



NATIONAL CENTRE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES IN
HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (NCAS)

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Vision

"To be a centre of excellence of national and international repute, building synergies between knowledge, resources, research, education and social activity in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences."

Mission

"Recognizing the need to strengthen and upgrade teaching and research at all Sri Lankan universities, Realizing the need that universities should contribute to the development of the country and society through research and policy inputs, NCAS shall support both theoretical and applied postgraduate, post-doctoral and other research in the Humanities and Social Sciences and promote advance thinking and creative originality by motivating and rewarding academics in that direction. NCAS will be an apex body within Sri Lanka's university system networking with national and International organizations to achieve its objectives."

Foreword

The National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (NCAS), which was established under by Ordinance No.2 of October 2005 in terms of Section 24A of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978, is home for research and intellectual interaction in Humanities and Social Sciences. It promotes reflective thinking, innovation, creativity and original discoveries among the academics.

As the premier grant awarding body of the Ministry of Higher Education, the NCAS has so far provided financial assistance to about 478 academics to pursue their postgraduate studies locally and overseas. The NCAS also provides continuous training for academics on research methodologies, statistical analysis and related other fields to facilitate their postgraduate studies. Since 2013, the NCAS has expanded in activity to provide training for administrative staff and non-academic staff of universities. Accordingly, several workshops were conducted to improve the academic capabilities, administrative and financial management of the universities. The main courses conducted in 2017 are Statistical Analysis Courses (SPSS, AMOS, etc.), Business and Administrative Writing, Academic Writing, Computer Software Courses (MS Excel, etc.).

Conducted training programmes for university staff were very successful and many academic staff and researches, administrative staff and non-academic staff were benefitted from that. The main objective of this course is to provide rigorous training for postgraduate aspirants in the faculties of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences to develop their research skills based on scientific principles. An expert panel is conducting these comprehensive courses with the goal of enhancing theoretical and empirical research skills of the participants. The lectures are supplemented with electronic learning resources and software applications. The established computer lab at NCAS was used to provide statistical training for postgraduate applicants. The NCAS also provides e-library resource facilities to researchers through its website. The major activity achieved in 2017 by NCAS is 4th Annual Research Symposium which was conducted at Hilton Colombo Residences (Jaic Hilton) in 20th December 2017. Professor Mohan De Silva, Chairman UGC was the chief guest for the inaugural session while Professor Sasanka Perera, Vice President, South Asian University, New Delhi. Delivered the Keynote Address of the Inaugural Session on “**Reclaiming Social Sciences and Humanities: Notes from South Asia**”. In response to the call for paper notice, NCAS received 96 of papers (extended abstracts). Out of which 62 papers were initially accepted for the conference. However, number authors registered for the conference was 59 including co-authors. Of the number accepted, 48 papers were presented by the authors in four parallel sections. We continue to develop NCAS as a centre of excellence in advanced studies in humanities and social sciences as laid down in this Corporate Plan.

Prof. P S M Gunaratne
Director

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INTRODUCTION

The National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities & Social Sciences (NCAS) was legally established under Section 24A of the Universities Act No.16 of 1978 by Ordinance No. 02 of 2005 and was promulgated in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1415/17 of 19th October 2005 amended by NCAS (Amendment) Ordinance No. 3 of 2008 published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1567 of September 15, 2008.

The NCAS was set up primarily to cater for the emerging needs of the academic community working in the areas of Social sciences and Humanities in the National University system. It was initiated by Professor Senaka Bandaranayake and several senior professors in the relevant fields. A need arises to setup an independent institute outside the existing university system to cater for the academic needs of social sciences and humanities sector of the rapidly expanding national university system. With the change of policy in response to the growing number of students gaining qualifications and seeking entry to the universities during the latter part of 1970's a number of new Universities were opened in several parts of the country. Staff requirements to fill the vacancies of these new institutions were drawn out of the established universities. The ultimate result of the exercise has been the decimation of the academic community and weakening the teaching even in the established universities. The newly established universities lack an experienced and a qualified team of teachers and also the minimum facilities to undertake research and higher studies. A remedial action to fill the vacuum created with the establishment of new universities has been to train new recruits in the fields of humanities and social sciences by encouraging them to undertake post graduate studies. The NCAS was instrumental in preparing some of the young teachers for post graduate studies by exposing them to research methodologies, proposal development, statistical methods required for social science research and developing writing skills required for academic writing.

This requisite and thing distribution of the human resource development and advanced research studies has by the end of the year 2017 offered 483 financial grants through Government funding for academics to pursue their studies locally and overseas. By now the NCAS has gained the status of being the largest human resource development scheme in the university sector.

Professor P S M Gunaratne, Vice Chairman/UGC was appointed as the Acting Director by the University Grants Commission on 15th August 2015. Under his leadership NCAS started a series of new training programs mainly for the benefit of academic staff in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences aiming at increasing their research capacities. The main object of introducing these training programmes was to develop the qualitative research aspects of the social science research using sophisticated software such as Nvivo/AMOS/Eviews.

Further, the NCAS continued to conduct a series of events that it used to do such as Training Programs/Workshops on Research Proposal Development, Social Science Research Methodologies and Statistical Analysis with the use of SPSS etc. Details of the events are enumerated separately. The benefit of the activities carried out by the NCAS during the year under review in relation to the promotion and development of research and higher studies in the Higher Education Sector is not only limited to humanities and social sciences but also in other related fields.

During the year under review, the NCAS has successfully conducted the fourth Annual Research Symposium on 20th December 2017 at Hilton Colombo Residencies in order to create an opportunity for NCAS grantees to showcase and publish the findings of their research.

MANAGEMENT

Structures/Meetings

In keeping with the provisions in NCAS (Amendment) Ordinance No. 3 of 2008 published in Gazette Extraordinary No.1567 of September 15, 2008 the Council of Regents and the Council of Management were constituted as follows:-

Council of Regents and Council of Management

The Council of Regents being the principal policy making body and the governing authority of the Centre, meets at least twice a year.

The Council of Management which is the administrative and academic authority of the NCAS and seven regular meetings were held during the year.

Composition of the Council of Management (COM) is given below:-

Professor P S M Gunaratne Director/NCAS Chairman/COM (From 15 th August 2015)	Professor P. S. M. Gunaratne, Professor in Finance, has held eminent positions in a number of premier national organizations dealing with education and higher education. Prior to assuming the charge of the Office of the Vice Chairman-University Grants Commission (UGC), Professor Gunaratne served as Head-Department of Commerce (University of Colombo), Coordinator-Postgraduate and Mid-Career Development Unit of the Faculty of Management and Finance (University of Colombo), Dean-Faculty of Management and Finance (University of Colombo), Member of the Governing Board-University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC), Member of the Governing Council-National Institute of Business Management (NIBM), Member of Governing Council-National Institute of Education (NIE), Board member of the National Human Resources Development Council, Member of the Academic Affairs Board of the School of Postgraduate Studies – Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA). Professor Gunaratne holds a B.Sc (Hons) Business Administration Degree from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. He is a recipient of the prestigious Japanese Government MONBUKAGAKUSHO scholarship under which he completed a M.Sc. (Finance) and a PhD (Finance) at the Tsukuba University (Japan). A recipient of the Commonwealth Postdoctoral Fellowship (UK), Professor Gunaratne was a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of the Development Finance, University of Manchester (UK). He is also a recipient of fellowship the Japanese Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS) under which he served as a Visiting Research Fellow at the Yokohama National University, Japan.
Professor J A S K Jayakody (From 19 th June 2015)	Prof. J.A.S.K. Jayakody completed his PhD on NCAS grant at Postgraduate institute of Management, University of Sri Jayewardenepura under the supervision of Dr. Travis Perera, Postgraduate Institute of management, Sri Lanka and Prof. Venkat R. Krishnan, Great Lakes Institute of Management, India. His research study seeks to answer the question why change initiatives in Sri Lankan business organizations decline with the departure of the change agents who initiated and provided leadership for them, the issue known as the issue of routinization of charisma in the leadership literature. His thesis was that as long as the charisma of the leader induces the follower's self discrepancies and thereby creates follower personal identification, the follower makes self-sacrifice, extra-effort and tends to be dependent on the leader; thus, the leader's endeavour continues to be dynamic. Consequently, when charisma dilutes as a result of the leader's departure or otherwise and the self-discrepancies created thereby diminish and, in turn, follower personal identification weakens, the follower withdraws his/her self-sacrifice, extra-effort and dependency, and thus the dynamism of the leader's endeavour weakens. This thesis was, in general, supported empirically.

