

# STUDENT HANDBOOK



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## Message from the Vice Chancellor

I have great pleasure in welcoming the freshers to the Faculty of Medicine at the inauguration ceremony.

The Faculty of Medicine is a well-established faculty at the University of Jaffna, with dedicated teachers and a conducive learning environment. Gaining admission to the Jaffna MBBS programme is indeed a privilege.



The goal of the MBBS programme is to train competent and compassionate doctors. As such, the curriculum is designed to integrate theoretical knowledge with practical skills, enhance personal and professional development, and mould students into self-directed and life-long learners.

The University of Jaffna is a residential university that offers a range of opportunities for involvement in extracurricular activities. The University has a number of student groups involved in environmental exploration, conservation, scientific innovation, photography, travel, as well as culture, music, drama, and religious and social activities. Medical students should make use of these opportunities to enhance physical and mental health, leadership traits, interpersonal, and communication skills.

This student handbook is intended to assist you as you begin your university career. It includes information on academic, social, and personal development opportunities as well as information and resources to help you access services and make better choices. It also provides an overview of the University of Jaffna's and the Faculty of Medicine's norms, regulations, and academic procedures. I encourage all of you to review it carefully.

Finally, I wish you all, our new entrants, a wonderful and unforgettable time at the university, as well as every success in your future endeavours.

**PROFESSOR. S. SRISATKUNARAJAH**

Vice Chancellor,

University of Jaffna.

## **Message from the Dean**

Congratulations on your admission to the Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna.

We welcome you to one of the leading medical faculties in the country. Over the last 43 years, our Faculty has produced able and compassionate graduates who have excelled in the field of medicine and served in this country and abroad.



The process of learning at the Faculty of Medicine requires passion and motivation throughout the five-year course. Please take advantage of the learning opportunities to the maximum, and develop and strengthen your networks by collaborating closely with our staff and students during your time at the Faculty.

We hope that you will honour the traditions of our Faculty, abide by the University rules and the law of the country, and ultimately return the investment that the country has entrusted in you.

This handbook provides information about the Faculty, student responsibilities and conduct, the MBBS programme and the facilities available. Please take time to read the handbook and understand the University and Faculty set up and procedures.

I wish you good luck and success in your academic journey.

**PROFESSOR. R. SURENTHIRAKUMARAN**

Dean,

Faculty of Medicine,

University of Jaffna.

## The Crest of the University



The figure of the sacred cow [Nanthi] comes from the flag of the Jaffna Kingdom, which prevailed in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries.

The traditional lamp reflects the light of wisdom. The flames in the outer circle reflect the 64 disciplines of learning in Tamil culture.

The motto comes from the famous Tamil literary work, “Thirukural” meaning ‘wisdom is finding the truth’.

“எப்பொருள் எத்தன்மையாயினும் அப்பொருள்  
மெய்ப்பொருள் காண்பதறிவு”

குறள் 355 : அதிகாரம் - மெய்யுணர்தல்

*Finding the truth in everything, whatever its nature, is wisdom.*

“எப்பொருள் யார்யார்வாய்க் கேட்பினும் அப்பொருள்  
மெய்ப்பொருள் காண்ப தறிவு”

