

WELFARE FACILITIES

CHAPTER 7

This Chapter presents the current status of permanent hostel facilities and financial scholarship schemes (Mahapola scholarships and Bursary) awarded for undergraduate students in Universities and HEIs.

Hostel Facilities: The Table 7.1 includes number of students can be accommodated in permanent hostels as at 31st December 2023.

Mahapola Scholarship: Mahapola Scholarships are awarded by the Mahapola Trust Fund affiliated to the Ministry of Trade and Consumer Affairs. Financial cost of Mahapola scholarship is shared by the UGC and Mahapola Trust Fund. The selection process is principally handled by the UGC and the criteria is decided by the UGC

University Bursary: The University Bursary offers to students who are not eligible for the Mahapola scholarship. Bursary is awarded by the University according to the criteria approved by the UGC. The number of Mahapola scholarships and Bursaries awarded in 2023 financial year are presents in the Table 7.2.

Table 07 - 01

HOSTEL FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS : 2023
(Universities and HEIs established under the Universities Act.)

University/HEI	Number of students can be Accommodated			Undergraduate Enrolment	% can be Accommodated
	Male	Female	Total		
University of Colombo ⁽⁵⁾	1658	3494	5152	13078	39.4%
Sripalee Campus		304	304	789	38.5%
University of Peradeniya	3183	5282	8465	13309	63.6%
University of Sri Jayewardenepura	1517	3950	5467	16142	33.9%
University of Kelaniya	1110	3513	4623	15195	30.4%
University of Moratuwa	1220	754	1974	8748	22.6%
University of Jaffna	1753	2592	4345	11353	38.3%
University of Ruhuna	2246	3340	5586	13455	41.5%
Eastern University, Sri Lanka	1119	2718	3837	5430	70.7%
Trincomalee Campus	494	890	1384	2191	63.2%
South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	1316	2319	3635	6481	56.1%
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	1276	3520	4796	7839	61.2%
Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	1174	1714	2888	7566	38.2%
Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	1263	2495	3758	6244	60.2%
Uva Wellassa University	224	280	504	4681	10.8%
University of Visual & Performing Arts	400	1124	1524	2837	53.7%
Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine		134	134	1138	11.8%
University of Vavuniya, Sri Lanka	396	596	992	2704	36.7%
Swamy Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies		360	360	1288	28.0%
Institute for Agro Technology and Rural Sciences	200	200	400	1146	34.9%
Institute of Technology University of Moratuwa	1392	400	1792	2338	76.6%
Total	21941	39979	61920	143952	43.0%

Note:

- (1) Some universities have reduced the capacity in new hostels while some others have increased the beds more than the capacity.
- (2) This represents only the facilities available in university hostels. However, in addition to these hostels, rented houses are provided to the students who satisfy the selection criteria of the University/HEI.
- (3) This excludes 3 hostels in Open University: Nawala, Kandy and Matara Regional Centres as they are provided on temporary basis.
- (4) University of Colombo School of Computing provides rented accommodation for students.
- (5) IIM became a faculty of University of Colombo in 2023.

Table 07 - 02

MAHAPOLA AND BURSARY RECEIPIENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS BY FACULTY : 2023
(Universities and HEIs established under the Universities Act.)

