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MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN LAW

2025 - 2027

APPLICATION FORM

*Please answer each question clearly and completely. If you need more space, attach additional pages of the same size. Look at the last page for required additional documentation. Please forward this form and additional documentation by Registered Post to reach* *the Coordinator, M.Phil./Ph.D. Programmes, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Philip Gunawardena Mawatha, Colombo 07.*

The undersigned hereby applies for admission to the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo for the Postgraduate Degree of Master of Philosophy*.*

* 1. **Personal Data**

Name with initials: (Mr./Mrs./Miss): .........................................................................................

Full Name:

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Present Occupation/Employment: ..........................................................................................................................

Private Address: Office Address:

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E-mail: ………………………………….. Mobile: .............................................................

Marital Status: …………………………… Date of Birth: ………………………………...

Person to be notified in case of emergency

*(Name, address, telephone, relation to applicant)*

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* 1. **Educational Record** *(Please attach the photocopies of certificates)*

1. Degree

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2. Professional Qualifications

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3. Postgraduate Diploma

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5. Certificate Course

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**3. Employment Record / Traineeship Record** *(List in reverse order)*

| Name of Employer | Position held & Work description | Period  From | To |
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| (Present Employment) |  |  | To date |
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**4. Proposed Study Programme**

**Statement of Purpose** - Indicate the relevance of the proposed study programme for your work and your motivation for applying for the programme

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1. **Area of Research**

1. Broad Area: ...................................................................................................................................

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2. Specific Area: ................................................................................................................................

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3. Tentative Title: ..............................................................................................................................

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Please attach a **Research Proposal** (not more than 2000 words) consisting of the following: Research Problem, Hypothesis, Main Research Question and Sub questions & Research Methodology.

**6. Evidence of Research**

Please list titles of recent research publications. (Please attach copies)

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**7.** **Reference**

*References are required from* ***two*** *people of high academic or professional standing. (It is preferred that at least one reference is from a person who is familiar with your legal writing and research competencies) Please indicate below the names and addresses of those from whom we can expect to receive these letters.*

| Name & Address | Name & Address |
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**You are kindly** **requested to ask your referees to send the enclosed reference form (along with a certificated statement) directly to the** **Co-ordinator – M.Phil/Ph.D Programmes, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Phillip Gunawardena Mawtha, Colombo 07.**

**7. Other information**

*Please give any information you think might be important for consideration by the Admission Board, e.g. other experiences in public affairs, relevant travel abroad.*

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**8. Signature**

I certify that the statements made by me in answer to the above questions are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I can make a commitment of 18 hours per week to the work entailed in the programme.

(Place) ……………………………………. (Date) ………………………………….

(Signature) ………………………………………………………………………………….

The completed form should be sent by **registered post** to the Coordinator, M.Phil./Ph.D .Programmes, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Philip Gunawardena Mawatha, (Reid Avenue), Colombo 7.

**For Further details:**

Email: [pgu@law.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:pgu@law.cmb.ac.lk) Telephone: 2502750

This application should be accompanied with the following:

**9. Check List**

1. **letters** of recommendation from two referees, sent directly to the address indicated above**, with the accompanying referee’s forms**

1. **Evidence of Research Publications**

1. a one-page essay describing **professional career goals**

1. a one-page summary of **the Final Papers/Extended Essay/Thesis written for a previously obtained law degree/ or an equivalent qualification**
2. a copy of the **application payment receipt**.
3. copies of **educational certificate**
4. Research Proposal

**Selection is carried out on a competitive basis. Incomplete applications will not be considered by the Admission Board. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the document No 1. Above is sent directly to the address indicated above within 2 weeks from the closing date of the application.**

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

**FACULTY OF LAW**

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN LAW

2025

Referee Form I

This section to be filled out by applicant before passing it on to the referee:

Name of applicant:

Last First Middle

Programme applying for:

* **Master of Philosophy in Law - 2025**

This section to be filled out by referee:

NOTE: It would be of assistance to the Admission Board if you would give your candid evaluation of the above named applicant. We are aware that we are asking for considerable time and effort on your part in completing this form. We want to assure you that your assistance in giving this appraisal will be appreciated. The report is requested from you and, if supplied, received on a confidential basis and on the clear understanding that the Faculty of Law will do everything in its power to respect and maintain that confidence. The report will be disclosed only to those immediately involved in the admission process.

The questions below suggest the type of information, which the Faculty of Law finds useful, but they are provided only as a guide for your convenience. The more specifically you can describe the applicant’s strengths and weaknesses, the more useful the information will be. What do you consider the applicant’s abilities or strengths?  Please comment on the applicant's ability for graduate admission, the qualifications and experience.

* 1. How long have you known the applicant? ………………………………………………...
  2. In what capacity have you known the applicant? ………………………………………….

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1. Ability to undertake study at this post-graduate level:  
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4. Special remarks (if any):

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5. Please rate the applicant in comparison with other students known to you who have applied for admission to graduate schools. This rating should accompany your letter of recommendation, not replace it.

Excellent Above average Average Below average Low

Intellectual ability ∉ ∉ ∉ ∉ ∉

Ability in: oral expression ∉ ∉ ∉ ∉ ∉

written expression ∉ ∉ ∉ ∉ ∉

Motivation for proposed

programme of study ∉ ∉ ∉ ∉ ∉

Background for proposed

programme of study ∉ ∉ ∉ ∉ ∉

6. How do you rate the applicant in overall ability and promise in comparison with other students at the same level of training?

| ∉ Equal to the best in any department. | ∉ Will perform at a superior level wherever admitted. | ∉Performance should be up to average of most graduate students. | ∉ Qualifications marginal, but warrants consideration. | ∉ Questionable whether admission to further study is warranted. | ∉ Not able to judge. |
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Last First Middle

Programme applying for :

* **Master of Philosophy in Law - 2025**

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