குறள் 423 - அதிகாரம் - அறிவுடைமை

*Finding the truth in everything, whoever said, is wisdom.*



## **Officials of the University**

### **Chancellor**

Professor. S. Pathmanathan

### **Vice Chancellor**

Professor. S. Srisatkunarajah

### **Dean of the Faculty of Medicine**

Professor. R. Surenthirakumaran

### **Registrar**

Mr. V. Kandeepan

### **Deputy Registrar – Faculty of Medicine**

Mr. N. Arumugathash

### **Bursar**

Mr. K. Sureshkumar

### **Proctor**

Dr. A. Vengadaramana

### **Deputy Proctor**

Prof. K. Muhunthan

### **Librarian (Acting)**

Mr.S.Ketheeswaren

### **Senior Assistant Librarian – Faculty of Medicine**

Ms. K. Murugathas

**Assistant Registrar/Welfare Services**

Ms. J. C. Aravintharaj

**Student Counsellors – Faculty of Medicine**

Dr.(Ms) R. Niranjan

Dr. (Ms) T. S. Navaratinarjah

Dr.P. A. D. Coonghe

Dr. S. Gobishangar

Dr. (Ms) N. Umasankar

Dr. T. Yoganathan

**Senior Treasurer Medical Student Union**

Dr. S. Gobishangar

**Coordinator - Well Being Cell**

Dr. B. Balagobi

**Dean's Core Group for student-related issues**

Prof. S. Sivayokan

Dr. S. Premakrishna

Dr. S. Uthayakumar

Dr. P. Lakshman

Dr. T. Sooriyakumar

**Wardens**

Kanagasundaram Hostel - Dr. S. Gobishangar

Sivgnanasundaram Hostel - Dr.(Ms).N.Umasankar

**Sub Wardens**

Kanagasundaram Hostel - Mr. V. Kugatharsan

Sivagnanasundaram Hostel - Ms. G. Jatheesan

## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1 University of Jaffna**

The University of Jaffna was established in 1974 as a small campus on a 30-acre piece of land belonging to Parameswara College founded by the Philanthropist, Sir Ponnampalam Ramanathan. The University has grown since and is today home to ten faculties, with a student population of over 10000.



**Figure 1:** Administrative building of the University of Jaffna.

### **1.2 Faculty of Medicine**

The very first medical school in the country was set up in the village of Manipay in Jaffna in 1848 by Dr. Samuel Fisk Green, an American missionary doctor. After its closure in 1879, the north had to wait over a century for the next medical school.

The Faculty of Medicine of the University of Jaffna was established on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 1978 as the third state medical faculty in the country. The Provincial Hospital in Jaffna was declared the Teaching Hospital of the Faculty that year.

At first the pre-clinical course was conducted at Kaithady in the buildings of the Ayurvedic Teaching Hospital (now the Unit of Siddha Medicine, University of Jaffna). The foundation for the Faculty building in Thirunelvely was laid on November 29th 1979 by the late Prof. S. Vithiananthan, the University's first Vice Chancellor.

Prof. A. A. Hoover, Professor of Biochemistry, was the founder Dean of the Faculty. His successors ably built on the strong foundations laid by him. Prof. S. Raviraj is the first alumnus of the Faculty to take up the position; the present Dean, Dr. R. Surenthirakumaran, is also an alumnus.



**Figure 2:** Entrance to the Faculty building

The Faculty went through a period of immense hardship with the worsening of the armed conflict, and had to temporarily relocate towards the end of 1995 and resumed functioning at Thirunelvely in mid-1996. Despite these setbacks, the Faculty continued to train students with the support of the extended faculty of specialists at the Teaching Hospital. The faculty has produced around 3000 doctors, with many serving with distinction.



**Figure 3:** The Hoover Auditorium (Opened in 2014)

Levels staffing, both at the Faculty and the Teaching Hospital have improved since the end of the war. Today, the Faculty strives towards innovation and improvement, aiming to produce doctors who are better able to meet the challenges of the future.

### **1.3 Vision and Mission**

#### **1.3.1 Vision**

To be a leading center of excellence in teaching, learning, research and scholarship in the field of medicine.

#### **1.3.2 Mission**

To be a leading center of excellence which produces intellectual, competent, compassionate and dedicated health care professionals to meet the emerging needs of the local, national and international community.

#### **1.3.3 Objectives**

1. To provide an undergraduate training programme that will enable the medical graduates of the Faculty to achieve well defined objectives and motivate them to deliver appropriate medical care to the community;
2. To participate actively in the delivery of health care to the community;
3. To encourage basic and applied research, particularly the identification and investigation of regional and national health problems as well as indigenous medicine and therapeutics;
4. To provide training programs for supporting staff in the health care system.
5. To provide continuing medical education to medical graduates, and participate actively in postgraduate training; and
6. To promote inter Faculty and inter University academic and cultural activities.