Academic Year		2021/2022		2020/2021		2019/2020		2018/2019		2017/2018		2016/2017		Total	
		Mahapola ⁽²⁾	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary
Colombo	Arts & Education		407		48	625	30	401	10		2			1026	497
	Law		151		1	292								292	152
	Management and Finance		289		25	493	10	392	11					885	335
	Medicine			203		188								391	0
	Science		134		22	246	15	178	14					424	185
	Physiotherapy				3	22	1	15	1					37	5
	Technology		156		8	210	7	160	2					370	173
	Nursing		14			57	7	25	14					82	35
	Indigenous Medicine				21	102	31	103	22	104	48	64	111	373	233
	<i>Sri Palee Campus</i>			41	117	42	115	50	73					133	305
Total	0	1151	244	245	2277	216	1324	147	104	50	64	111	4013	1920	
Peradeniya	Arts			747	107	896	92	670	43					2313	242
	Agriculture			148	34	163	23	132	19	132	19			575	95
	Allied Health Sciences			124	17	108	19	95	21	97				424	57
	Dental Science			45	7	34	8	35	1	29	2	24		167	18
	Engineering			181	22	219	14	182	11	209	11			791	58
	Medicine			145	3	176	2	158	2	150	1	158		787	8
	Science			235	39	254	51	243	41	206	39			938	170
	Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science			43	5	32	7	43	4	30	3			148	19
	Management			96	20	105	25	122	5					323	50
Total	0	0	1764	254	1987	241	1680	147	853	75	182	0	6466	717	
Sri Jayewardenepura	Applied Science ⁽¹⁾		292	323	103	287	136	296	58					906	589
	Humanities and Social Sciences		722	599	117	560	173	649	73					1808	1085
	Management Studies and Commerce		726	919	81	961	86	974						2854	893
	Medical Sciences		41	81	3	81	3	79	5					241	52
	Dental Sciences		8	10	1									10	9
	Urban & Aquatic Bioresources		47	33	19									33	66
	Allied Health Sciences		119	101	25	76	20	41						218	164
	Engineering		45	63	5	71	17	61						195	67
	Technology		252	330	21	366	10	129	12					825	295
	Computing		36											0	36
Total	0	2288	2459	375	2402	445	2229	148	0	0	0	0	7090	3256	
Kelaniya	Commerce & Management Studies			488	159	451	192	511	57	497	48			1947	456
	Humanities & Social Sciences			724	338	680	460	998	97	901	107			3303	1002
	Medicine			119	26	98	26	91	12	83	11	51	21	442	96
	Science			349	105	252	116	220	158	89	41			910	420
	Computing and Technology			183	10	156	18	135	8	120	16			594	52
Total	0	0	1863	638	1637	812	1955	332	1690	223	51	21	7196	2026	

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		Mahapola ⁽²⁾	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary
Moratuwa	Architecture		143	208	75	235	96	171	58	26				640	372
	Engineering		185	592	25	576	29	584	15					1752	254
	Information Technology		106	186	21	200	14	149	11					535	152
	Business Science		24	82	11	78	27	54	5					214	67
	Medicine		16	39	0	44	4							83	20
	Total	0	474	1107	132	1133	170	958	89	26	0	0	0	3224	865
Jaffna	Agriculture			18	60	22	49	14	43	11	53			65	205
	Arts			182	280	173	338	305	235	306	206	289	96	1255	1155
	Law			51	4	64	4	43	2	52	3			210	13
	Engineering			83	1	99	3	87	2	70	2			339	8
	Management Studies & Commerce			111	238	88	290	190	121	222	90			611	739
	Siddha Medicine Unit			24	30	30	38	11	27	11	25	6	37	82	157
	Medicine			84	1	86	1	70	7	84				324	9
	Science			122	93	131	82	64	187	27	74			344	436
	Technology			169	15	133	80	87	55	104	43			493	193
	Allied Health Sciences			60	51	82	32	54	39	61	41			257	163
	Sri Ponnambalam Ramanathan Faculty of Performing and Visual Arts			16	183	7	105	29	164	40	29	121	5	213	486
Hindu Studies				41									0	41	
Total	0	0	920	997	915	1022	954	882	988	566	416	138	4193	3605	
Ruhuna	Agriculture			94	94	109	47	60	90	60	79	62		385	310
	Engineering		182	221	19	268	9	134	9	125	5			748	224
	Fisheries & Marine Sciences & Tech.			45	34	48	23	20	33	12	27			125	117
	Humanities and Social Sciences		513	161	166	117	496	268	97	306	102			852	1374
	Management & Finance		467	178	282	204	317	213	121	253	73			848	1260
	Medicine		31	99	7	105	2	94	3	79	3		15	377	61
	Science			249	160	252	112	95	161	109	147			705	580
	Technology			182	24	184	44	113	27	112	16	86		677	111
	Allied Health Sciences			83	80	74	66	35	61	30	37	31	33	253	277
	Total	0	1193	1312	866	1361	1116	1032	602	1086	489	179	48	4970	4314
Eastern	Agriculture		43	17	45	13	45	6	38	2	30			38	201
	Arts and Culture		601	73	518	110	500	225	317	219	83	449	37	1076	2056
	Commerce and Management		215	36	213	38	200	87	87					161	715
	Health Care Sciences		68	42	37	48	29	33	29	53	3			176	166
	Science		90	37	87	62	87	18	123	7	17			124	404
	Technology		66	63	10	39	48	35	26	42	20			179	170
	Transalation		23	2	18		14							2	55
	Trincomalee Campus														
	Applied Sciences			36	32	51	50	33	59	0				120	141
	Communication and Business Studies			51	265	39	298	79	150	24	55			193	768
	Siddha Medicine Unit			19	13	20	28	11	22	12	24	8	37	70	124
Total	0	1106	376	1238	420	1299	527	851	359	232	457	74	2139	4800	