Prof. D.P.S. Chandrakumara (From 16th August 2016)	Prof. D.P.S. Chandrakumara, graduated from the University of Peradeniya in 1986 having obtained the Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree in Economics. He obtained his MA Degree in 1993 from the University of Kerala in India. After training in Uppsala and Gothenburg universities in Sweden, he obtained his PhD from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Presently, he is the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Prof. Chandrakumara has been trained in Gothenburg and Uppsala universities in Sweden, Nicholas School of Environmental and Earth Sciences, Duke University, USA, Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University, Japan, and Department of Management, Monash University, Australia, under different research and fellowship programs. He is an outstanding researcher especially in development and poverty alleviation issues. In addition, he has been engaging in applied research and teaching research methodology for students ranging from undergraduates to doctoral levels.
Professor I M K Liyanage (From 1st April 2016)	Kamala Liyanage is a Senior Professor (B.A. Honours, M.A. (Peradeniya) & Ph.D. (Keio_Tokyo)) attached to the Dept. of Political Science, University of Peradeniya. She has successfully completed more than 25 research studies and has published a number of books, chapters of edited books, articles in refereed and non-refereed journals and monographs mainly on political science, gender issues and education. She was a recipient of several prestigious scholarships and fellowships such as Monbusho Scholarship (1985 – University of Tokyo), Rotary Yoneyama Scholarship (1988 – University of Keio), Kobayashi Setsutarō Memorial Scholarship (1989), Rural Asia Solidarity Foundation Scholarship (1989), Takaku Scholarship (1989), Fukusawa Yukichi Scholarship (1990), Institute of Developing Economies Fellowship – Tokyo (1997), Commonwealth Fellowship (1998 - University of London), Fulbright Fellowship (2004 – American University, Washington D. C.), Japan Foundation Fellowship (2013), and Institute of Developing Economies and Japan External Trade Organisation (2014) and has immense national and international experience in teaching, researching and in university administration.
Professor (Ms.) Samanthi Senaratne (From 19th June 2015)	Samanthi Senaratne is a Professor of Accounting of the Department of Accounting, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Accounting with a first class, an MBA and a PhD specializing in finance. She is prolific researcher and has published widely in the areas of corporate governance, sustainability and integrated reporting, and accounting education both locally and internationally. She has also won awards in recognition of her research work in the area of corporate governance and participated as a panelist in forums organized by professional accounting bodies on accounting education and integrated reporting. She actively engages in the curriculum development and quality assurance activities of national universities, higher educational institutions and the World Bank funded projects of the Ministry of Higher Education, Sri Lanka. Presently, she also serves as the Director of the Internal Quality Assurance Unit of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.
Professor Indralal de Silva (From 01st January 2012)	W. Indralal De Silva is a Senior Professor of Demography (Chair) and former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo. He is currently serving as a Senior Research Fellow, National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka. He has published a number of books, monographs, presented over 40 research papers in many international conferences and has published over 60 research articles in reputed international journals (for details pl. refer to http://indralal.elanka.net). Professor De Silva obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Development Studies (Statistics) from University of Colombo in 1977. He obtained Master's and Doctoral Degrees from Australian National University, Canberra in 1985 and 1990 respectively. He was a Visiting Professor at the National University of Singapore in 2004, Harvard School of Public Health during 1996-1998 and a Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University from 1990-1991. He has obtained a number of prestigious awards including Senior Fulbright, Takemi and Rockefeller Foundation Fellowships. He has acted in the capacity of a consultant to umbrella organizations of the United Nations such as ESCAP, WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF and so on.
Professor P C Pakeer Jaufar (From 10th April 2015)	Professor P. C. Pakkeer Jaufar is the Dean of the Faculty of Education, the Open University of Sri Lanka. Out of his 42 years teaching service, he has spent the last 30 years at the Open University as an academic. He was conferred degrees and diplomas from various universities in Sri Lanka and abroad. He obtained the B. Sc. (Hons.) degree from Jaffna University, Postgraduate Diploma in Education from Colombo University with Gold Medal and Distinction Pass, M. Phil. Degree from OUSL and Ed. D degree from Simon Fraser University – Canada. In addition to this, he has undergone various training courses in distance education, applied psychology and special needs education at IGNOU – New Delhi, Open University of Hong Kong and Leipzig University – Germany. He has published a number of Books on education and also research articles.

Professor O G Dayaratna Banda (From 12 th October 2015)	Professor OG Dayaratna-Banda, Dean of the Faculty of Arts in the University of Peradeniya, obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Economics degree with a First Class Honours in 1995 and Master of Philosophy degree in Economics in 2000 from the University of Peradeniya. He obtained a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the National University of Singapore specializing in macroeconomics and monetary economics. He has served as a lecturer, senior lecturer and Professor in the Department of Economics and Statistics since 1995. Currently he is a Professor in Economics in the Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Peradeniya. He has also served as a Visiting Research Professor in the University of Waterloo in Canada from 2006 to 2007. In addition to academic positions, he has held various administrative positions including Dean of the Faculty of Management in the Uva Wellassa University, Chairman of the Postgraduate Programmes of the Faculty of Arts, and Head of the Department of Economics and Statistics in the University of Peradeniya. He has published widely in international refereed journals, as well as a number of books and book chapters as scholarly work. His research has been cited globally in various studies in international economics and macroeconomics. His research interests include applied macroeconomics, financial economics, monetary economics, issues in economic policy, international economic integration, and trade agreements. He is also an active participant at ongoing policy discussions and debates on contemporary issues.
Ms. W I Nanayakkara (From 19 th June 2015)	Ms. W. Indira Nanayakkara is Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo. She is LL.B (Hons) and M.Phil degree holder of University of Colombo. She is a Senior Lecturer at University of Colombo and Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka. Presently teach Company Law, International Investment Law, Business Law, Commercial Arbitration and Banking Law in undergraduate and postgraduate level. Presented papers in the areas of International Investment Law & Globalization, Corporate law, Consumer Law, Banking law, Competition Law nationally and internationally.
Professor M D A L Ranasinghe (From 01 st January 2012)	Prof. Athula Ranasinghe is a professor in the department of Economics, University of Colombo. Currently he is the dean of the faculty of arts of the same university. He is a graduate from the University of Colombo, specialized in Econometrics. Upon the completion of his bachelor's degree he joined the department of economics as an assistant lecturer. Then, he completed Postgraduate Diploma in Economic Development in University of Colombo. After the completion of the postgraduate diploma program he joined the Master of Economics program at the Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University, Thailand. Prof. Athula Ranasinghe did his PhD in Tinbergen Institute, Faculty of Economics and Econometrics, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. For his PhD he submitted his thesis entitled "A Pearl of Great Price: The Free Education System in Sri Lanka." Prof. Ranasinghe has served as the head of department in the department of economics for three years and now serving as the dean of the faculty in his second term. He was a "visiting fellow" in University of Fiji and also served as a "honorary professor" in the faculty of arts, Macquarie University, Australia. He has also served as consultant economists to Asian Development Bank. During this period he served as a consultant economist for the deregulation conference and to draft the SME white paper, both were sponsored by ADB and organized by the Ministry of Industries. Prof. Ranasinghe has also served as a consultant economist in Ministry of Vocational Training, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Agriculture, Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governments, and Information and Communication Technology Institute (ICTA).
Professor A H M H Abhayaratne (From 01 st January 2012)	Prof. A H M H Abhayaratne is a professor in the department of History, University of Kelaniya and he was appointed as Head of the Department in the same department in December 2005. Since December 2010 he has been served as Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kelaniya. In addition to that he is the Senior Student Counselor Faculty of Social Sciences and Co - Secretary University Teachers Association at University of Kelaniya.