#### **1.3.4 Outcomes**

At the end of the MBBS course the graduate should be able to:

1. Apply basic and behavioural sciences knowledge in solving individual and population health issues.

2. Demonstrate communication, clinical and procedural skills in patient care.
3. Investigate, diagnose and manage common clinical problems and emergencies.
4. Promote individual and population health and institute preventive measures.
5. Utilise IT and record keeping skills necessary for medical practice.
6. Demonstrate leadership qualities, administrative skills and management skills.
7. Perform medico legal procedures and provide expertise to a court of law.
8. Demonstrate self-learning and continuous professional development.
9. Apply the principles of ethical practice in personal and professional life.
10. Educate peers and other members of the health care team.
11. Perform critical appraisal of research literature, practice evidence-based medicine, and conduct research.
12. Enhance public health through promotion of peace and prevention of violence.

#### **1.4 Map of the Faculty of Medicine**

The layout of the Faculty is shown on the next page.

# LAYOUT OF FACULTY OF MEDICINE

## UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA



### GROUND FLOOR

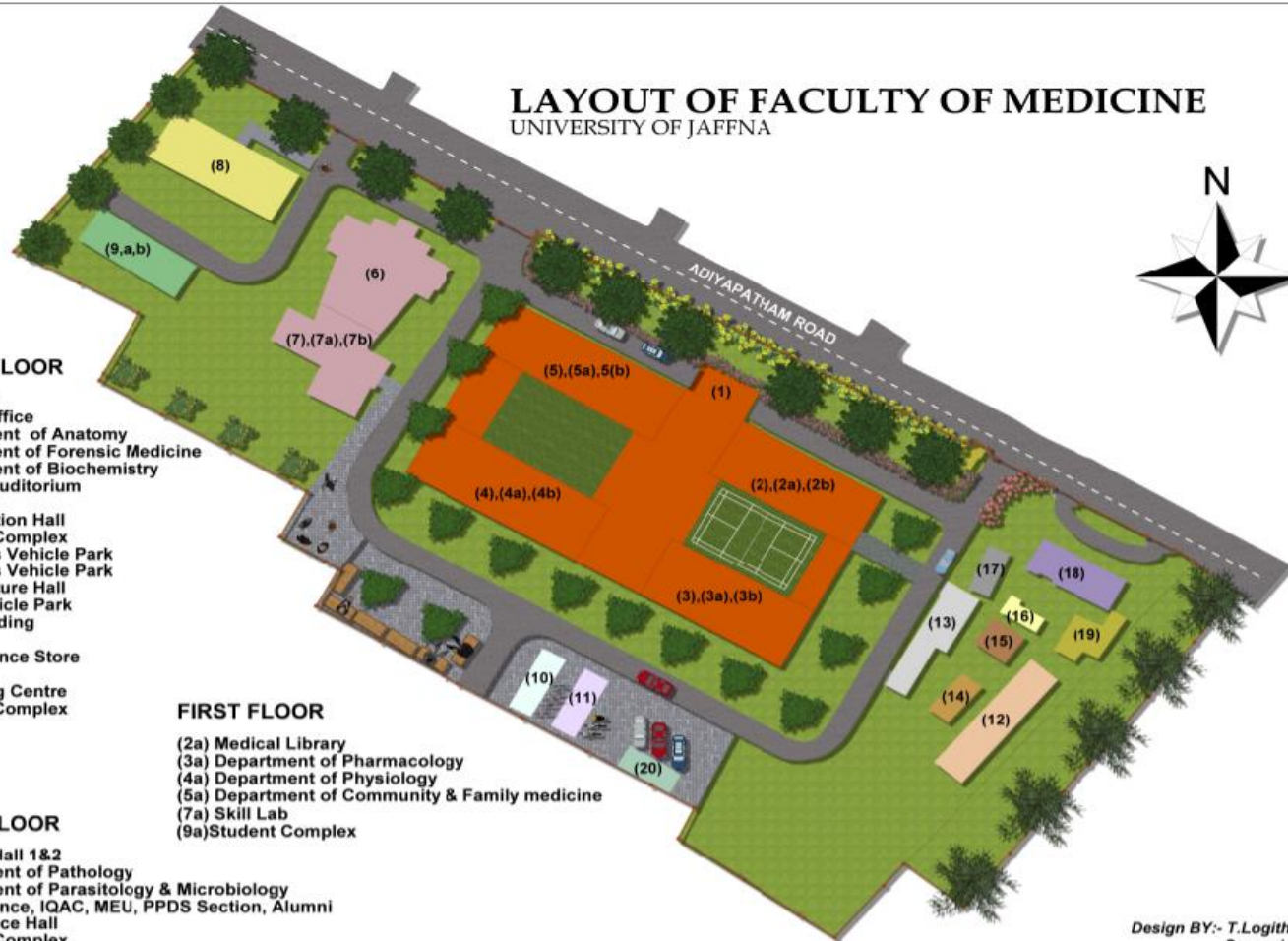
- (01) Entrance
- (02) Dean's Office
- (04) Department of Anatomy
- (03) Department of Forensic Medicine
- (05) Department of Biochemistry
- (06) Hoover Auditorium
- (07) Canteen
- (08) Examination Hall
- (09) Student Complex
- (10) Student's Vehicle Park
- (11) Student's Vehicle Park
- (12) AHS Lecture Hall
- (13) Staff Vehicle Park
- (14) AHS Building
- (15) Yard
- (16) Maintenance Store
- (17) Store
- (18) Wellbeing Centre
- (19) Student Complex
- (20) Garage

