University of Colombo Undergraduate Awards — 2026

six endowed prizes for academic excellence, leadership, service and all-round merit

OVERVIEW

The six awards

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University of Colombo Award for Academic Excellence

Highest academic excellence in the degree programme

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Prof. Tilak Hettiarachchy Award for Academic Excellence

Open award: First Class in any Faculty

3

Canekeratne Prize for General Merit

Degree class plus extracurricular achievement

4

Student of the Year Award

Academics, sport, culture and leadership

5

D.P.P. Samarasekera Peace Prize

Social harmony, kindness and service

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Dean's List

Faculty of Technology recognition of all-round excellence

AWARD 01

University of Colombo Award for Academic Excellence



WHO QUALIFIES

The student who shows the highest academic excellence in their degree programme

Awarded on academic merit across the whole degree programme.

AWARD 02

Prof. Tilak Hettiarachchy Award for Academic Excellence

OPEN AWARD · ANY FACULTY



WHO QUALIFIES

An undergraduate with a First Class in a Special or General Degree of any Faculty

Consideration is given to



Research

Publications and research during the undergraduate career



Year I achievements

Prizes and medals won, and scholarships or studentships obtained, at the Year I examination



Other scholarships and bursaries

Including the Commonwealth Elective Bursary, obtained for academic performance during the undergraduate career

AWARD 02 · CONDITIONS

Prof. Tilak Hettiarachchy Award for Academic Excellence

Other conditions

Value of the Award

The value of the Award is 75% of the interest derived from the investment. The balance 25% of the interest is added to the capital and re-invested.

If no student qualifies

The unutilised money for that year is added to the capital and re-invested.

The endowment

Endowed in 2008 by Mr. V.S. Sivalingam, Deputy Registrar (Examinations) (Ret.)

Investment: Rs. 60,000/=

Selection

Committee of Deans, chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, on applications invited by the Faculty

AWARD 03

Canekeratne Prize for General Merit

Who qualifies

Degree class

First or Second Class (Upper Division) in the Special Degree Examination

Extracurricular record

Considerable achievements in extracurricular activities

Graduating student

Awarded to a graduating student of the Special Degree programme

The endowment

Endowed in 1995 by Mr. Nihal Canekeratne, Member of the University Council, with Alliance Finance Co. Ltd.

Investment: Rs. 100,000/=

Selection

A committee of the Vice-Chancellor, the Deans and the Senior Student Counsellor

AWARD 04

Student of the Year Award

A MEDAL AND A CASH PRIZE

Who qualifies



Academics and sport

Excellence in academic studies together with sportsmanship



Aesthetics and culture

Interest in aesthetic and cultural activities



Leadership and character

Proven leadership among peers, exemplary conduct and character

The endowment

Established in 1986 by Prof. Stanley Wijesundera, Vice-Chancellor (Ret.)

Selection

Panel of the Vice-Chancellor, the Deans, the Senior Student Counsellor and the Chairmen of the Arts and Sports Councils

AWARD 05

D.P.P. Samarasekera Peace Prize

The endowment

Established in 1984 by Mr. D.P.P. Samarasekera, Registrar (Ret.), in memory of his parents

Investment: Rs. 10,000/=

Selection

Nominated by the Deans, Counsellor, Proctor and the student body; chosen by the Vice-Chancellor

Who qualifies

Social harmony

Marked interest in activities that foster social harmony, within the University community or outside

Care for others

Courtesy, consideration, kindness and understanding in assisting those in distress

Open to all

No consideration is paid to religious or political beliefs, sex or ethnic origin

AWARD 06

Dean's List

FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGY

Recognises outstanding academic performance together with excellence in:



Research | **Innovation** | **Leadership** | **Community service** | **Co-curricular activities**

Eligibility

Meet the required academic standards and obtain the minimum overall score specified by the Faculty

Recognition

- Noted on the academic transcript
- Certificate
- Listed on the Faculty website and noticeboards

From final results to Convocation

Results
Final degree results are published

Applications
The Faculty invites applications

Selection
Each award's committee or panel reviews candidates

Announcement
Timing differs by award (see below)

Convocation
The award is made at the Convocation

Awards 01 to 05

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

End of the degree programme

Dean's List (Award 06)

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

End of the academic year



Awards are made at the Convocation

Winners receive their award at the Convocation at which the degree is conferred.