

## **VICE-CHANCELLOR'S GOLD MEDAL FOR THE BEST POSTGRADUATE STUDENT-2023**

All MPhil and PhD graduates who have been included in this year convocation list, University of Ruhuna which is scheduled to be held on December 2023 are invited to apply for the above award.

The application and the eligibility criteria have been mentioned below.

Duly filled applications along with all supporting documents should send to reach the below address on or before 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Incomplete and late applications will be rejected.

Deputy Registrar,  
Faculty of Graduate Studies  
No. 115. Sri Darmarama, Mawatha, Foot, Matara.

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### SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Research degree (MPhil/PhD) holders who will be graduated at the forthcoming convocation are eligible to apply for the award.
2. An MPhil holder shall complete the degree within 42 months (36 months+6 months) and a PhD holder shall complete the degree within 60 months (54 months+6 months) to be eligible to apply
3. Applicants shall prepare a self-evaluation according to the given format to be submitted with the application
4. Only the facts relevant to the Postgraduate degree and the thesis will be considered in evaluation of applications. (Qualifications completed after the closing date of the applications will not be considered for the evaluation)
5. Publications in fake/predatory journals shall not be claimed in the self-evaluation. If any Publication from Fake/Predatory journals is included, the applicant will be disqualified
6. Candidate should attach the necessary documentary evidence to prove each fact he/she claims marks for. **If the candidate fails to provide such proofs, the relevant fact/competency will not be considered in the evaluation.**
7. Candidates with MPhil degrees shall obtain a minimum of **210 marks** to be qualified for the award. Candidates with PhD degrees shall obtain a minimum of **270 marks** to be qualified for the award
8. Applications shall be handed over to the Dean's office, Faculty of Graduate Studies or send to Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Ruhuna, Matara, by registered post.

The application should include;

- i. A completed application form
  - ii. A complete self-assessment report prepared according to the marking scheme
  - iii. Relevant documentary evidence
9. The evaluation will be conducted based on the submitted documents by a committee appointed by the Board of Graduate Studies. Evaluations will be conducted for MPhil and PhD degrees separately, and the Gold Medals will be awarded to the MPhil and PhD degree holders who obtain the highest marks.

## SELF-EVALUATION

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	Competency	Marks claim by the applicant	Annex No:	Marks given at the evaluation
01.	The time duration from the date of registration to the effective date of the degree Refer Table 1 for MPhil degrees and Table 2 for PhD degrees to assign the marks for this criterion			
02.	<p><b>The level of acceptance of the thesis at the <i>viva-voce</i> examination.</b></p> <p>Accepted as it is = 25 marks</p> <p>Accepted subjected to minor corrections = 20 marks</p> <p>Accepted subjected to major corrections =10 marks</p>			
03.	<p><b>Publications from the thesis</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manuscripts at least accepted for publication will be considered fore the evaluation</li> <li>• Pages of the chapters of the thesis relevant to the publication has to be mentioned.</li> <li>• Only the publications with the candidate as the first author will be considered for the evaluation</li> <li>• At least one supervisor has to be included in the authors list</li> <li>• For publications with one outside author (apart from the candidate &amp; supervisors), the candidate will receive 60% of the marks allocated for the publication</li> <li>• For publications with more than one outside authors (apart from the candidate &amp; supervisors), the candidate will receive 40% of the marks allocated for the publication.</li> </ul>			
3.1	Paper in a peer reviewed indexed journal* <sup>1</sup> 60 marks/paper – No limit			
3.2	Paper in a peer reviewed non-indexed journal* <sup>2</sup> with at least two volumes published per year 30 marks/paper – No limit			
3.3	Paper in a peer reviewed non-indexed journal* <sup>2</sup> with less than two volumes published per year 20 marks/paper – No limit			
3.4	Full paper* <sup>2</sup> (peer reviewed) in conference proceedings 5.0/paper (max. 30)			
3.5	Abstract (oral/poster) – with evidence for presentation 2.5 marks/abstract (max 15.0)			

04	<b>Citations</b>			
	1.0 marks/citation (max 10.0)			
05.	<p><b>Invention and Innovations:</b> (When both publications and invention/innovation are made from the same work, candidates shall claim marks only for one category)</p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages of the relevant chapters of the thesis relevant to the Invention/Innovation has to be mentioned</li> <li>• Only the invention/innovation with the candidate as the first author/owner will be considered for the evaluation</li> <li>• At least one supervisor has to be included in the authors/owners list</li> <li>• For Invention/Innovation with one author//owner (apart from the candidate &amp; supervisors), the candidate will receive 60% of the marks allocated for the Invention/Innovation.</li> <li>• For Invention/Innovation with more than one outside authors/owners (apart from the candidate &amp; supervisors), the candidate will receive 40% of the marks allocated for the Invention/Innovation.</li> <li>• Invention / Innovations has to be certified by TTO of UoR</li> </ul>			
5.1	International Patent 60 marks/patent – No limit			
5.2	Local Patent 30 marks/patent – No limit			
5.3	Commercialized products with Evidence for contracts with a reputed company (Only the products commercialized through the TTO of UoR will be considered for evaluation. The relevant document has to be certified by the TTU of UoR) (10 marks/Product) – maximum 30 marks			
06.	<b>Outstanding awards</b> (Maximum 30 marks)			
6.1	President’s award/NRC merit Award – 30 marks			
6.2	Best presenter, best paper, best inventor, best poster <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Faculty (Faculty level) (02 marks/award)</li> <li>• Within university/National/International (10 marks/award)</li> </ul>			

I hereby certify that the particulars submitted by me in this application are true and accurate.

Signature of the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**Table 1 The marks allocation (Both full time & Part time) for the timely completion of MPhil degree**

No. of months	Markes
36	100.
37	90
38	80
39	70
40	60
41	50
42	40

**Table 2 The marks allocation (Both full time & Part time) for the timely completion of PhD degree**

No. of months	Markes
54	100
55	90
56	80
57	70
58	60
59	50
60	40

*\*1 Recognized indexed journals are listed under:*

*I. Science Citation index (SCI)/SCI Expanded)*

*II. Social Sciences Citation index*

*III. Arts and humanities Citation index*

*IV. Library and Information Science Abstracts (LISA)*

*V. Library, Information Science and Technology Abstracts (LISTA)*

*\*2 Candidates should be ready to provide a copy of peer review of reports if requested*



**APPLICATION FOR THE  
VICE-CHANCELLOR'S GOLD MEDAL FOR THE BEST POSTGRADUATE  
STUDENT  
FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES-UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA**

1. Name :
  2. Registration number :
  3. Degree obtained :
  4. Thesis title :
  
  5. Effective date of the degree :
  6. Board of Study :
  7. Permanent Address :
  8. Email :
  9. Phone (Mobile) :
  10. Phone (Residence) :
- Conflicts of interest (please select)

I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I have no conflicts of interest.

I declare the following conflicts of interest

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I hereby certify that the particulars submitted by me in this application are true and accurate. I am aware that if any of particulars are found to be false or inaccurate, I am liable to be disqualified for the Gold Medal, and to be dismissed without any compensation, if fraudulent, false or inaccurate claims are detected after the award.

Signature of the applicant : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_