

Award of the Academic Excellence



Faculty of Indigenous Health Sciences and Technology

Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka

Introduction

The ultimate goal of facilitation in higher education is to prepare students for success in both professional and personal prospects. The learning experience of higher education is to explore the most competent and outstanding students. Recognition given for the competent and talented students in both academic and extracurricular activities will cherish the commitment given by the respective students. Therefore, this evaluation criteria will recognize and appreciate the outstanding students in academic and extracurricular activities in the Faculty of Indigenous Health Sciences and Technology, Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine. In addition, this will fulfill the quality criteria given by the University Grant Commission of Sri Lanka.

Objective

Main Objective

- To recognize and award the excellence of the student's academic achievements and award the outstanding performing individual of the faculty.

Sub Objective

- To recognize and award the academic excellence of each student in the respective degree programs and batches.
- To recognize and award the outstanding performer in both academic and extracurricular activities in the faculty.
- To develop a positive competitive environment in the faculty to craft the best competent individuals.

Award Criteria

The outstanding performance of the individuals in the Faculty of Indigenous Health Sciences and Technology will be awarded with two types of awards.

- Dean's List
- Faculty Award

Students will be named to the Dean's list purely based on the academic achievement of the students and faculty awards will be considered both academic and extra-curricular achievements.

Dean's List

The dean's list will be awarded to outstanding individuals who have showcased their academic excellence. This will award one student from each degree program year-wise. Those who fulfill the following criteria will be automatically named to the dean's list.

Criteria for dean's list

- Completed all the academic requirements for the year under consideration, including all compulsory courses, and accumulated a minimum of 30 credits or total credits offered in the respective year; **and**
- Obtained grades of C or better for all course units registered in the academic year under consideration; **and**
- Obtained grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least half the number of total credits considered under (b) above; **and**
- Individual students who have earned the highest GPA in each degree programme, year wise will be selected for the award.
- If any of two or more students took a similar GPA, the certificate will be awarded to all eligible students.

Faculty Award for Outstanding Student

The faculty award will be awarded to the most outstanding students of the students based on his or her overall performance in academic and extracurricular activities. This will be awarded only to one student.

Criteria for faculty award for outstanding students

- The applicant should be an undergraduate student registered to follow any degree program the faculty offers
- Completed all the academic requirements for the year under consideration, including all compulsory courses, and accumulated a minimum of 30 credits or total credits offered in the respective year; **and**
- Obtained grades of C or better for all course units registered in the academic year under consideration; **and**
- Obtained a GPA of 3.00 or better, for all course units registered in the academic year under consideration; **and**

- Displayed outstanding performance at the national or international level, during the period of the academic program, as per the criteria in the grading section.

Applying for the award of faculty award for outstanding student

- The Dean of the Faculty calls for applications at the end of an academic year.
- Individual students can apply personally for this award and academic staff members can nominate individuals from the department who fulfill the criteria of the faculty award.
- The students who received the faculty award once will not be eligible to reapply.
- For application, please refer the **Annexes:01**

Appointment of a selection committee

- The selection committee consists of five members, the member composition Dean of the Faculty, two senate members from the relevant faculty and two senate members from other faculties.
- The committee will be nominated by the Faculty Board and approved by the university's Senate.
- The Dean of the Faculty will then chair the committee and the Assistant Registrar will coordinate all the activities as the secretary.
- The selection committee shall be responsible for organizing the selection process and final decision on recipients.
- The individuals who are selected for the Faculty Award will be awarded with the nomination of the Faculty Board and approval of the Senate.

Grading Criteria for Faculty award for outstanding student

The grading will be completed according to two categories.

1. Category 01: Academic Achievement (60%)

Applicants who have obtained an above 3.00 GPA (in case of no GPA in practice 65% marks will be taken as the cut-off level) will be considered for evaluation. The mark of a particular GPA will be evaluated as

$$\text{Marks of the applicant} = (\text{GPA of the Applicant} / 4.00) * 60$$

If the Faculty GPA is not 4, the calculation may be done accordingly, otherwise, the average of raw marks of the examination could be taken.

Marks of the applicant = (Average % of Marks at the Examination / 100) * 60

2. Category 02: Extra Curricular Activities (40%)

Any achievement considered under this category should be within the period of the academic program and can be recounted in the consecutive years throughout the program.

