



UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO

INSTITUTE FOR AGRO-TECHNOLOGY AND RURAL SCIENCES (UCIARS) WELIGATTA, HAMBANTOTA

POST OF DIRECTOR

The University of Colombo Institute for Agro-Technology and Rural Sciences (UCIARS) invites applications/nominations for the Post of Director.

The applicants/nominees should be citizens of Sri Lanka and should be less than 63 years of age. The successful applicant/nominee will hold the office for a period of three years from the date of appointment or until he/she completes his/her 65th year, whichever occurs earlier.

The UCIARS was established in August 2008 at Weligatta, Hambantota and is attached to the University of Colombo. The Institute is conducting courses (Higher Diploma and Bachelor's Degree in Agro-Technology) and providing instructions, training, research and development, consultancies and community extension programmes in Agro-Technology, Agri-businesses, Rural Sciences and other related areas.

The Director shall be the Principal Executive Officer, Principal Academic Officer and the Accounting Officer of the Institute. He shall be an Ex-officio member and the Chairman of the Board of Management, Academic Syndicate and the Boards of Study of the Institute. He is also a member of the Senate. The Director shall be responsible under the direction of the Vice Chancellor of the University for the maintenance of Discipline within the Institute.

The Director shall be a person with a vision to achieve goals of the institute through his/her intellectual as well as managerial experience. The applicant/nominee is expected to be a person of high academic caliber and integrity with a record of excellent research publication profile, proven leadership qualities with high level of interpersonal skills and should have a clear understanding of policy issues.

The successful applicant is required to be on a full-time basis at the UCIARS, Weligatta, Hambantota.

The Director will receive a salary on the scale of Rs.117,350 - 13x2700 - 152,450 p.m. [U-AC 5 (II)] and other allowances applicable to the post. Those who are presently in the public service will be placed at a salary point not below the current salary point in public service.

The following documents should accompany applications/nominations:

- i. A complete Curriculum Vitae of the applicant/nominee including date of birth (a certified copy of the Birth certificate must be attached)
- ii. A statement of vision for the development of the institute.
- iii. A brief account of what he/she proposes to achieve, if appointed to the post of Director.
- iv. A letter of consent from the nominee, in case of nominations.
- v. Copies of evidence for academic and research excellence, professional communications, and managerial competence, effective leadership etc.
- vi. A letter from the employer indicating whether the applicant/nominee could be released in the event of his/her appointment to the post in the case of an applicant/nominee serving in Public Sector, Corporations, Statutory Bodies and Higher Educational Institutions other than the UCIARS.

The process of selection will be made in terms of instructions given in the UGC Circular No.07/2020 dated 11th September 2020 (the circular can be downloaded from www.ugc.ac.lk).

Applications/nominations should be in a sealed cover/envelope addressed to the Senior Assistant Registrar, University of Colombo Institute for Agro-Technology and Rural Sciences, Weligatta, Hambantota and either delivered or sent under Registered cover to reach the above office on/before **3.00 p.m., 21st October 2021**. The envelope containing the application/nomination must be marked "Post of Director" on its top left-hand corner.

Applications/nominations received after the closing date will not be entertained.

**Secretary to the Board of Management
University of Colombo Institute for Agro-Technology and Rural Sciences
Weligatta, Hambantota**

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