
16	University of the Visual & Performing Arts	150,000
17	Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine	100,000
18	University of Vavuniya	200,000
19	Trincomalee Campus	150,000
20	Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture	-
21	Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology	-
22	Postgraduate Institute of Science	-
23	Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies	100,000
24	Postgraduate Institute of English	-
25	Postgraduate Institute of Humanities & Social Sciences	-
26	Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine	-
27	Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences	-
28	Institute of Indigenous Medicine	45,000
29	Institute of Human Resource Advancement	-
30	University of Colombo School of Computing	25,000
31	Institute of Technology University of Moratuwa	8,000
32	National Institute of Library and Information Sciences	-
33	Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	-
34	Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies	25,000
35	The National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities & Social Sciences	72,000
36	Institute for Agro-Technology and Rural Sciences	-
37	Postgraduate Institute of Medicine	-
38	Establishment of Technology Faculty of the Universities	875,000
39	Establishment of Colombo North Centre for Liver Diseases, University of Kelaniya	100,000
	TOTAL	6,000,000

* Includes the provision to pay compensation & Interest payment for acquisition of land for establishment of Agriculture Faculty, Rajarata University

** Includes the provision to settle the retention payments of Medical Faculty, Wayamba University