

Calling Applications for UGC – Griffith University, Australia (GU) Full PhD Scholarship Programme 2026

Griffith University, Australia (GU) and the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka (UGC) have entered into MoU with the objective of obtaining mutual benefits from scholarly interaction, cultural interchange, cooperative research and other forms of academic collaboration.

Griffith University will cover the full cost of tuition fees for a period of up to 3 years while within the limits approved by the UGC for Australia. UGC will provide candidates with a living stipend for a period of 3 years. As a partial Griffith University Postgraduate Research Scholarship to provide a living stipend (AUD 15,000 pa) Griffith will provide up to six (06) International Postgraduate Research Scholarships for 2026. Further the Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) will have to be borne by the candidate.

Candidates who are permanently appointed academic staff members of universities and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) under the University Grants Commission and who are eligible to apply for paid study leave for higher studies are eligible to apply for the above scholarship programme. Any field of study is accepted for PhD application.

Please use the following links for more information on the UGC - Griffith University, Australia (GU) Full PhD Scholarship programme 2026 and Guidelines for the UGC Postgraduate Grants Scheme.

1. <https://www.griffith.edu.au/research-study/scholarships/university-grants-commission-of-sri-lanka-and-griffith-university-phd-scholarships>
2. <https://www.ugc.ac.lk/downloads/dric/PG%20research%20grants/GUIDELINES.pdf>

Candidates should apply for the PhD programme online using the above mentioned link of the Griffith University.

Further, candidates should follow the guidelines for UGC Postgraduate Grants Scheme and submit their **duly filled application along with the project proposal and work plan** to the Vice Chairman, University Grants Commission. No.20 Ward Place, Colombo 07 through the formal channel (The relevant application format and project proposal format are available on the UGC website under DRIC). **Applicants are requested to email all the documents to dric@ugc.ac.lk in advance.**

Following to the selection by the Griffith University a structured interview will be held by the UGC for the shortlisted candidates for final selection.

As per the requirements of the Griffith University and the UGC Postgraduate Grants Scheme, selected candidates should possess the **Proof of English proficiency equivalent to not less than overall band of 6.5 IELTS (each band above 6.0).**

All selected candidates are required to enter into an agreement with University and UGC and comply with the guidelines for the UGC Postgraduate Grants Scheme in order to receive the UGC scholarship. Accordingly, candidates are advised to ensure that all requirements stipulated in the guidelines are duly fulfilled within the specified timelines.

The expected time for the commencement of the programme will be June 2026.

The Closing date of application is **20th February 2026**. Please contact UGC via dric@ugc.ac.lk for any clarifications.

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