

University of Kelaniya, Faculty of Medicine

FACULTY AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

In order to recognize and reward highly motivated students who show outstanding abilities in both the academic sphere and in extracurricular activities, the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya will offer the following three types of awards for recognition of outstanding students in the MBBS and BSc (Speech and Hearing Sciences) degree programmes.

- 1. Dean's List**
- 2. Faculty Awards**
- 3. Faculty Extra-curricular Achievement Tribute (FEAT)**

Students will be named to The Dean's List purely on the basis of academic achievements, while the Faculty Awards will be made on consideration of both academic and extra-curricular achievements and the Extra-Curricular Award will be made on consideration of extra-curricular achievements.

1. Dean's List

At the end of each academic year, students registered to follow any degree programme offered by the Faculty, who fulfill the following criteria, will be automatically named to the Dean's List.

- (a) Completed all the academic requirements for the year under consideration, including all compulsory courses and accumulated a minimum of 30 credits; and
- (b) Obtained grades of C or better for all course units registered in the academic year under consideration; and
- (c) Obtained grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least half the number of total credits considered under (2) above; and
- (d) Obtained a GPA of 3.70 or better, for all course units registered in the academic year under consideration.
- (e) In the case of students enrolled on the MBBS study programme, those who pass the First, Second or Final MBBS examination with First Class honours during the year under consideration.

2. Faculty Awards

At the end of each academic year, the Dean of the Faculty shall call for applications from (or nomination of) students registered to follow any degree programme offered by the Faculty, who fulfill the following criteria:

- (a) Completed all the academic requirements for the year under consideration, including all compulsory courses and accumulated a minimum of 30 credits; and
- (b) Obtained grades of C or better for all course units registered in the academic year under consideration; and
- (c) Obtained a GPA of 3.30 or better, for all course units registered in the academic year under consideration; and

- (d) Displayed outstanding performance at national or international level, during the period of the academic programme, as per the criteria identified in Section 9 below.

In the case of students registered to follow the MBBS study programme offered by the Faculty of Medicine, the eligibility criteria shall be as follows:

- (a) Passed the First, Second or Final MBBS examination with Second Class (upper division) honours during the year under consideration; and
- (b) Displayed outstanding performance at national or international level, during the period of the academic programme, as per the criteria identified in **Annex 1** below.

3. Faculty Extra-Curricular Activity Tributes (FEAT)

At the end of each academic year, the Dean of the Faculty shall call for applications from (or nomination of) final year students registered to follow any degree programme offered by the Faculty, who fulfill the following criteria:

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FEAT criteria:

- a. Final year student in either the MBBS or BSc SHS Programme who has not repeated a year (i.e has not missed a batch) **AND**
- b. Displayed outstanding performance at national or international level, during the period of the academic programme, as per the criteria listed in **Annex 1** below.

4. Ineligible students

Any student who obtains an improved grades(s) by repeating a module(s) shall not be eligible to be named to the Dean's List or for Faculty Awards

Any student who has repeated a year and has missed a batch will not be eligible for FEAT.

Any student against whom disciplinary action has been taken by the Vice-Chancellor or Deputy Vice-Chancellor, for any form of misconduct shall not be eligible to be named to the Dean's List or for Faculty Awards

Any application for a Faculty Award or FEAT, which is awarded a score of less than 70% as per the criteria identified in Section 7 below, shall not be considered eligible for an award in either category

5. Application procedure

The Dean of the Faculty shall call for applications for Faculty Awards & FEAT at the end of each academic year.

The application form shall serve as a tool of assessment against established evaluation criteria, listed in Annex 1 below.

Application forms shall be made available in the form of hard copies at the Dean's Office, and should be downloadable from the University web site.

Students shall submit certified copies of all the documentary evidence in support of the application.

Students shall submit their applications through their mentors/ academic advisors, who shall certify the contents of the applications

6. Selection Committee

A Selection Committee consisting of 5 members (inclusive of the Dean) of the academic staff in each Faculty shall be nominated by the Faculty Board and ratified by the Senate of the University.

The Dean shall serve as the Chairman of the Selection Committee.

The other members shall consist of two Senate members from the relevant Faculty and two Senate members from another Faculty.

