



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

Finance Circular Letter No. 01/2019

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Vice-Chancellors of Universities
Directors of Institutes
Rectors of Campuses

Vote on Account - 2019

Head No. 214 – University Grants Commission (UGC)

A Vote on Account has been approved by Parliament for the uninterrupted continuation of General Services of the government until the Appropriation Bill for the year 2019 is approved by Parliament.

Authorization of expenditure through the Vote on Account has been granted only for programmes, projects and object codes, included in the estimates of 2018 which shall be further continued over the year 2019. Therefore, it is emphasized that the Appropriation Bill for 2019 need to be approved in order to incur expenditure for new cadre, new supplies, and services, activities and projects.

Summary Vote on Account – 2019

(Rs. million)

Category/ Object title	Revised Budget 2018 up to 30.11.2018	Actual Expenditure up to 30 th November 2018	Estimates submitted by the UGC 2019	Vote on Account 2019
Recurrent Grants	34,171	32,777	48,830	15,208
Capital Grants	19,454	13,466	31,689	4,600
Total	53,625	46,243	80,519	19,808

The University wise allocation for January – April 2019 (Vote on Account) is given in Recurrent Grants (Annex -1) and Capital Grants (Annex-II)

1. Preparation of Budget – Vote on Account 2019

Universities/HEIs are requested to prepare their budget for the above period in line with four major policy areas developed based on SDG No. 4 - Quality Education.

- Access to Higher Education
- Quality and relevance of Higher Education
- Sufficiency in Management Systems
- Research, innovation and knowledge transferring

The specimen formats for the preparation of budget estimates for Vote on Account are given in Formats I – VI of this circular.

2. Capital Block Grant (CBG)

CBG has been allocated to the Universities/HEIs considering the progress of utilization of funds and Three Year Financial plan on construction projects.

a) Construction Projects

Universities/HEIs are requested to allocate funds for the on-going construction projects on priority basis and New construction projects should not be commenced during the period of January – April 2019.

b) Other Development Projects

Universities/HEIs are requested to allocate funds for the Rehabilitation and Improvements of Fixed Assets, Acquisition of Fixed Assets, Human Capital Development and Research and Development projects on priority basis and provide sufficient allocations in their budget.

c) Acquisition of Lands and Vehicles

Funds for the purchase of Lands and Vehicles should not be allocated by the allocated CBG. The Universities/HEIs are required to follow the existing circular provisions for the procurement of Lands and vehicles.

d) Postgraduate/Doctoral programs

Postgraduate/Doctoral programs of university's staff are financed by the UGC/NCAS and Universities/HEIs may not allocate funds from their CBG for this purpose. Postgraduate programs conducted by the universities/HEIs are supposed to finance through the generated income from postgraduate projects.

3. Continuation of Budget Proposal 2016-2018

UGC allocate funds only for the continuation of the projects implemented by budget proposals 2016-2018. Release of funds during January - April will be considered by the UGC based on the performance of respective projects.

- a) Establishment of Technology Faculties in Universities – Rs.932Mn

- b) Establishment of Faculty of Medicine – Wayamba University of Sri Lanka – Rs.150Mn
- c) Encourage accreditation with professional bodies of international repute –Rs.4.5Mn
- d) Support the University of Colombo for new initiatives undertaken by the Department of Statistics – Rs.70.5Mn
- e) Strengthening state of the art library facility and an IT Centre at the Vavuniya Campus – Rs.60.Mn

New projects will not be financed by the UGC under the allocations referred in point No.03 (a) to (e) as given above.

4. Asian Development Bank Funded Projects

The Technology Faculties of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and Kelaniya University are proposed to finance by the Asian Development Bank. The respective universities are advised to communicate with the Secretary, Ministry of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education through UGC in respect of the implementation of projects.

5. Recurrent Expenditure Block Grant (RBG)

Recurrent Expenditure Block Grants for January – April 2019 has been allocated by the NBD based on the estimates submitted by the Universities/HEIs and the funding formula approved by the UGC.

6. Funding for Student Bursaries and Mahapola – Treasury Contribution

Universities/HEIs are requested to submit reimbursement request of Bursaries to the UGC on monthly basis as directed by the existing circulars.

The instructions for the payment of Mahapola Scholarships and release of funds for the Treasury contribution of Mahapola Scholarship will be informed in due course by the University Grants Commission/Mahapola Trust Fund.

If further clarifications are required in this regard, please contact Senior Assistant Accountant-UGC on 011-2123485

7. Funds for Postgraduate Institutes

Postgraduate institutes are advised to finance their budget by the generated income. Capital funds are allocated based on Medium Term Programm recommended by the Capital Projects Monitoring Committee and approved by the UGC.

RBG for the Postgraduate Institute are considered and allocated only to finance their permanent cadre positions as approved by the UGC.

