

Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology (PGIAR) University of Kelaniya

1. Name of the course:

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ARCHAEOLOGY

1.1. Course code: **PDAR**

2. Admission criteria:

2.1. Bachelor's degree awarded by any recognized university (SLQF Level 5 or 6), or

2.2. Professional or any other such qualification recognized by the Board of Studies/Board of Management of PGIAR, and approved by the Senate of the University of Kelaniya. Following qualifications can be considered under this provision for admission to Postgraduate Diploma Programs of PGIAR: 1) Four year Higher National Diploma (HND) offered by the Ministry of Education; 2) Praacheena Panditha Avasana and 3) Attorney at Law qualification from the Law College of Sri Lanka, or a postgraduate diploma in any discipline from a recognized institution.

3. Duration: One year.

4. Medium: English

5. Number of credits: 30

6. Course structure:

Semester 1

PDAR 51015 Ways of knowing and narrating the past/ compulsory/ 5 credits

PDAR 51025 Historical archaeology / compulsory/ 5 credits

PDAR 51035 History of art and architecture of South Asia / compulsory/ 5 credits

Number of credits earned in Semester 1 is 15

Semester 2

PDAR 51045 Environmental Archaeology / compulsory/ 5credits

PDAR 52055 Pre and Proto Historic Archaeology / compulsory/ 5 credits

PDAR 52065 Epigraphy and Numismatics/ compulsory/ 5credits

Number of credits earned in Semester 2 is 15

Total number of credits earned for the fulfillment of requirements for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Archaeology: 30 (15+15)

7. Award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Archaeology

7.1 Pass

A candidate is eligible for the Postgraduate Diploma in Archaeology if he/she obtains,

I. Grades of B- or better in each of the course units offered and satisfactorily completes the mandatory field experience period, and

II. Completes the relevant requirements within a period of two academic years.

7.2 Merit Pass

A candidate shall be awarded a Merit Pass provided he/she

- I. Obtains grades of 'A-' or better in each of the course units offered and achieves a minimum GPA of 3.70, and
- II. Completes the relevant requirements in the first attempt

7.3 Distinction Pass

A candidate shall be awarded a Distinction Pass provided he/she

- I. Obtains grades of 'A' or better in each of the course units offered and achieves a minimum GPA of 4.0, and
- II. Completes the relevant requirements in the first attempt.

8. Payments

Application fee **Rs. 1000, International Candidate USD 20**
Registration fee **Rs. 1500, International Candidate USD 25**
Total Course Fee **Rs.100,000, International Candidate USD 750(USD 500+USD 250)**

The course fee can be paid in three installments. The first installment of Rs. 40,000 should be paid with the registration. The remaining amount Rs. 30,000 & Rs.30, 000 must be paid before examination of Duruthu and Vesak semester.

*For the candidates who are currently working at permanent positions at Central Cultural Fund, Department of Archaeology and Department of National Museum are applicable to follow up below payment structure.

Archaeology **Rs. 75000.00** [25000+25000+25000]

***Note: If the respective Institute pays on behalf of the student they are obliged to pay the full course fee of Rs. 100,000/=.**

9. Application procedure

The applications can be download by the web or can be obtained from the Assistant Registrar/Academic's office of the PGIAR

Duly completed applications should be sent before **15.11.2025** to:

The Assistant Registrar/Academic,
 Post Graduate Institute of Archaeology
 University of Kelaniya
 407, Bauddhaloka Mawatha,
 Colombo 07.

Please indicate "POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ARCHAEOLOGY" on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

Please forward the following along with your application;

- Certified copy of Birth certificate
- Certified copy of transcript of the degree
- Passport size two (colour) photographs

Tel: 0112667885/ 0112694151

Web: www.pgiar.kln.ac.lk

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