### FIRST FLOOR

- (2a) Medical Library
- (3a) Department of Pharmacology
- (4a) Department of Physiology
- (5a) Department of Community & Family medicine
- (7a) Skill Lab
- (9a) Student Complex

### SECOND FLOOR

- (2b) Lecture Hall 1&2
- (3b) Department of Pathology
- (4b) Department of Parasitology & Microbiology
- (5b) Maintenance, IQAC, MEU, PPDS Section, Alumni
- (7b) Conference Hall
- (9b) Student Complex



Design BY:- T.Logithan  
Supervisor

## 1.5 The Office of the Dean

The Office of the Dean is the administrative center of the faculty and the Dean is the academic and administrative head of the faculty. The other administrative officer is the Deputy Registrar of the Faculty. More details regarding the Dean's Office and its staff are available [here](#) on the Faculty website under the Office of the Dean tab.

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**Figure 4:** West wing of the Faculty

### Dean

Prof. R. Surenthirakumaran      MBBS, PGD (Stat), MSc, MD

### Deputy Registrar

Mr. N. Arumugathash              BA, MPM

### Academic Support Staff

Ms. A. A. Alstan                      BSc      Programmer Cum Systems Analyst

Mr. S. Pathmasivam                  BSc      Assistant Network Manager



## **Support Staff**

Mr. S. Sinthujan	Management Assistant
Ms. S. Mahintharaj	Management Assistant
Ms. S. Kobinath	Management Assistant
Ms. K. Chandrakumar	Management Assistant
Ms. T. Srishanmuganathan	Management Assistant
Mr. V. Gajenthiran	Technical Officer
Mr. K. Kajan	Technical Officer
Mr. K. Manivannan	Technical Officer
Mr. S. Thuvakaran	Technical Officer
Ms. K. Nalendran	Technical Officer
Ms. S. Dhayaparan	Technical Officer
Mr. K. Bakeekaran	Technical Officer
Mr. S. Thilojan	Instrument Mechanic
Mr. T. Sanseef	Electrician
Mr. G. Robin	Plumber
Mr. S. Karthikeyan	Works Aide
Mr. P. Vijayenthiran	Works Aide
Mr. P. Gopalapillai	Health Service Labourer
Mr. N. Varatharasa	Driver

## **1.6 Academic Departments and Units**

The Faculty of Medicine comprises 14 departments:

Department of Anatomy

Department of Biochemistry

Department of Physiology

Department of Community and Family Medicine

Department of Forensic Medicine

Department of Microbiology

Department of Parasitology

Department of Pathology  
Department of Pharmacology  
Department of Medicine  
Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology  
Department of Paediatrics  
Department of Psychiatry  
Department of Surgery

Units:

Medical Education and Audio-Visual Unit  
Nuclear Medicine Unit

## **Academic Departments and the Academic and Non-Academic Staff**

### **1.6.1 Department of Anatomy**

#### **Head**

Dr. (Ms) S. Udhayakumar	BVSc, MPhil	Senior Lecturer
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#### **Academic Staff**

