



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

Finance Circular Letter No. 01/2020

03rd January 2020

Vice-Chancellors of Universities
Directors of Institutes
Rectors of Campuses

Vote on Account – January to April 2020

Head No. 214 – University Grants Commission (UGC)

A Vote on Account has been approved by the Parliament on 23rd October 2019 for the uninterrupted continuation of General Services of the government until the Appropriation Bill for the year 2020 is approved by Parliament. It has been published on the web site of Ministry of Finance; www.treasury.gov.lk.

The Vote on Account permits only the expenditure related to continuation of the programmes, projects and subjects which included in the budget estimates 2019. Therefore, during the period when the Vote on Account is in operation, no commitment shall be made towards new recruitments, new supplies and services and new functions and projects.

Accordingly, you are requested to adhere with the instructions given in the Section 05 of the Budget Circular No: 09/2019 dated 31/12/2019 issued by the Ministry of Finance, Economy and Policy Development.

Summary Vote on Account – January to April 2020

Rs. Mn				
Category/ Object title	Revised Budget 2020 up to 30.11.2019	Actual Expenditure up to 30.11.2019	Estimates Vote on Account Jan - Apr 2020	Vote on Account Jan - Apr 2020
Recurrent Grants	45,912	41,320	20,434	17,000
Capital Grants	13,980	10,341	8,836	4,500
Total	59,892	51,661	29,270	21,500

The University wise allocation for January – April 2020 (Vote on Account) is given in Recurrent Grants (Annex -1) and Capital Grants (Annex-II).

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

1. Capital Block Grants (CBG)

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 2020.

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.

2. 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.875 Mn.
- b) Establishment of Faculty of Medicine – Wayamba University of Sri Lanka - Rs.225Mn.
- c) Encourage accreditation with professional bodies of international repute –Rs.5 Mn.
- d) Support the University of Colombo for new initiatives undertaken by the Department of Statistics – Rs.50 Mn.

- e) Strengthening state of the art library facility and an IT Centre at the Vavuniya Campus – Rs.50 Mn.
- f) Accommodation Facilities to Faculty Staff of the Universities – Rs. 15 Mn.

New projects will not be financed by the UGC under the allocation referred in No.02 (a) to (f) as given above.

3. Asian Development Bank Funded Projects

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

4. Recurrent Expenditure Block Grant (RBG)

Recurrent Expenditure Block Grants for January – April 2020 has been allocated by the National Budget Department based on the estimates submitted by the Universities/HEIs.

5. Funding for Student Bursaries and Mahapola – Treasury Contribution

Payment of student Bursaries and Mahapola Scholarships shall be made as per the instruction given in the Commission Circular No. 02/2019 and 03/2019.

If further clarifications are required in this regard, please contact Senior Assistant Accountant-UGC on 011-2123409.

6. Funds for Postgraduate Institutes

Postgraduate Institutes are advised to finance their budget by the generated income. Capital funds are allocated based on Medium Term Programme 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.

7. General Guidelines

- a) In terms of section 8 (2) (b) of the Finance Act. No. 38 of 1971 the approval of the Hon Minister in charge of the subject of finance and the concurrence of the Line Minister should be obtained before incurring capital expenditure in excess of Rs.500,000/-. Therefore Universities/HEIs are requested to submit their capital expenditure program with the Budget to the UGC in order to obtain approval of the Hon. Minister of Finance in this regard.

- b) Please e-mail the **soft copy of the Budget prepared as per Format I to VI** to **budget@ugc.ac.lk** on or before 08th January 2020.
- c) You are requested to submit hard copy of the budget on or before 08th January 2020 with a copy to the Director General, Department of National Budget, General Treasury.
- d) Do not change the standard formats by the Universities/HEIs for whatever reason.
- e) This Circular together with all annexes is available for down load at **www.ugc.ac.lk**
- f) If further clarifications are required in this regard please contact Accountant /UGC on 011-2685021 or Senior Assistant Accountant/Budget & Finance on 011-2123490.
- g) This Circular is issued in terms of provision of Budget Circular No: 09/2019 dated 31st December 2019.