The Selection Committee shall be responsible for organizing the selection process and the final decision regarding awards.

Awards shall be given to **not more than five students in each academic year**, in each programme of study, who score the highest marks as per the marking scheme in Section 7 below.

7. Selection Criteria

7.1 Faculty Awards

The Selection Committee shall award marks in two categories, as detailed below for the **Faculty Awards**.

7.1.1 Category 1. Academic achievements (60%)

The GPA or the overall average percentage mark achieved by MBBS degree students who have passed the examinations specified above, during the year under consideration, shall be converted to a mark out of 60, using one of the following formulae:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Marks for Category 1} &= \text{GPA of the applicant} / 4.00 * 60 \text{ or} \\ &= \text{Average percentage mark} / 100 * 60\end{aligned}$$

7.1.2 Category 2. Extracurricular activities (40%)

Any achievement considered under this category should be within the period of the academic programme, and may be re-counted in consecutive years throughout the programme. Applicants will be awarded marks based on the criteria in Annex 1.

7.2 FEAT

The selection committee will award marks for applications for **FEAT** based on the criteria in Annex 1. A candidate obtaining 50% marks will be awarded FEAT. Any achievement considered under this category should be within the period of the academic programme.

8. Benefits to recipients

All students named to the Dean's List, or granted a Faculty Award shall be presented with a certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor.

The academic transcript issued on graduation shall carry a record of the award.

Recipients will be given the opportunity to serve as Student Ambassadors who will extend the support for Quality Assurance activities in the Faculty, and to represent the University at national / international events, when requested by the Vice-Chancellor.

Annex 1

Criteria for awarding marks for extra-curricular activities

Criterion 1. Leadership of a recognized Body

<i>Leadership (office bearer) of a recognized national body</i>		maximum
	Recognition of a National Body (e.g. Young Zoologist)	10
	President / Chairperson	5/year
	General Secretary	4/year
	Treasurer	3/year
	Committee Member	3/year
<i>Leadership post of University / Faculty Organization</i>		
	President of Student Union	3/year
	President of Kala Sangamaya/General Secretary of Student Union	3/year
	Treasurer of Student Union/ Secretary of Kala Sangamaya	2/year
	Treasurer Kala Sangamaya	2/year
	Committee member Student Union	1/year
	Committee Member Kala Sangamaya	1/year

Criterion 2. Community Service and Good Citizenship

Ideals of Community Service and Good Citizenship		maximum
	e.g. Assisting a victim of an accident	8/case
	Serving as a volunteer in a natural disaster	8/case
	Assisting fellow citizens in exceptional way	8/case

Criterion 3. Outstanding Talents in Sports

World University Game / National Games		maximum
	First Place	20
	Second Place	15
	Third Place	10
	Participation for an event (Maximum up to 10 Marks)	5
International Sports event representing the University		
	First Place	10
	Second Place	8
	Third Place	6
	Participation for an Event	3
Inter University Events		
	First Place	6
	Second Place	5
	Third Place	4
	Participation for an event (Maximum up to 04 Marks)	2
Inter Faculty Events		

	First Place	1.5
	Second Place	1
	Third Place	0.5
University Colors/ Best Athlete/ Player of the Year		3
Post of president, Vice president, Secretary, Junior treasure and Editor of Sport Council		1/position/year

Criterion 4. Creativity and Exceptional Ability in Aesthetic or Technical Fields

Aesthetics competition		maximum
	International aesthetic awards / accolades	20
	National aesthetic awards / accolades	10
Completion of examinations or graduating performance in aesthetic fields		
	Visharada in oriental music	5
	Royal/ Trinity Collage Examinations in Western Music	5
	Arangetaram in Bharatanatyam	5
Public/ mass media performance in aesthetic fields (Outside the University)		
	Stage drama	6
	Movie	8
	Place in a TV reality show	8
Performance in aesthetic fields at a University approved events		4
	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 in technological field or taking part in project of technological advancement (depending on the scale and degree of creativity committee can decide maximum up to 10 marks)		10

Criterion 5. Research or pursuing new knowledge

Peer Reviewed Publication		maximum
	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	2
Active contribution to outstanding research project		
	Notable contribution to a national project	4
	Notable contribution to an institutional level project	2