Dr. (Ms) S. Ambikaipakan	BSc Hons, MPhil, PhD	Senior Lecturer
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Dr. T. Chenthuran	BVSc, PhD	Senior Lecturer
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Dr. (Ms) R. Niranjan	MBBS, MPhil	Senior Lecturer
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#### **Support Staff**

Mr. P. Saravanapavananthan	Staff Technical officer
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Mr. M. Sathiyaseelan	Staff Technical officer
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Mr. N. Manoranjan	Technical officer
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Mrs. S. Suriyakumar	Management Assistant
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Mr. M. Francis	Laboratory Attendant
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Mr. T. Umashankar	Laboratory Attendant
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Mr. A. Thuraisingam	Health Service Labourer
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Mr. G. Tepis	Postmortem Labourer [Contract]
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Mr. C. Newton	Postmortem Labourer [Contract]
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### **1.6.2 Department of Biochemistry**

**Head**

Prof. (Ms) V. Arasaratnam      BSc, MSc, PhD      Senior Professor

**Academic staff**

Dr. K. Kandeepan      BVSc, MPhil. MSc      Senior Lecturer  
(*On study leave*)

Dr. (Ms) T. Paramanathan      BVSc      Lecturer (Prob)

**Support staff**

Mr. K. Thayaanathan      Chief Technical Officer

Mr. M. Sutharsan      Senior Staff Technical Officer

Mr. T. Aranraj      Technical Officer

Mr. J. Lajeepan      Laboratory Assistant

Mr. T. Sasikumar      Works Aide

**1.6.3 Department of Physiology****Head**

Dr. (Ms) M. Sooriyakanthan      BVSc, PGD in      Senior Lecturer  
Medical Physiology,  
~~Med Phys~~, PhD

**Academic staff**

Dr. (Ms) K. Sithamparampillai      MBBS, MSc, MD      Lecturer  
(Unconfirmed)

Dr. K. Sivapalan      MBBS, PhD.      Retd. Associate  
Professor  
(on assignment)

Dr. D. Gunarajasinagam      BVSc, MPhil, PhD      Retd. Senior  
Lecturer  
(on assignment)

~~Dr. (Ms) K. Sithamparampillai      MBBS, MSc, MD      Lecturer  
(Unconfirmed)~~

**Support staff**

Mr. S.B. Rameskumar      Staff Technical Officer

Mr. V. Vaheesan      Technical Officer

Ms. S. Mayooran      Technical officer

Ms. T. Sathiyababu	Technical officer
Ms. I. Senthilnathan	Management Assistant
Mr. M. Kunaseelan	Laboratory Attendant
Mr. K.Jane Joy Jeyanth	Laboratory Attendant
Mr. T. Sanjeev	Laboratory Attendant
Mr. V. Koneswaran	Works Aid

#### 1.6.4 Department of Community and Family Medicine

##### Head

Dr. P. A. Dinesh Coonghe	MBBS, DCH, MSc, MD	Senior Lecturer
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##### Academic staff

Prof. R. Surenthirakumar	MBBS, PGD, MSc, MD	Professor in Community Medicine
Prof. B. Kumarendran	MBBS, MSc, MD	Professor of Community Medicine ( <i>On leave</i> )
Dr. S. Kumaran	MBBS, DFM, MD	Senior Lecturer
<b>Dr. (Ms) R. Kumar</b>	MBBS, SM, MSc, PhD	Senior Lecturer ( <i>On study leave</i> )
Dr. (Ms) S. Selvanathan	MBBS, MSc	Lecturer (Prob) ( <i>On study leave</i> )
Mr. S. Sivakanthan	BA, MPhil	Senior Lecturer

##### Support staff

Ms. V. Sureskumar	Staff Technical Officer
Mr. K. Mathusuthan	Technical Officer

Mr. V. Premakumar	Public Health Inspector
Ms. R. P. Saseenthan	Nursing Officer
Ms. T. Thananjeyan	Management Assistant
Ms. K. Tharasutha	Management Assistant
Ms. I. Devarajah	Lab Attendant
Mr. K. Balachandran	Works Aide

### **1.6.5 Department of Forensic Medicine**

#### **Head (Acting)**

Dr. S. Kumaran	MBBS, DFM, MD	Senior Lecturer
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#### **Course Coordinator**