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Chairman

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1. Secretary/Ministry of Higher Education, Technology & Innovation
 2. Director General- National Budget Department
 3. Vice-Chairman/UGC
 4. Secretary / UGC
 5. Registrars of Universities/SAR/AR of Institutes/Campuses
 6. Accountant/UGC
 7. Bursars of Universities/SAB/AB of Institutes/Campuses
 8. Engineer/IDD/UGC
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 10. Internal Auditor/UGC
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SUMMARY - RECURRENT GRANT

	University/Institute	Jan-Apr 2020 Rs. '000
1	University of Peradeniya	2,610,000
2	University of Colombo	1,475,000
3	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	1,800,000
4	University of Kelaniya	1,390,000
5	University of Moratuwa	1,050,000
6	University of Jaffna / Vavuniya Campus	1,230,000
7	University of Ruhuna	1,380,000
8	The Open University of Sri Lanka	580,000
9	Eastern University, Sri Lanka	550,000
10	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	500,000
11	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	650,000
12	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	600,000
13	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	550,000
14	Uva Wellassa University	375,000
15	University of the Visual & Performing Arts	365,000
16	Trincomalee Campus	115,000
17	Postgraduate Institute of Medicine	45,000
18	Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture	20,000
19	Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology	28,000
20	Postgraduate Institute of Science	5,000
21	Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies	20,000
22	Postgraduate Institute of Management	-
23	Postgraduate Institute of English	9,000
24	Postgraduate Institute of Humanities & Social Sciences	6,000
25	Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine	8,000
26	Institute of Indigenous Medicine	180,000
27	Institute of Human Resource Advancement	35,000
28	University of Colombo School of Computing	120,000
29	Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute	120,000
30	Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa	150,000
31	National Institute of Library and Information Sciences	6,000
32	Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	30,000
33	Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies	100,000
34	The National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities & Social Sciences	8,000
35	Institute for Agro-Technology and Rural Sciences	30,000
36	University Grants Commission	180,000
	Payment of Mahapola & Bursary	680,000
	TOTAL	17,000,000

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SUMMARY - CAPITAL GRANT

	University/Institute	Jan-Apr 2020 Rs. '000
1	University of Peradeniya	325,000
2	University of Colombo	325,000
3	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	350,000
4	University of Kelaniya	200,000
5	University of Moratuwa	275,000
6	University of Jaffna / Vavuniya Campus	250,000
7	University of Ruhuna	170,000
8	Open University of Sri Lanka	30,000
9	Eastern University, Sri Lanka	125,000
10	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	115,000
11	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	125,000
12	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	125,000
13	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	125,000
14	Uva Wellassa University	125,000
15	University of the Visual & Performing Arts	100,000
16	Trincomalee Campus	135,000
17	Postgraduate Institute of Medicine	35,000
18	Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture	3,000
19	Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology	2,500
20	Postgraduate Institute of Science	3,000
21	Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies	100,000
22	Postgraduate Institute of Management	-
23	Postgraduate Institute of English	2,000
24	Postgraduate Institute of Humanities & Social Sciences	2,500
25	Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine	3,500
26	Institute of Indigenous Medicine	15,000
27	Institute of Human Resource Advancement	3,000
28	University of Colombo School of Computing	15,000
29	Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute	25,000
30	Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa	7,500
31	National Institute of Library and Information Sciences	500
32	Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	2,500
33	Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies	10,000
34	The National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities & Social Sciences	15,000
35	Institute for Agro-Technology and Rural Sciences	20,000
36	University Grants Commission	115,000
	Establishment of Technology Faculty of the Universities	875,000
	Accommodation facilities to Faculty staff of the Universities	15,000
	Infrastructure facilities for introduction of new courses for the Faculty of Medicine - WUSL (Phase I)	225,000
	Encourage accreditation with Professional bodies of International repute	5,000
	Support the University of Colombo for new initiatives undertaken by the Department of Statistics	50,000
	Strengthening state of the art library facility and an IT Centre at the Vavuniya Campus	50,000
	TOTAL	4,500,000