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		Mahapola ⁽²⁾	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary
South Eastern	Applied Sciences			36	112	57	125	2	47					95	284
	Arts and Culture			145	167	104	227	145	37					394	431
	Engineering			54	5	60	16	40	8					154	29
	Islamic Studies & Arabic Language			22	335	25	350	9	23					56	708
	Management and Commerce			152	191	111	268	84	121					347	580
	Technology			98	18	65	92	56	49					219	159
	Total	0	0	507	828	422	1078	336	285	0	0	0	0	1265	2191
Rajarata	Agriculture			29	68		49	7	81	5	75			41	273
	Applied Sciences			70	128	88	166	32	199	4	132			194	625
	Management Studies			113	267	92	299	282	107		126			487	799
	Medicine & Allied Sciences			70	12	76	5	85	12	87	3		9	318	41
	Social Sciences and Humanities			118	256	99	316	234	128	104	73			555	773
	Technology			193	38	140	89	127	70	143	58			603	255
	Total	0	0	593	769	495	924	767	597	343	467	0	9	2198	2766
Sabaragamuwa	Agricultural Sciences		63	33	104	36	123	9	103	11	87			89	480
	Applied Sciences		66	57	140	74	157	37	118	32	128			200	609
	Geomatics		32	74	9	66	9	63	2	55	9			258	61
	Management Studies		245	95	216	85	260	135	152	176	97			491	970
	Social Sciences & Languages		159	67	157	55	198	98	114	87	100			307	728
	Technology		69	136	8	128	37	73	28	81	30			418	172
	Medicine		44	54	2	48	4	27	0	31	4			160	54
	Computing		30	90	30	85	24	27	34	31	26			233	144
Total	0	708	606	666	577	812	469	551	504	481	0	0	2156	3218	
Wayamba	Agriculture and Plantation Management		143	127	65	135	66	84	68					346	342
	Applied Sciences		62	33	65	22	78	9	88	9	57			73	350
	Business Studies & Finance		267	294	144	264	184	366	60					924	655
	Livestock, Fisheries & Nutrition		104	73	28	106	23	73	22					252	177
	Technology		140	131	12	172	20	83	5					386	177
	Medicine		41	46	4	65	3	26	2	33	1			170	51
	Total	0	757	704	318	764	374	641	245	42	58	0	0	2151	1752
Uva Wellassa	Animal Science & Export Agriculture			32	103	48	149	6	141	13	109			99	502
	Management			74	88	50	125	23	47	20	63			167	323
	Applied Science			109	48	106	93	55	59	44	68			314	268
	Technological Studies			189	16	145	100	92	34	82	50			508	200
	Total	0	0	404	255	349	467	176	281	159	290	0	0	1088	1293

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		Mahapola ⁽²⁾	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary
Visual & Performing Arts	Dance and Drama			65	180	68	180	103	101	124	104			360	565
	Music			44	97	45	72	39	50	58	64			186	283
	Visual Arts			31	50	32	56	45	25	42	27			150	158
	Total	0	0	140	327	145	308	187	176	224	195	0	0	696	1006
Gampaha Wickramarachchi	Indigenous Medicine		35	41	4	60	8	29	39	16	45	7	57	153	188
	Social Science & Management Studies		29	24	25									24	54
	Health Information & Communication Technology		211	147	197									147	408
	Total	0	275	212	226	60	8	29	39	16	45	7	57	324	650
Vavuniya	Business Studies		190	46	166	48	146	61	59	37	63			192	624
	Applied Science		102	33	100	39	120	9	40	5	22			86	384
	Technological Studies		0	68	14	27	74	16	36	24	52			135	176
	Total	0	292	147	280	114	340	86	135	66	137	0	0	413	1184
University of Colombo School of Computing		0		110	21	130	23	35	3					275	47
Institute of Technology University of Moratuwa					295	159	323							159	618
Swamy Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies					202		243		158		144		26	0	773
Grand Total		0	8244	13468	8932	15347	10221	13385	5668	6460	3452	1356	484	50016	37001

Note:(1) Processing as of 31st December 2023