Dr. U. Mayorathan	MBBS, DLM, MD	Visiting Lecturer
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#### **Academic Staff**

Dr. S. Pranavan	MBBS, DLM, MD	Visiting Lecturer
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Dr. K. Vasutheva	MBBS, DLM, MD	Visiting Lecturer
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#### **Support Staff**

Mr. K. Kirishanth	Technical Officer
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Mr. T. Sageenthan	Technical Officer
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Ms. M.P. Amalakumar	Management Assistant
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Mr. Y. Kayaruban	Laboratory Attendant
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Mr. K. Sathiyakumar	Laboratory Attendant
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Mr. B. Sathursan	Work Aide
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### **1.6.6 Department of Microbiology**

#### **Head**

Dr. (Ms) V. Ambalavanar	MBBS, MSc, MPhil	Senior Lecturer
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#### **Academic Staff**

Prof. (Ms) K. Murugananthan	BVSc, MPhil, PhD	Professor in Microbiology <i>(On Sabbatical Leave)</i>
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### **Support staff**

Ms. S. Krishnabavan	Technical Officer
Mr. M. Ragikaran	Technical Officer
Ms. S. Niththiyanantham	Technical Officer
Ms. S. Ravichandran	Management Assistant
Mr. S. Tharmasena	Laboratory Attendant
Mr. S. Sacikaran	Works Aide
Ms. D. Kartheepan	Works Aide

## **1.6.7 Department of Parasitology**

### **Head**

Dr. A. Muruganathan	BVSc, MPhil	Senior Lecturer
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### **Academic Staff**

Prof. S. Kannathan	BVSc, MPhil, PhD	Professor in Parasitology
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### **Support Staff**

Mr. K. Saaijinthan	Technical Officer
Ms. B. Parameswaran	Management Assistant
Mr. S. Thirumal	Lab Attendant
Mr. B. Thanujan	Works Aid

## **1.6.8 Department of Pathology**

## **Head**

Dr. (Ms) H. Sivakumar MBBS, Dip Path, MD Senior Lecturer

## **Academic Staff**

Dr. (Ms) J. M. M. Theepan MBBS, Dip in Histopathology  
~~Histopath~~, MD Lecturer (Prob)

Dr. (Ms) B. J. Thanenthiran MBBS, Dip in Histopathology  
~~Histopath~~ Lecturer (Prob)

Dr. (Ms) T. Arudselvan MBBS, Dip in Histopathology  
~~Histopath~~ Lecturer (Prob)

## **Support Staff**

Mr. S. Kalaraj Staff Technical Officer

Ms. K. Sivapatham Technical Officer

Ms. T. Kajendran Technical Officer

Mr. A. Thanansayan Lab Attendant

## **1.6.9 Department of Pharmacology**

### **Head**

Dr. (Ms) K. Sanchayan MBBS, PhD Senior Lecturer

### **Academic Staff**

Dr. (Ms) T. S. Navaratinaraja MBBS, MD Senior Lecturer

Dr. (Ms) Y. Guruparan MBBS Lecturer

### **Support Staff**

Mr. S. Thayaparan Staff Technical Officer

Ms. S. Praveenthira Management Assistant

Mr. A. Girithara Lab attendant

Ms K. Sankaralingam Works Aide

### 1.6.10 Department of Medicine

#### Head

Dr. (Ms) S.Vathulan MBBS, MD, MRCP, FCCP, FACP Senior Lecturer

#### Academic Staff

Prof. T. Kumanan MBBS, MD, FRCP, FACP Professor of Medicine

Prof. N. Suganthan MBBS, MSc, MD, MRCP, FRCP FCCP Professor in Medicine

Prof. (Ms) A. Arasalingam MBBS, MD, MRCP, FRCP, FCCP, FACP Professor in Medicine  
*(On Sabbatical leave)*

Dr. (Ms) G. Selvaratnam MBBS, MD Senior Lecturer

Dr. (Ms) J. A. Pradeepan MBBS, MD, FRACP Senior Lecturer

Dr. Brammah R Thangarajah MD, MRCP, ESE in Neph Senior Lecturer

Dr. (Ms) K. Balendran MBBS, MD, MRCP Lecturer  
(Unconfirmed)  
*(On study leave)*