Good Governance of the NCAS

NCAS is committed towards having good governance practices in place and applying highest standards of all functions performed during the year of 2017. This enhance compliance with relevant statutory provisions, improve transparency of transactions and accountability and responsibility for the government funds.

1) Compliance with the Universities Act No. 16 1978 and NCAS Ordinance

Appointment and Composition of the Council of Regent.

Council of Regent has been appointed as policy decision making authority of the NCAS and the composition of the council is as follows.

01) The Minister of Ministry of Higher Education –
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

02) The Chairman of the University Grants Commission
Professor Mohan De Silva

03) The Chairman of the Council of Management NCAS
Professor P S M Gunaratne

04) Six Deans of the Faculties relevant to disciplines of Humanities and Social Sciences nominated by respective Standing Committees of the University Grants Commission.

Professor S Wawwage	Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, University of Ruhuna
Professor Dr. N Gnanakumaran	Dean, Faculty of Arts University of Jaffna
Ms. W I Nanayakkara	Dean, Faculty of Law University of Colombo
Professor O G Dayaratna Banda	Dean, Faculty of Arts University of Peradeniya
Professor M D A L Ranasinghe	Dean, Faculty of Arts University of Colombo
Professor A H M H Abhayaratne	Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences University of Kelaniya

05) Four members appointed by the University Grants Commission

Professor P S M Gunaratne- Vice Chairman/UGC
Professor Jayadeva Uyangoda
Professor (Ms.) Nayani Melegoda
Professor Danny Atapattu

Quorum for meeting is one third of the total membership.

Appointment and Composition of the Council of Management

Council of Management has been appointed as the management decision making authority of the NCAS and the composition of the council is as follows.

- 1) The Director who will be the Chairman of the Council
Professor P S M Gunaratne
- 2) Six Deans of the Faculties relevant to disciplines of Humanities and Social Sciences nominated by respective Standing Committees of the University Grants Commission

Prof. D P S Chandrakumara	Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, University of Sri Jayawardenepura
Professor A H M H Abayaratna	Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences University of Kelaniya
Professor P C Pakeer Jaufar	Dean, Faculty of Education Open University of Sri Lanka
Professor O G Dayaratna Banda	Dean, Faculty of Arts University of Peradeniya
Ms. W I Nanayakkara	Dean, Faculty of Law University of Colombo
Professor M D A L Ranasinghe	Dean, Faculty of Arts University of Colombo

- 03) Four members appointed by the University Grants Commission

Professor Indralal de Silva
Professor I M K Liyanage
Professor J A S K Jayakody
Professor (Ms.) Samanthi Senaratne

Quorum for meeting is one third of the total membership.

2) Compliance with the Government Financial Regulations and Government Procedures

Since NCAS is fully funded government statutory body all financial transactions are conducted reported in compliance with government financial regulations, treasury circulars and guideline and circulars issued by the UGC.

3) Government Procurement Guidelines

All goods and services have been acquired during the year in accordance with government procurement guidelines of Sri Lanka. Procurement committee and Technical Evaluation committee were appointed by the Council of Management of NCAS. Members served for the committees as follows.

Departmental Procurement Committee (Minor)

Mrs. H P Henegama/Senior Asst. Registrar/NCAS	~	Chairman
Mrs. G P Wickramarachchi/Senior Asst. Registrar (Actg.)	~	Member
Mrs. T L Dharmasena/Senior Asst. Bursar/NCAS	~	Chairman/Member
Mrs. A A S Chinthanie	~	Member
Mrs. B K Sagarika/Senior Asst. Accountant/NCAS	~	Member

Technical Evaluation Committee

Mr. M A Milton/Senior Asst. Librarian/NCAS
Mr. S Chandrasena/Asst. Network Manager/NCAS

4) University Establishment Code and Scheme of Recruitments.

All staff matters including salaries, appointments, promotions, increments and leave have been governed in accordance with the provisions of the University Establishment Code and Scheme of Recruitments. Circulars issued by Ministry of Finance and adopted by the UGC as applicable for the university system also have been applied for salaries and allowances of the staff.

5) Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS), Lanka Accounting Standards (LKAS) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs)

Financial Statements of the NCAS are prepared and presented in accordance with the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS). Lanka Accounting Standards (LKAS) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) have been applied in reporting the transactions for which Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS) have not been introduced.

6) NCAS Guidelines for Selecting Candidates and Offering Postgraduate Scholarships

Candidates are selected for PhD Scholarship as per above guideline. Selection committees have been appointed by the Council of Management.

Permanent candidates with the entitlement for study leave are eligible for the postgraduate scholarship programme of the NCAS. The candidates to be possessed a degree of Masters and valid placement from the university recognized by the University Grants Commission.

The amount of the grants per year per candidate determined as follows:

- In case of applicants registered in local universities, the amount of grant per year determined based on official institutional fee and research expenses.
- In case of candidates registered in foreign universities, the amount of grant per year per person determined based on official institutional fee and a standard living stipend depending on the country. The maximum per year under this category was R. 1.4 million.

STAFF OF NCAS

Director

- Professor P S M Gunaratne
Acting Director
Vice Chairman, University Grants Commission

Management Staff

- Mrs. H P Henegama
Senior Assistant Registrar
BSc Agriculture (special) (PDN), MBA (Wayamba), MPhil (PDN)
- Mrs. Gayani Wickramarachchi
Senior Assistant Registrar (Acting)
BSc (Agri) (Hons.) (Ruhuna), Master of Public Administration (CMB)
- Mrs. T L Dharmasena
Senior Assistant Bursar
BSc (Accountancy) (SJP), ACA
- Ms. A A S Chinthanie
Senior Assistant Bursar
BBMgt (Accountancy) (KLN), Master in Business in Accountancy (KLN)
- Mr. M A Milton
Senior Assistant Librarian
BA (Special) (SJP)), Master in Social Sciences
Pg Dip in Library & Information Science (KLN)
Pg Dip. in Writer-ship & Communication (SJP)
- Mr. Sampath Chandrasena
Assistant Network Manager (Gr. I)
MSc. in Information Security (CMB), BIT in Information Technology (UCSC)
Diploma in Management (OUSL), Higher Diploma in Information Technology (CMB)
Member of British Computer Society (MBCS) and Computer Society of Sri Lanka (MCSSL).

Other Staff

- Mr. A L D Perera ~ Library Assistant (Grade - II)
- Mrs. U D Withanage ~ Computer Applications Assistant (Grade – III)
- Mr. K M G G Dhanushka ~ Book Keeper (Grade - II)
- Mrs. P A H E Dewapriya ~ Computer Applications Assistant (Grade - III)
- Mr. R K P I Ratnayake ~ Computer Applications Assistant (Grade – III)
- Mr. Vinoditha Hettiarachchi ~ Computer Applications Assistant (Grade – III)
- Mr. R G M Sanjeewa ~ Driver
- Mr. W A D S Weerakkody ~ Office Attendant
- Mr. P P K Balasuriya ~ Office Attendant
- Mr. H S B Karunarathne ~ Office Attendant

S/N	Designation		Grade		Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre as at 31.12.2017
Senior Level						
1	Director				1	1
2	Senior Assistant Librarian		II		1	1
3	Senior Assistant Registrar				1	1
4	Senior Assistant Bursar				1	1
Tertiary Level						
5	Assistant Network Manager		II		1	1
Secondary Level						
6	Computer Applications Assistant		III		4	3
7	Book Keeper		II		1	1
8	Library Assistant		III		1	1
Primary Level						
9	Driver		II		1	1
10	Labourer		III		2	1

WORKSHOPS/COURSES/PRESENTATIONS

The following Presentations, Courses and Workshops were conducted by the NCAs on current issues during the year 2017.

Details of programs conducted are as follows:

Table 1: Summary of workshops/courses/presentations conducted in 2017.

