



POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA

Call for Application

Professor H.P.M. Gunasena Gold Medal for Outstanding Doctoral Research

(Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Programmes – PGIA)

The Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA), University of Peradeniya, invites exceptional PhD graduates to apply for the prestigious Professor H.P.M. Gunasena Gold Medal for Outstanding Doctoral Research, the highest recognition awarded for doctoral excellence at PGIA. This distinguished award will be conferred at the General Convocation to the most outstanding PhD graduate who has demonstrated excellence in scientific innovation, academic rigor, and national relevance.

Objectives

- To recognize and honour exemplary doctoral research of the highest standard
- To promote innovation, originality, and impactful research addressing national and global challenges
- To uphold and strengthen the academic excellence and international standing of PGIA doctoral programmes

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Have successfully completed a PhD degree at PGIA between 20 June 2025 and 25 April 2026
- Be included in the list of eligible candidates (attached)
- Submit a strong recommendation letter from the principal supervisor, clearly demonstrating:
 - Originality and scientific contribution
 - Ethical integrity
 - National and/or global relevance
- Provide evidence of:
 - Timely completion of the PhD programme

- A minimum of two peer-reviewed journal publications arising from the research

Required Documents

Applicants must submit:

- A 300–500 word executive summary highlighting key research findings and impact
- A comprehensive and up-to-date Curriculum Vitae
- All supporting documents as specified in the application form

Selection Process

- Applications will be subjected to a rigorous, merit-based evaluation by a Senate-appointed panel, in accordance with the approved marking scheme.
- Assessment will focus on scientific excellence, innovation, impact, and publication quality
- The top-ranked candidate will be recommended by PGIA to the Board of Management and subsequently to the Senate for formal approval

How to Apply

Completed applications, together with all required documents, must be submitted via email to:

✉ **dir@pgia.ac.lk**

🕒 **Deadline: 25 April 2026**

⚠️ *Late or incomplete applications will be strictly rejected.*

For Enquiries

- Director, PGIA: **dir@pgia.ac.lk**
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