POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR

Applications are invited from members of the academic staff of the University of Peradeniya for the post of Director of the Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS), University of Peradeniya.

The Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS) is a national institute established by an Order made by the Minister under Section 24A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, with the objective of providing, promoting and developing higher education in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Its structure, powers, duties and functions are prescribed by the Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences Ordinance No. 02 of 2013. In accordance with the Ordinance, applicants must be confirmed members of the academic staff of the University of Peradeniya.

In terms of the Ordinance of the PGIHS, the Director is a full-time officer who will be the Principal Executive Officer, Principal Academic Officer and Accounting Officer of the Institute. The Director is an ex-officio member and Chairperson of the Board of Management and an ex-officio member of each Board of Study of the Institute. The appointed Director shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of appointment or until reaching the age of 65 years, whichever occurs earlier. Applicants must be citizens of Sri Lanka and below 63 years of age as at the closing date for applications.

The vision of the Institute is to be a leader in postgraduate education, research, and critical thinking in the Humanities and Social Sciences in Sri Lanka, and a center of excellence in the region. In line with its Corporate Plan, the Institute aims to expand its academic programmes and research portfolio by introducing new, demand-driven multidisciplinary programmes and active engagement in research and community outreach. Accordingly, the Board of Management of the PGIHS seeks an individual with a strong academic background, an excellent record in research and management, and the vision and leadership capabilities required to fulfil the mission of the Institute.

Applicants should possess postgraduate qualifications, preferably a PhD, together with relevant administrative experience. They should have strong interpersonal skills to work effectively in a multidisciplinary academic environment and demonstrate an understanding of the Institute's commitment to community engagement. The successful candidate will be responsible for providing academic leadership and fostering effective working relationships with other units of the University and national and international institutions. The Director shall be entitled to the salary and other allowances applicable to the post.

Applicants are required to submit their applications together with a comprehensive curriculum vitae including their date of birth, a statement of vision for the development of the Institute, and a brief account of what they propose to achieve if appointed to the post of Director. Applications should be sent under registered cover or delivered by hand to the **Assistant Registrar, Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya**, to reach the above office on or before 4.00 p.m. on 19th November 2026. The envelope should be clearly marked "Post of Director, Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Peradeniya" on the top left-hand corner. In addition, a soft copy of the above documents together with any other supporting documents in **PDF** format should be sent via electronic mail to ar@pgihs.ac.lk.

The selection will be made in the manner set out in the University Grants Commission Circular No. 01/2024 dated 01st January 2024 issued by the UGC. Please refer to the aforesaid Circular for further details on the procedure of appointment to the post of Director.

Further details could be obtained from the Assistant Registrar, Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, by telephone on 081-2388957, by email at ar@pgihs.ac.lk, or through the Institute's website at www.pgihs.ac.lk.

Assistant Registrar
Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences
University of Peradeniya
20th October 2026