No	Seminars	Date of Conduct	Target Group	Participation	Remarks
1.	“Seminar on Opportunities for Higher Studies in Germany” Mr. Chaminda Hettiarachchi	12 December 2017 at University Grants Commission	University Academic & Administrative Staff	50	Completed
No	Courses	Date of Conduct	Target Group	Participation	Remarks
2.	“Certificate Course on Introduction to SPSS for Statistical Analysis” Dr. Nishara Fernando & S Chandrasena	8,15,22,29 January 2017 at NCAS Premises	University Academic Staff Executive	10	Completed
3.	“Certificate Course on Introduction to SPSS for Statistical Analysis” Dr. Nishara Fernando & S Chandrasena	12,19,26 March & 2 April 2017 at NCAS Premises	University Academic Staff Executive	12	Completed
4.	“Certificate Course on Introduction to SPSS for Statistical Analysis” Dr. Nishara Fernando & S Chandrasena	4,14,21,28 May 2017 at NCAS Premises	University Academic Staff Executive	11	Completed
5.	“Certificate Course on Introduction to SPSS for Statistical Analysis” Dr. Nishara Fernando & S Chandrasena	23,30 July & 3,13 August 2017 at NCAS Premises	University Academic Staff Executive	6	Completed
6.	“Certificate Course on Introduction to SPSS for Statistical Analysis” Dr. Nishara Fernando & S Chandrasena	5,12,18,19 November 2017 at NCAS Premises	University Academic Staff Executive	11	Completed
7.	Short Course in Academic Writing Prof. Mangala Fonseka	19 May & 02 June 2017 NCAS Premises	University Academic Staff	23	Completed
No	Workshops	Date of Conduct	Target Group	Participation	Remarks
8.	“Workshop on AMOS” Dr. Nilakshi Galahitiyawe	4,5 April 2017 at NCAS Premises	University Academic Staff Executive	15	Completed
9.	“Workshop on AMOS” Dr. Nilakshi Galahitiyawe	25, 26 April 2017 at NCAS Premises	University Academic Staff Executive	9	Completed

No	Workshops	Date of Conduct	Target Group	Participation	Remarks
10.	“Workshop on AMOS” Dr. Nilakshi Galahitiyawwe	12,13 September 2017 at NCAS Premises	University Academic Staff Executive	10	Completed
11.	Workshop on Business & Administrative Writing Mr. K D S N Wijesiri	12,13 October 2017 at NCAS Premises	University Administrative Staff	30	Completed
12.	Workshop on Disciplinary Procedure for University Staff Mr. N Selvakkumaran	09 November 2017 at NCAS Premises	University Administrative Staff	30	Completed
13.	Microsoft Excel Advanced Workshop Mr. Sumudu Sekarage	23,24 March 2017 at NCAS Premises	Computer Application Assistants and Book Keepers	22	Completed
14.	Microsoft Excel Advanced Workshop Mr. Sumudu Sekarage	23,24 November 2017 at NCAS Premises	Computer Application Assistants and Book Keepers	24	Completed
15.	Workshop on IT Security Mr. Sampath Chandrasena	08 November 2017 at NCAS Premises	Executive Staff	11	Completed

SEMINAR ON “OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGHER STUDIES IN GERMANY”

The NCAS in collaboration with University Grants Commission with German Embassy in Colombo conducted a seminar on “Opportunities for Higher Studies in Germany” by Mr. Chaminda Hettiarachchi, a German Alumni, an academic and a management consultant based on Sri Lanka, 12th December 2017 at the UGC Auditorium and over 50 academic and administrative staff were participated.

CERTIFICATE COURSE ON INTRODUCTION TO SPSS FOR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

The National Centre for Advance Studies in Humanities & Social Sciences (NCAS) has started certificate course on introduction to SPSS for statistical analysis from January 2013 on weekends. About 15 participants have been enrolled for each course. The recourse person of the course was Dr. Nishara Fernando, Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Colombo and Mr. Sampath Chandrasena, Assistant Network Manager of the NCAS worked as the Assistant Lecturer. During the year 2017, the NCAS has conducted four courses and 39 academic staff and researches were participated.

WORKSHOP ON STRUCTURAL EQUATION MODELING (WITH AMOS) FOR QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH

The National Centre for Advance Studies in Humanities & Social Sciences (NCAS) has started workshop on structural equation modeling (with amos) from January 2013. About 12 participants have been enrolled for each course. The recourse persons of the course were Dr. Nilakshi Galahitiyawwe, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Management, University of Sri Jayawardenepur and Prof. J A S K Jayakody, Department of Management, University of Colombo. The courses were coordinated by Mr. Sampath Chandrasena, Assistant Network Manager of the NCAS. During the year 2017, the NCAS has conducted three courses and 34 academic staff and researches were participated.

WORKSHOP ON BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WRITING

National Centre for Advanced Studies organized a workshop on Business and Administrative Writing for the administrative staff of the university system on 12th & 13th October 2017 at NCAS. The objective of this workshop is to provide training for the administrative staff of the university system to improve their writing skills by English language and also to improve the competencies in writing skills in performing their duties. The resource person was Mr. S Wijesiri, Senior Consultant, NIBM. Accordingly 30 participants including both academic and administrative staff of university system participated for the above training programmes.

WORKSHOP ON MICROSOFT ADVANCED EXCEL

National Centre for Advanced Studies (NCAS) has started MS Excel 2010 Advanced Certificate Course on 04th August 2014 and still continuing successfully. NCAS has upgraded MS Excel 2010 to MS Excel 2013 since it has latest formulas and more functions to work with easily to do day to day work with lot of time saving. In this year NCAS has conducted one workshop on 23rd & 24th November 2017 and has participated 22 non-academics of the university system. The main objective of this course is to increase productivity and improve efficiency by streamlining the workflow.

WORKSHOP ON INFORMATION SECURITY

The NCAS newly started a workshop on Information Security in 2017 for the executive staff of both university and other systems. The resource person of the workshop was Mr. Sampath

Chandrasena, Assistant Network Manager of the NCAS. Total no. of 11 executives participated for the first workshop held on 08th November 2017.

WORKSHOP ON DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

National Centre for Advanced Studies organized a workshop on Disciplinary Procedure for the University Staff on 09th November 2017 at NCAS. The workshop was conducted by Mr. N Selvakkumaran, Former Dean, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo and 30 administrative staff members were participated.

SHORT COURSE ON ACADEMIC WRITING

National Centre for Advanced Studies organized a short course on Academic Writing for the academic staff of the university system on 19th May & 02nd June 2017 at NCAS.

The objectives of the short course was two-fold:

- i. Impart knowledge and skills related to academic writing that will enable participants to engage in effective academic writing; and
- ii. Develop a mind-set among participants that will induce an inner drive, a passion, to write well.

The course was conducted by Professor Mangala Fonseka, University of Sri Jayawardenepura and assisted by Dr. A R Ajward, University of Sri Jayawardenepura. Accordingly 23 academics from the university system participated for the programme.

ANNUAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM-2017 (20TH DECEMBER 2017)

The 04th Annual Research Symposium on Social Sciences and Humanities 2017 of the NCAS was successfully conducted on 20th December 2017 at Hilton Colombo Residencies (Jaic Hilton). Professor Mohan De Silva, Chairman UGC was the chief guest for the inaugural session while Professor Sasanka Perera, Vice President, South Asian University, New Delhi. Delivered the Keynote Address of the Inaugural Session on “**Reclaiming Social Sciences and Humanities: Notes from South Asia**”.

In response to the call for paper notice, NCAS received 96 of papers (extended abstracts). Out of which 62 papers were initially accepted for the conference. However, number authors registered for the conference was 59 including co-authors. Of the number accepted, 48 papers were presented by the authors in four parallel sections of following themes.

Session Themes

- Entrepreneurship & Small Business
- Linguistics & Language Studies
- Marketing Management
- Demography & Health Education
- Environment & Natural Resources
- Accounting & Finance
- Economics
- Human Resource Management
- Management Strategy
- Library & Information Sciences
- Law, Political Science & International Relations
- Psychology, Counseling & Buddhist Philosophy
- Literature & Performing Arts

Some pictures of 4th Annual Research Symposium of NCAS.



IT Resources of NCAS

The NCAS has a Computer Lab equipped with 20 Computers and Multimedia facilities. This lab is used for training of University Academics, Executives and Nonacademic staff on several computer applications, Data analysis using SPSS, AMOS for Structural Equation Modeling, EViews for Quantitative Research, NVIVO for Qualitative Research information security etc. Grants Management Database Software is used for monitoring and providing grants management information.