#### Support Staff

Ms. U. Sriskantharajah Staff Technical Officer

Mr. J. Sathursanan Management Assistant

Mr. S. Nagaratnam Lab Attendant

Mr. A. Baskaran Lab Attendant

Mr. K. Rajeendrakugan Works Aid



### 1.6.11 Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

<b>Head</b>		
Dr. K. Guruparan	MBBS, MD	Senior Lecturer
<b>Academic Staff</b>		
Prof. K. Muhunthan	MBBS, MS, FRCOG	Professor in Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Dr. (Ms) . B. Gnanachandramoorthy	MBBS, MS, MRCOG	Senior Lecturer
Dr. S. Raguraman	MBBS, MD, MRCOG	Senior Lecturer

#### Support Staff

Ms. S. Gnanabasharan	Senior Staff Management Assistant
Ms. T. Sukirthan	Staff Technical Officer
Mr. T. Nanthujan	Works Aid

### 1.6.12 Department of Paediatrics

#### Head

Prof. (Ms) M. G. Sathiadass	MBChB, DCH, MD, MRCPCH, PG Dip Med Ed	Professor of Paediatrics
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#### Academic Staff

Dr. (Ms) N. Umasankar	MBBS, DCH, MD	Senior Lecturer
Dr. (Ms) T.Sathees	MBBS, MD	Lecturer (Unconfirmed)
Dr. (Ms) .L. Shanmugaratnam	MBBS, MD	Lecturer (Probationary)

#### Support Staff

Ms. N. Jesinthiran	Staff Technical Officer
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Ms. D. Nivethika	Management Assistant
Mr. C. Vijayarajan	Works Aide

### 1.6.13 Department of Psychiatry

#### Head (Acting)

Prof. N. Suganthan	MBBS, MD, MRCP, FRCP, FCCP, MSc	Professor in Medicine
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#### Academic Staff

Prof. S. Sivayokan	MBBS, MD	Professor of Psychiatry
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#### Support Staff

Ms. P. Rajendram	Management Assistant
Ms. M. Sutharsan	Nursing Officer
Ms. N. Anparasan	Technical Officer
Mr. S. Sakthivel	Works Aide

### 1.6.14 Department of Surgery

#### Head

Dr. S. Gobishangar	MBBS, MD, MRCS, FCSSL	Senior Lecturer
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#### Academic Staff

Prof. S. Raviraj	MBBS, MS, FCSSL	Professor in Surgery ( <i>On Sabbatical Leave</i> )
Prof. S. Rajendra	MBBS, MS, MRCS, FCSSL	Professor in Surgery
Dr. S. T.Sarma	MBBS, MD, MRCS,	Senior Lecturer

	Pg Cert Med Ed	<i>(On Special leave)</i>
Dr. B. Balagobi	MBBS, MD, MRCS, FRCS	Senior Lecturer
Dr. S. Vinojan	MBBS, MRCS, MD, FEBVS, FRCS	Lecturer (Prob) <i>(On Leave)</i>
Dr. B. Sayanthan	MBBS, MD, MRCS	Lecturer <i>(On study Leave)</i>
Dr. (Ms) B. Senthuran	MBBS, MD	Lecturer <i>(Unconfirmed)</i>
Dr. K. Kandeepan	MBBS, MD	Senior Lecturer
Dr. R. Senthuran	MBBS, MD	Lecturer <i>(Unconfirmed)</i> <i>(On study Leave)</i>

### **Support Staff**

Ms. K. Manorajh	Technical officer
Mr. V. Keshabavan	Technical officer
Ms. A. Victor Aloysious	Management Assistant
Mr. T. Ragulan	Lab Attendant
Mr. S. Kajanath	Work Aide

### **1.6.15 Nuclear Medicine Unit**

#### **Head**

Dr. T. Yoganathan	BSc, MSc, PhD	Senior Lecturer
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#### **Support Staff**

Mr. R. Divakaran	Technical Officer
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## **1.6.16 Medical Education and Audio-Visual Unit**

### **Head**

Dr. S. Raguraman                      MBBS, MD, MRCOG                      Senior Lecturer

### **Support Staff**

Mr. B. Jeyachandran                      Technical Officer

Mr. M. Majeenthiran                      Lab Attendant

Further details regarding the Departments and Units are available on the [Faculty of Medicine website](#) under the Departments and Units tab.