The leadership of a recognized body

Leadership (office bearer) of a recognized national body		
	Recognition of a National Body (e.g. Young Zoologist)	10
	President/ Chairperson	5/year
	General Secretary	4/year
	Treasure	3/year
	Committee member	3/year
Leadership post of university/ faculty organization or any other society recommended by the committee		
	President of Student Union	3/year
	President, Secretary, or Treasurer of any society recognized by the University	2/year
	Vice President, Assistant Secretary, and Editor of any society recognized by the University	2/year
	Committee Member of Student Union	1/year
	Committee Member of any society recognized by the University	1/year

Community Service and Good Citizenship

Ideals of Community Service and Good Citizenship		
	e.g. Assisting a victim of an accident	8/case
	Serving as a volunteer in a natural disaster	8/case
	Assisting fellow citizens in an exceptional way	8/case
	Any other service decided by the committee	8/case

Outstanding Talents in Sports

World University Games/ International Games (Ex- Olympic, SAARC, Asian etc.)		
	First Place	20
	Second Place	15

	Third Place	10
	Participation in an event (Maximum up to 10 Marks)	5
National Games		
	First Place	10
	Second Place	8
	Third Place	6
	Participation in an event (Maximum up to 06 Marks)	3
Inter-University Games		
	First Place	6
	Second Place	5
	Third Place	4
	Participation in an event	2
Provincial Games		
	First Place	4
	Second Place	3
	Third Place	2
	Participation in an event (Maximum up to 02 Marks)	1
Inter-Faculty Events		
	First Place	2
	Second Place	1.5
	Third Place	1
	Participation in an event (Maximum up to 02 Marks)	0.5
University Fresher's Meets		
	First Place	1
	Second Place	0.75
	Third Place	0.5
University, National and International Colours		
	International Colours	12
	National Colours	10
	University Colours	8
	Post of President, Vice president, Secretary, Junior Treasure, Editor of Sports Council / Captain of a University Sport Team	1/position/ year
	Vice-captain of a University Sport Team	0.5/Position/ year
	Best Athlete/Player of the Year	2

Creativity and Exceptional Ability in Aesthetic or Technical Fields

Aesthetic Competition		
	International aesthetic award/ accolades	
	First Place	10
	Second Place	8
	Third Place	6
	Participation for an Event (Final Round)	4
National aesthetic award/ accolades		
	First Place	5
	Second Place	4
	Third Place	3
	Participation for an Event (Final Round)	2
Completion of examinations or graduating performance in aesthetic fields		5
Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visharada in oriental music • Royal/ Trinity Collage examinations in Western Music • Arangetaram in Bharatanatyam 		
Public/ mass media performance in the aesthetic field (Outside the University)		
	Stage drama	6
	Movie	8
	Place in a TV reality show	8
Performance in aesthetic fields at a university-approved event (Participation)		2
	University level First Place	5
	University level Second Place	4
	University level Third Place	3
	Faculty level First Place	2
	Faculty level Second Place	1.5
	Faculty level Third Place	0.5
Invention and patents in the technological field or taking part in technological advancement (depending on the scale and degree of creativity committee can decide maximum up to 10 marks)		10

Research or pursuing new knowledge.

Peer-Reviewed Publication		
	Author of a paper in a peer-reviewed indexed scientific journal	15
	Author of a paper in a peer-reviewed non-indexed scientific journal	10
Presentation at a scientific Forum		

	International Conference	6
	Local Conference	3
Author of a book/chapter		
	Author of a book	6
	Author of a book chapter	3
Active contribution to outstanding research proposal		
	Notable contribution to a national project	4
	Notable contribution to an institutional-level project	2

Exclusion criteria

- Any student who obtains an improved grade(s) by repeating a course unit(s) shall not be eligible to be named to the Dean's List or for Faculty Awards
- Any student against whom disciplinary action has been taken by the university, for any form of misconduct shall not be eligible to be named to the Dean's List or Faculty Awards.
- Any student who fulfills the selection criteria in an additional examination under a valid excuse specified in the degree by laws, such situation shall be decided by the relevant faculty board and senate.
- Any applicant having less than 70% of the total marks for the application for the Faculty Award will not be considered for evaluation.

Special Benefits to the Students

- Deans' award placement will be noted on the Academic Transcript and student portfolio.
- A certificate signed by the VC and Dean will be issued to the students.
- Students will be allowed to serve as student ambassadors who will extend their support to quality assurance activities of the faculty and represent the university in national events when requested by the Vice Chancellor.