The activities undertaken by the IT Division during 2017 are as follows:

- Developing technical specifications, project proposals and technical reports for the Institute.
- Installation, operation, configuring, management and maintaining Windows Server and LINUX servers and related equipment such as Routers.
- Install and integrate software on Servers and Workstations.
- Server Management - The design and implementation of server related functions such as file and print servers, server virtualization, core operations system standards, operating system upgrades and maintenance, backup/restore, and server hardware configurations.
- Monitoring - Prepares recommendations on monitoring and analysis tools. Designs and implements monitoring tools. Performs Back-Up's & network troubleshooting
- Implement, support and maintain information security requirements; perform system maintenance including security patches, operating system upgrades and hardware upgrades
- Maintains Central Anti-virus Management Applications. Kasperskey Antivirus Software.
- Recommend upgrades, patches, and new applications and equipment
- Analyze business requirements to design and implement an infrastructure solution based on a Windows and Linux platform. Evaluate potential system enhancements.
- Regular Developing Web Site (www.ncas.ac.lk), and Intranet and Library Database for the Institution.
- Implementation and maintenances of the www.ncas.ac.lk domain and email system with the google cloud services.
- Coordinate all Academic quantitative and qualitative data analysis courses and workshops such as SPSS, AMOS, NVIVO, EViews etc.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

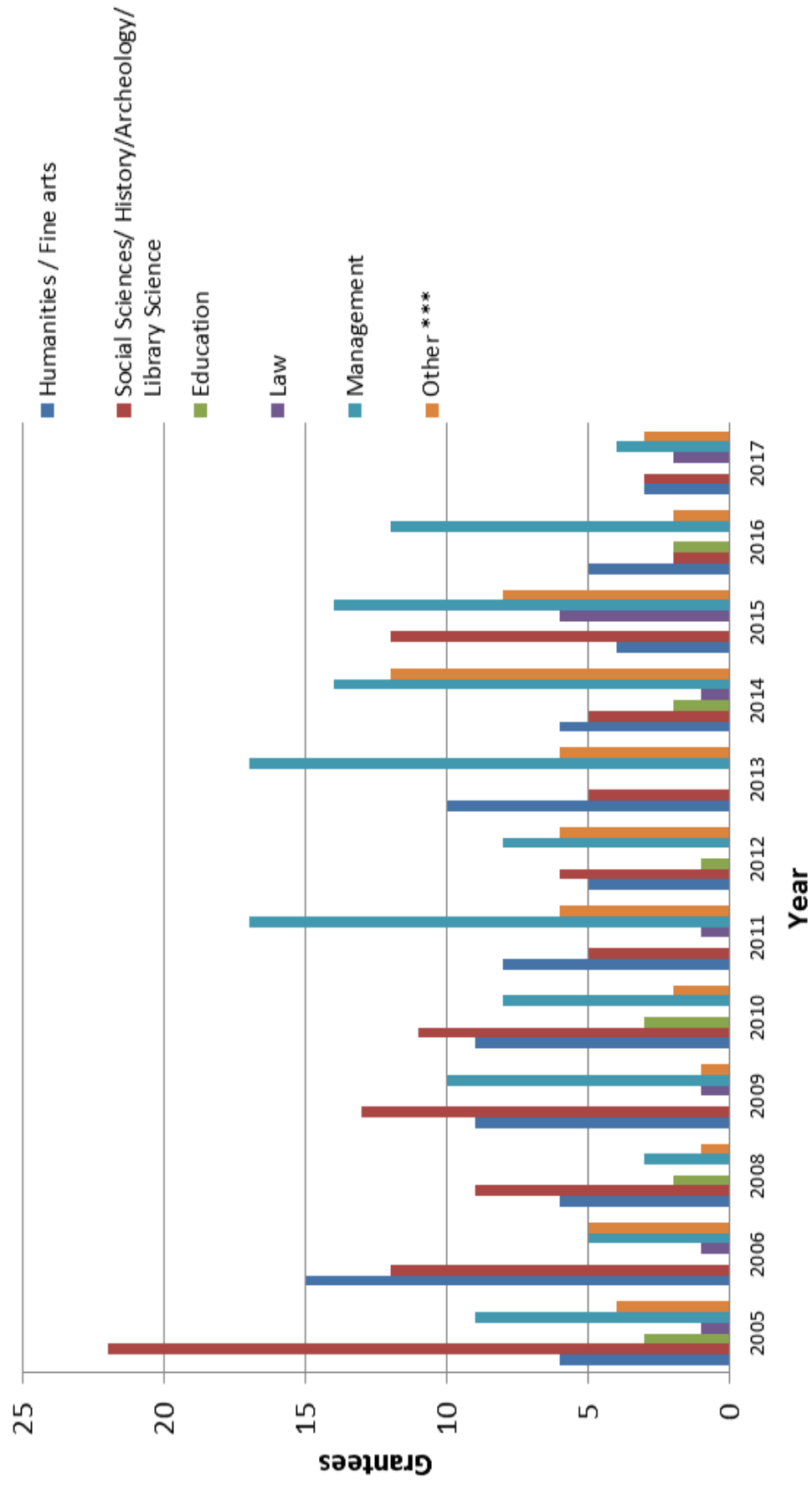
The Treasury allocated a total grant of Rs. 59.9 million for new PhD scholarships and servicing of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd years' studies of NCAS scholars who had been awarded funding in 2008 - 2017. During the year under review, the NCAS awarded financial grants for the 47 university academics for their postgraduate studies and 28 grants were allocated by 2017 budget for grantees who have been interviewed and not being submitted required documents for the release.

By the end of 2017, about 483 academics selected from the different Universities/Institutions were awarded grants as supplementary funding by the NCAS from its inception. Out of them 284 scholars were completed their postgraduate studies. Grants were given in the fields of management, language studies, sociology, economics, mass media, fine arts, indigenous medicine and so on. Majority of the grantees are from the field of management in 2017.

Breakdown of Grantees by Category of Discipline 2015/2017

		20 05	20 06	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total 2005/ 2017
1	Humanities / Fine arts	6	15	6	9	9	8	5	10	6	4	5	3	86
2	Social Sciences/ History/Archeology/ Library Science	22	12	9	13	11	5	6	5	5	12	2	3	105
3	Education	3		2		3		1		2		2		13
4	Law	1	1		1		1			1	6		2	13
5	Management	9	5	3	10	8	17	8	17	14	14	12	4	121
6	Other	4	5	1	1	2	6	6	6	12	8	2	3	56
Total		50	45	28	43	39	41	30	42	45	44	23	15	445

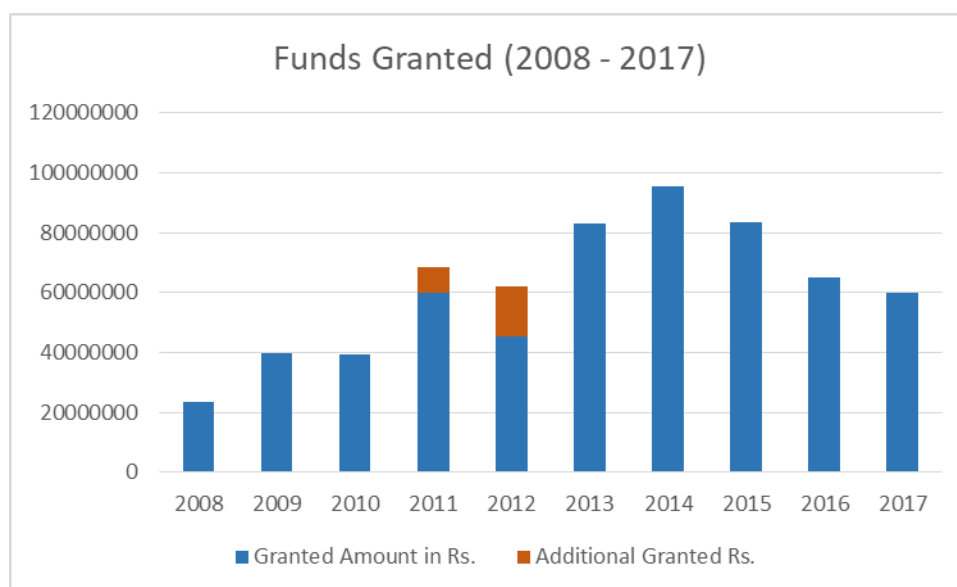
Breakdown of Grantees by category of Discipline 2005/2017



