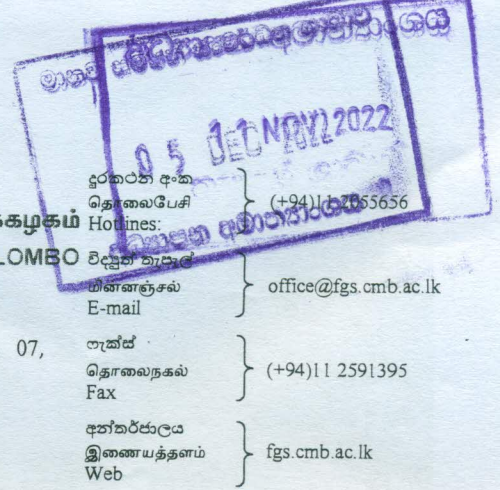


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October 31, 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Master of Development Studies (MDS)- 2023

The Faculty of Graduate Studies of the University of Colombo is to commence the Master of Development Studies programme in January 2023. The University is of the view that the above programme would be very much appropriate for staff working in your ministry / department / Institution. MDS aims to provide an opportunity to gain broad understanding of development related issues. The programme offers great opportunities to students to gain knowledge in advanced theories related to development and capacity building in practical research in current and emerging issues related to development. Bringing together critical theories from across the social sciences, this expansive cross-disciplinary programme allows students to enhance their knowledge and analytical skills.

MDS provides hands-on experience in development studies as we train students to become an effective administrator and planner. This programme also offers students with a high-quality academic training in development studies to understand the processes, policy and practice of development. We encourage potential applicants from various educational backgrounds and disciplines such as economics, geography, sociology, political science, history, demography, law, science, commerce, management, and other related fields to apply. It is also targeted at development practitioners working as project managers and coordinators in ministries, district secretariats, divisional secretariats, provincial councils, local government bodies, and NGOs. With grounding in wide ranging areas of study, students will leave this programme with a comprehensive knowledge of the development and its real-world applications.

Your kind assistance is solicited to take the above message to your staff. They may also be informed to visit the Faculty website (<https://fgs.cmb.ac.lk/>) where all necessary information is available and applications could be downloaded or to contact Senior Professor K. Amirthalingam, Course Coordinator at 0777697572 or Course Assistant Email: mds@fgs.cmb.ac.lk . Perfected applications can be sent along with the bank receipt after depositing the application fee (3000/=) to the Faculty Account no **318-0213-0000-8** at any Branch of the Peoples' Bank.

Your cooperation in this endeavor of national importance is very much appreciated.

With kind regards

Yours truly

Senior Professor K Amirthalingam
Course Coordinator – MDS Programme

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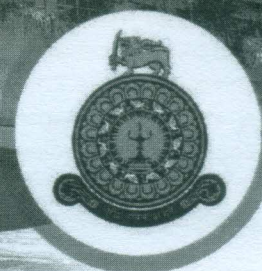
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- ▶ Any other Bachelor's degree, with prior learning/work experience in Development studies; OR
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- ▶ A good knowledge of the English language and satisfactory performance at a selection test/ selection interview.

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Duration: One Year

Medium: English

Commencement: January 2023

Lectures on: Weekends

Programme Fee (Local Student): LKR. 190,000/=

(Only the local students can be paid the programme fee in installments.)

Programme Fee (Foreign Student): 3000 USD

HOW TO APPLY

Application form can be downloaded from the Faculty website fgs.cmb.ac.lk. Completed application form along with the certified copies of National Identity Card, Birth Certificate, relevant educational and professional qualifications and work experience (if any) and payment slips should be scanned and sent via email (mds@fgs.cmb.ac.lk). In addition, the hard copies of these certified documents should also be sent through the registered post to reach the Senior Assistant Registrar, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo, No 35/30, Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha, Colombo 07 on or before **15th November 2022**. Please mention the programme name on the left side of the envelope.

Application fee of **LKR 3,000/= (Local Students) / USD 15 (Foreign Students)** can be paid by using the code **318021300008** through any People's Bank Branch or by using the online payment portal (pay.cmb.ac.lk).

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