

Oliver Abeynayake Dissertation Fellowship

Encouraging Original Research in the Humanities

The late Professor Oliver Abeynayake was a distinguished scholar renowned for his expertise in Buddhist Studies and Pali. In honor of his legacy of influential publications and significant contributions to Theravada Buddhist tradition, the Research Centre of Sigiri Global Campus is proud to establish the Oliver Abeynayake Dissertation Fellowship. This initiative is designed to support academic excellence and encourage original research among final-year undergraduate students in the Humanities.

What we offer

The fellowship aims to recognize outstanding scholarly potential and provide financial support to students engaged in producing high-quality, original dissertation work. It is our belief that this fellowship will foster a culture of rigorous, ethical, and independent research within the humanities disciplines.

Each selected fellow will receive a total grant of **LKR 50,000.00**, disbursed in two instalments:

- **First Instalment (50%):** Upon official announcement of the award.
- **Second Instalment (50%):** Upon submission of the completed dissertation to the university, contingent upon the adherence to the original proposal's core objectives and timeline.

What we expect from you

- Applicants must be registered 4th-year undergraduate students at any University (government or private) in Sri Lanka.
- The applicant's dissertation must be in a subject area within the Faculty of Humanities.
- Applicants must be actively working on their final year dissertation during the current academic year.
- The research must be the original work of the applicant.
- All submitted work must be free from plagiarism and any form of academic misconduct.

- The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools for the generation of core content, ideas, or written chapters is strictly prohibited. The Research Centre upholds the value of independent critical thinking and scholarly originality.
- Fellows are expected to maintain the highest standards of research ethics throughout their dissertation process.
- Medium of the research: Sinhala or English

Application Process

Eligible students are required to submit the following as a single PDF document to the Research Centre's official email address:

- **A completed application form .**
- **The first chapter of their dissertation OR a formal and standard research proposal.** This document must comprehensively outline the research topic, objectives, literature review, methodology, and expected outcomes.

Selection Process

- All submitted proposals will be reviewed by a committee of subject experts from the academic staff.
- The selection will be based on criteria including, but not limited to:
 - Clarity and originality of the research problem.
 - Strength of the theoretical and methodological framework.
 - Academic rigor and writing quality.
- Two (2) fellowship winners will be selected based on the committee's evaluation.

Closing date:

10th of December 2025

For further details and to submit applications, please contact:

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