UTILIZATION OF TREASURY FUNDS FOR PHD SCHOLARSHIPS

Funds Granted (2008-2017)

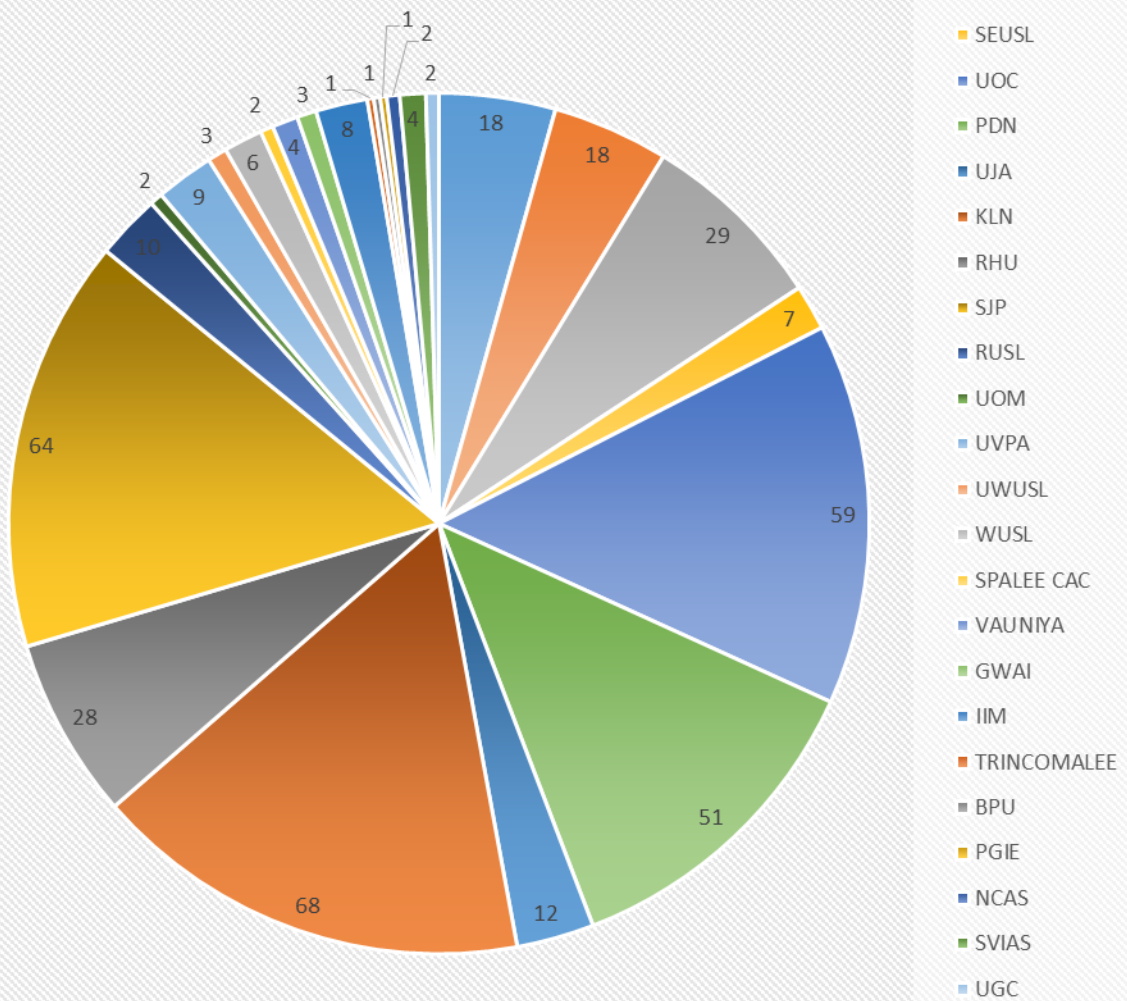
Year	Granted Amount in Rs.	Additional Granted Amount in Rs.
2008	23,589,220.00	
2009	39,665,659.00	
2010	39,364,958.79	
2011	60,000,000.00	8,720,000.00
2012	45,500,000.00	16,780,000.00
2013	83,035,817.00	
2014	95,396,122.00	
2015	83,598,118.69	
2016	68,640,031.50	
2017	59,977,493.16	



**DISTRIBUTION OF PHD SCHOLARS OF NCAS EMPLOYED BY SRI LANKAN
UNIVERSITIES
(Grants given by the NCAS 2005-2017)**

No	Employed University	2005	2006	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
1	Eastern University of Sri Lanka	1	1	1	3		4	3	2	2	1	1		19
2	Open University of Sri Lanka	2	2		3	5		1		5		2	1	21
3	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	5	1	2	2	4	3	1	4	3	4	2		31
4	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	1					2		4					7
5	University of Colombo	11	9	6	4	3	5	1	3	6	12	4	1	65
6	University of Peradeniya	10	12	7	5	2	1	2	2	3	5	1	3	53
7	University of Jaffna	2	2			2	2	2	1	1				12
8	University of Kelaniya	6	7	7	8	6	9	3	6	5	10	5	2	74
9	University of Ruhuna	3	1	2	11	5	3	1			2	2	1	31
10	University of Sri Jayawardenapura	8	5	1	5	8	6	5	14	7	3	1	3	66
11	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka		2		1	1	1	2		3		1	1	12
12	University of Moratuwa						2					4		6
13	University of Visual & Performing Arts			2	2			2	1	2				9
14	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka					1	1			1				3
15	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka							1	1	1	3		1	7
16	Sri Palee Campus							1	1					2
17	Vauniya Campus	1	1				2							4
18	Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute		2							1				3
19	Institute of Indigenous Medicine (IIM)					1		3	1	1	2			8
20	Trincomalee Camps								1				1	2
21	Buddhist & Pali University									1				1
22	Post Graduate Institute of English									1				1
23	National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities & Social Sciences									1	1			2
24	Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies					1		1	1	1				4
25	University Grant Commission							1			1			2
	TOTAL	50	45	28	44	39	41	30	42	45	44	23	14	445

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARS EMPLOYED IN SRI LANKAN UNIVERSITIES



Completed Grants

The following 61 scholars have been successfully gaining their higher degrees with financial support from the NCAS as supplementary funding during the year 2017.

No	Name	Research Topic	Research Field	Degree Sought	Registered University
1	A Robinson	Identity formation among second generation Tamil diaspora	Social Sciences	MPhil	University of Colombo
2	C Kasturiarachchi	An investigation into the implementation of the programme of school based management in Sri Lanka: A case study	Social Sciences	PhD	University of Colombo
3	S D P Iddamalgoda	Speech based English language learning through synchronous and asynchronous learning environments in higher education	Language	PhD	University of Colombo
4	R Senanayake	Critical edition of Mayura Sandeshaya	Sinhala	PhD	University of Colombo
5	G Thillainathan	Impact of globalization on the peasant society in batticaloa-A sociological analysis	Social Sciences	PhD	Eastern University of Sri Lanka
6	S Umashankar	Effect of testing on English as a second Language learning	English Language	PhD	Eastern University of Sri Lanka
7	T Prabakaran	Influencing variables of occupational stress among executives in the bank of Ceylon –Sri Lanka	Management	PhD	Eastern University of Sri Lanka
8	M I Manuha	Efficacy of the intervention of natural food additives and mind calming exercise in the management of female obesity with special reference of unani food guidelines	Ayurveda	PhD	Institute of Indigenous Medicine
9	J M Sudharmawathie	Economic history in Medieval Sri Lanka. (From 1232 A.D. to 1467 A.D.).	History	PhD	University of Kelaniya
10	R A A S Perera	Human capital in the banking sector: An exploratory study of Sri Lanka and New Zealand.	Commerce	PhD	University of Kelaniya
11	H A K N S Surangi	The role of female entrepreneurial networks: A study based on small business tourism industry in Sri Lanka.	Commerce	PhD	University of Kelaniya
12	G V Hewagama	Human resource management and service recovery performance.	Human Resource Management	PhD	University of Kelaniya
13	M M M Shammil	Exploring the relationship between corporate sustainability and corporate financial performance.	Commerce	PhD	University of Kelaniya

14	W M R K Weerakoon	Historical evaluation of recreational sport club in Sri Lanka: With special references to British colonial period.	Social Sciences	PhD	University of Kelaniya
15	W M A M Jayawardena	Hoe does community sport development contributes to national sport success in a country.	Social Sciences	PhD	University of Kelaniya
16	S A P M Manuratne	The martyr and the traitor: Violence and resistance in world literature and cinema.	Languages	PhD	University of Kelaniya
17	S M A Kumara Samarakoon	Small states and external balancing: testing realist theory in the case of Sri Lanka.	Social Sciences	PhD	Open University of Sri Lanka
18	P Kalawally	Teaching-learning Tamil-Sinhala as second language in Sri Lanka problems & solution.	Languages	PhD	Open University of Sri Lanka
19	E M H S K Ekanayake	Application of agile an project management in construction industry of Sri Lanka.	Management	PhD	Open University of Sri Lanka
20	W P R Wickremaratne	Effects of organizational support for career development and career self-management behavior on employee commitment & career satisfaction: An empirical study of Commercial bank in Sri Lanka	Management	PhD	University of Peradeniya
21	S Maheswaran	Individual relational capital for the sustainability of non-profit organizations in law-trust situations	Management	MPhil Leading to PhD	University of Peradeniya
22	A Sarjoon	Development administration in Sri Lanka: Minorities demand for Kalmunai administration District	Political Science	PhD	University of Peradeniya
23	R Seneviratne	The revival of sphota in early modern benares: Sesakrsna's sphotatavanirupana	Languages	PhD	University of Peradeniya
24	B. H. M. W. Bohingamuwa	Sri Lanka and the Indian Ocean contacts: Historical narratives vs. material realities.	History	PhD	University of Ruhuna
25	K A Nishantha	Technical efficiency of state university education in Sri Lanka: A study on Social Science disciplines.	Economics	MPhil leading to PhD	University of Ruhuna
26	P H Amaraweera	Climate change and related natural disaster risk in Sri Lanka.	Geography	PhD	University of Ruhuna
27	P R Ekanayake	Role of Ayurveda medical system in the context of emerging health hazards in contemporary Sri Lankan society.	Social sciences	PhD	University of Ruhuna
28	S P Kahandagamage	ව්‍යවහාර සංඛ්‍යා පිළිබඳ ජනශ්‍රැති විධ්‍යාත්මක අධ්‍යාපනයක්.	Sinhala	PhD	University of Ruhuna

29	R A S P Ranabahu	A Special analysis of active ageing in Sri Lanka	Geography	PhD	University of Ruhuna
30	C L Gamage	Socio-political and economic environment affected of the formation of LTTE movement in Sri Lanka; An analytical study.	History	PhD	University of Ruhuna
31	Rev. M Ariyawansa	A structural study of the verb in classical Sinhalese.	Sinhala	PhD	University of Ruhuna
32	M W Indrani	The role of Management accounting in responding to environmental management issues in listed companies: A survey in the Sri Lankan context.	Accounting	PhD	University of Ruhuna
33	D P P G Liyanage	The convergence of advertising and folklore: A lacanian study.	Sinhala	PhD	University of Ruhuna
34	D M C Dassanayake	Influence of destination value dimensions on destination selection: A study on prospective Indian visitors to Sri Lanka.	Management	PhD	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
35	W M R B Weerasooriya	The impact of strategic planning on achievement in Sri Lankan non-government organization- An evaluation using the balanced scorecard.	Management	PhD	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
36	M. H. Thowfeek	Readiness frame work for E-learning implementation a study of the perception of lecturers in the higher educational institutes in Sri Lanka	Management	PhD	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka
37	S M M Mazahir	Operation of Islamic insurance in Sri Lanka: Developments and challenges	Language	PhD	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka
38	M B M Amjath	Compliance behavior of income tax payers and related tax issues in non-corporate sector in Sri Lanka	Finance	PhD	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka
39	J W D Chaminda	Understanding identity transformation after significant involuntary loss; Recovery strategies, self-concepts and the role of possessions in a post-disaster context.	Management	PhD	University of Sri Jayawardenapura
40	U L D P Abeysekara	Business value of ICTs in small tourism enterprises: The case of Sri Lanka.	Information Technology	PhD	University of Sri Jayawardenapura
41	P D K A Kumara	Implications of environmental uncertainty as an antecedent to business IT alignment.	Information Technology	PhD	University of Sri Jayawardenapura

42	P P Lalani	Economic development of Sri Lanka: Does the sector matter?~ The objective of the study is to identify the importance of agriculture, manufacturing and service sectors and their linkages for the development of Si Lanka.	Business Economics	PhD	University of Sri Jayawardenapura
43	K G P K Weerakoon	Modeling spatio-temporal urban growth patterns in the Colombo urban fringe, Sri Lanka.	Management	PhD	University of Sri Jayawardenapura
44	C W C Silva	A framework to evaluate the impact of ICT usage on collaborative product development performance in manufacturing firms.	Decision Science	PhD	University of Sri Jayawardenapura
45	A G C Gunathilake	Investor sentiment, risk factors and assets pricing	Finance	PhD	University of Sri Jayawardenapura
46	R K D N K Rajapaksha	Social reality in the short stories of Premachand and Martin Wickramasinghe.	Language	PhD	University of Sri Jayawardenapura
47	H. M. S. Priyanath	Social capital and transaction costs of small enterprises in Sri Lanka.	Language	PhD	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka
48	D G Dharmaratne	Market response to publicly available information and capital market efficiency: Evidence from Colombo stock exchange.	Accounting	PhD	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka
49	J K C Dissanayake	Social anthropological input as a determiner of content in Lankan English literature.	Language	PhD	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka
50	R G S Rathnayake	Contrastive analysis of Sinhala and Hindi verb phrase	Language	PhD	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka
51	T Pratheepan	Music tradition in Sri Lankan Tamil.	Fine Arts	PhD	Swami Wipulananda Institute
52	S Siveratnam	Analytical study of Sri Lankan paintings based on modernism and postmodernism.	Fine Arts	PhD	Swami Wipulananda Institute
53	K W M M W I Ferdinando	Adapting the immersive sensorial experience generated by the Sinhalese ritual performance into the contemporary practice.	Fine Arts	PhD	University of Visual & Performing Arts
54	R P I R Senaratne	Cloud computing adoption in SMEs. The objective of this study is to identify the key factors of computing adoption by small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in Australia. Then develop a hybrid model for cloud adoption by SMEs.	Management	PhD	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka

Grants Awarded during the year 2017

	University	Name of the Grantee	Research topics	Research fields	Degree sought	Registered University
1	University of Kelaniya	Ms. M W A D N Wijesuriya	The influence of machine-driven transportation on the traditional social-structure and the value systems of colonial Ceylon in the 19 th and 20 th centuries	Archaeology	PhD	University of California, USA
2	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	Ms. M A C H Perera	Field force interactions and life assurance buying behavior in Sri Lankan insurance market	Marketing	PhD	University of Colombo
3	University of Colombo	Ms. W D D G Abeywickrama	Quantifying mortality differentials among major ethnic groups in Sri Lanka	Demography	PhD	University of Southampton, UK
4	University of Peradeniya	Mr. R M M Rathnayake	Culture, individuality, and the state of being successful or unsuccessful (A study on characters labeled as failed/defeated/inactive in Sinhala novel)	Language	PhD	University of Kelaniya
5	University of Moratuwa	K N Liyanapathirana	The changing face of trade unions as human rights defenders: Strategies and production mechanisms for existence a Sri Lankan perspective	Law	PhD	QUT, Australia
6	University of Sri Jayawardenapura	Ms. W I Ekanayake	Efficacy of deferent types of unfocused written corrective feedback(WCF) on the acquisition of simple present tense structure and the definite article “the”	Linguistics	PhD	Curtin University, Australia
7	University of Sri Jayawardenapura	Mr. M A M Gunasekara	Relationship among the managerial value orientations, management cultures and productivity performance an empirical study of	Management	PhD	Massy University, New Zealand

			productivity-driven cultures of local and foreign owned organizations.			
8	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	Ms. M D N M U Mahawatta	Transition from LI medium to English medium: Research on a bilingual model in tertiary level	Linguistics	PhD	University of Kelaniya
9	University of Peradeniya	Mr. M A S B Mantilake	A celebration of nature: Kohomba kankariya a dance ritual of Sri Lanka and engaged Buddhist perspective on nature	Theater, dance and performance study	PhD	University of Maryland, USA
10	University of Ruhuna	Ms. H N De Silva	Land utilization and conservation practices impacts on land degradation and crop productivity in Sri Lanka	Economics	PhD	QUT, Australia
11	Trincomalee Campus	Dr. N Varnakulendran	Haemopoietic and antioxidant activity of biraagaraja ketpam, a poly herbal synergetic drug for paandu-anemia	Siddha Clinical Pharmacology	PhD	Tanjavur Tamil University, India
12	Open University of Sri Lanka	Mr. W A S S Wijesinghe	The impact of trademark laws of the transition from pictorial health warning to plain packaging tobacco products an analysis of south Asian experience with special reference to Sri Lanka	Law	PhD	QUT, Australia
13	University of Sri Jayawardenapura	Ms. M M K Ratnayake	Cultural representations for the survivors experiences in post conflict Sri Lanka 2009-2016	English literature & Anthropology	PhD	Hitotsubashi University
14	University of Colombo	Mr. D M S L B Dissanayake	Web GIS based spatially intelligent information hub for the environmental impact assessment (EIA) A case study of Kandy District in Sri Lanka	Management	PhD	University of Tsukuba, Japan

QUT (Australia) ~NCAS PhD Scholarship Programme

The Ministry of Higher Education and Queensland University of Technology, Australia (QUT) has signed a MOU to provide scholarships for qualified university academics to enroll in a designated doctoral programmes at QUT. This agreement will be valid for the period of 05 years. Accordingly the QUT agreed to waived-off annual tuition fee of AU\$ 100,000 per candidate and NCAS will be granted AUD \$ 18,610 to cover the living allowance and AUD \$ 2,451 for overseas health cover per year for three years.

Accordingly, a total no of 02 university academics have been benefited during the year 2017 through this scholarship programme.

Following university academics who have awarded in 2014 - 2016 are continuing their PhD studies at QUT with the financial assistance of NCAS during the year of 2017.

	Name	Research Topic	Research Field	Degree	Employee University
1.	W A D J Sumanadasa	The Protection of Trade Secrets through Employment Contracts: Towards a New Paradigm	Law	PhD 2014	University of Colombo
2.	T M N D Thennakoon	Towards a citizen centric public sector in Sri Lanka: leveraging on the Human Resource via the adaption of best practices.	Management	PhD 2014	University of Colombo
3.	D L F Shamila	International Investment treaties as investments for sustainable development.		2015 PhD	University of Colombo
4.	A W J C Abeygunasekara	Role of Management Control system in Business Process Management	Business Process Management	2015 PhD	University of Colombo
5.	D W C P Kumari	Application of Information accountability measures to healthcare big data.	Computer Science	2015 PhD	University of Ruhuna
6.	H D Wijesekara	The Impact of Bilingual Education on Social cohesion among students of different ethnicities: A Case Study in Sri Lanka	Education	2014 PhD	Post Graduate Institute of English
7.	Ms. W M A K Wijekoon	Exploring the Role of Customer Heterogeneity in Innovation Based Competitive Strategy: A Demand - Based Perspective	Management	PhD 2016	University of Moratuwa
8.	Mr. K V K D Wasala	Integrating form Development Principles and CAD Technologies to Develop Key Criteria in Design for Wearing	Creative Industries Faculty	PhD 2016	University of Moratuwa
9.	Ms. W A D N Wickramarachchi	The Role of Intrapreneurship in Institutionalizing Sustainable Entrepreneurial Culture	Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Strategy.(Business)	PhD 2016	University of Moratuwa

10.	Mr. B M W U C B Jayasundara	Students' Attitude and Engagement in STEM Subjects: An Exploration through a Randomized Control Trial	Behavioral Economics	PhD 2016	University of Colombo
11.	Ms. A I Irugalbandara	The Application of Drama Therapy for Development of Higher Order Thinking Skills of Junior Secondary School Children in Sri Lanka	Drama Education	PhD 2016	OUSL
12.	Ms. W M S K Wanigasekara	Women Managers, Networking and Career Development	Human Resources Management	PhD 2016	University of Kelaniya
13.	Ms. H H A J Gunatissa	Manager's Perception on Business Ethics in Sri Lanka	Business Ethics	PhD 2016	University of Peradeniya
14.	Ms. Y Alahakoon	Rearticulating Knowledge Management : A Buddhist Epistemological Perspective	Business Management	PhD 2016	University of Kelaniya

- During the year of 2017 following 06 university academics (*04 recommended applicants are pending) were selected for the QUT scholarship scheme and have commenced their studies at Queensland University of Technology, Australia.

	Name of the Grantee	Research Topic	Research Field	University	Degree sought
01	Mr. W A S S Wijesinghe	The impact of trademark laws of the transition from pictorial health warning to plain packaging tobacco products an analysis of south Asian experience with special reference to Sri Lanka	Law	Open University of Sri Lanka	PhD
02	Ms. K N Liyanapathirana	The changing face of trade unions as human rights defenders: Strategies and production mechanisms for existence a Sri Lankan perspective	Law	University of Peradeniya	PhD
03	*Mr. W N D N Wijesiri	Narrative mediation of digital media in reconciliation in post war Sri Lanka.	Digital Media	University of Peradeniya	PhD
04	*Ms. T Vadivelu	Brand selfies credibility as a marketing tool in the social media market place conceptualization and scale development	Management	Vauniya Campus	PhD
05	*Ms. K M K N S Kulathunga	Dividend policy and mergers & acquisitions following catering incentive: Sri Lankan evidence	Finance	University of Kelaniya	PhD
06	*D C Hettiarachchi	Corporate social responsibility (CSR) practices in tea sector in Sri Lanka: Developing country perspective.	Accounting	University of Sri Jayawardena pura	PhD

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Sri Lanka Journal of Advanced Social Studies

- Vol. 5, No. 1 & 2 of the journal was published. The journal will be distributed among the subscribers and Universities.
- Research articles for Volume 6 are now being collected for reviewing.

Audit and Management Committee Report – 2017

The Audit Committee comprises of four Independent non-Executive Directors. The Representative from the Treasury attends the meetings as the member of Audit Committee. The Internal Auditor UGC also the Internal Auditor of the NCAS participates as an observer. The representative from the Auditor General's Dept. also invited to the meeting as an observer. Reviewing year 2017, two (02) Audit and Management Committee meetings were held.

The legal framework for Audit committee has been defined by the Public Enterprises guidelines for Good Governance, PED circulars issued by the General Treasury time to time.

Scope of the Audit Committee

Review and evaluate internal control system of the organization
Ascertain whether statutes, regulations, rules and circulars are complied with
Review financial statements to ensure compliance with applicable Accounting Standards
Review performance of the organization at regular intervals
Liaise with internal/external auditors and follow up on Internal Audit Report and Auditor General's report

Activities of the Audit Committee

For the year under review, the Committee reviewed the progress of postgraduate qualification process of academics who have been granted scholarship for their postgraduate education which were highlighted by the Internal Audit of the UGC. Also reviewed the internal control system to ensure reasonable assurance that all statutory requirements have been complied with. Auditor General's report for the year has been discussed and the Committee satisfied with the actions taken to rectify the areas highlighted by the Auditor General in his report.

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