## 1.7 Medical Library

The Medical Library is a branch of the University's main library. It is located on the first floor of the main building of the Faculty.

The book collection of the library exceeds 16,000 and the library subscribes to a number of online periodicals. It has a collection of the latest textbooks with multiple copies, and a small collection of videos, CD-ROMs and slides.



**Figure 5:** The Medical Library

The library is open from Monday to Friday 8 am to 6.00 pm and on Saturdays 8.00 am to 2.30 pm. It is closed on Sundays and other public holidays. Open hours of the library are subject to change based on the needs of its members.

Students can obtain their membership from the library, and borrow the materials by using their membership card.

## 1.8 The Computer Lab

The Computer Lab is on the first floor next to the library. The Lab has 60 internet enabled computers. Students can utilise the Lab for individual and group sessions from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays.



**Figure 6:** Computer Lab (2021)

## **2. Responsibilities and Obligations**

As you begin life as an undergraduate, it is important that you reflect on the meaning of higher education and the responsibilities and obligations that come with your studentship.



**Figure 7 & 8 :** Stone benches for students relaxation and combine studies.

Each member of the university community should fully understand the prestige of the institution and the self-esteem of its members. Therefore, all members should conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the university's quest and mission. Students must be polite in their words and actions, and should allow space for all people to live in harmony.

## 2.1 Student Discipline

Not complying with the university rules and regulations will result in activation of disciplinary procedures as specified in the [Student By-laws](#) approved by the Council of the University. The [University Student Charter \(2012\)](#) published by the University Grants Commission (UGC) specifies the unethical and unlawful activities listed below.

- Plagiarism and cheating
- Disorderly conduct
- Disrespect and non-compliance
- Wrongful utilization of goods, services or information
- Unauthorized collection of funds
- Solicitation
- Possession and consumption of alcohol, drugs and tobacco within the university premises
- Gambling
- Harassment/violence
- Ragging/hazing
- Sexual harassment/sexual misconduct
- Theft
- Vandalism
- Unauthorized Entry
- Failure to cooperate with authorities and committees of inquiry

The consequences that must be faced if found guilty of any one of the above activities are serious. The Police is empowered by the *Prohibition of Ragging and Other Forms of Violence in Educational Institutions Act, No. 20* to take action against offenders.

University administrations are empowered through the UGC Circular No. 919 which sets strict guidelines to take stern action against those who commit any of the unethical and unlawful activities.

UGC Circular No. 902 of 2008 stipulates that universities should hold

offenders accountable for damages to university property and charge the cost of damages from responsible individuals or deduct them from allocations made to student societies/councils.

Punishments imposed may range from recovering damages and/or issuing a warning letter to temporary suspension from academic work and/or university residential facilities, or expulsion from the university, in addition to the punishments imposed by a Court of Law. More details regarding the unethical and unlawful activities are provided below.

### **Plagiarism and Cheating**

Undergraduates are required to maintain high academic standards. Plagiarism (copying or reproducing work of others in reports, theses or assignments without acknowledging the source of information) is an academic offense and will not be tolerated. All work submitted must be one's own and the work of others should be acknowledged. Copying or keeping unauthorized material at examinations is strictly prohibited.

### **Disorderly Conduct**

Conduct that violates community or university norms is unacceptable. Vulgar, rude or indecent conduct on campus or at university sponsored events held off campus, will not be tolerated. Organizing, sponsoring, or conducting programmes/ activities which are disorderly and/or violate civil laws or university regulations are prohibited.

### **Disrespect and Non-compliance**

Failure to comply with the directives of university officials acting in performance of their duties is prohibited. Disciplinary action can be applied in such situations including, but not limited to:

- i. Use of abusive or insulting language
- ii. Use of indecent or unbecoming gestures
- iii. Providing false information to university officials
- iv. Showing disrespect or refusing to comply with a reasonable request from a university official
- v. Not responding to a reasonable request within a specific timeline,



- including absence from assigned appointments
- vi. Intentionally interfering with teaching
- vii. Obstructing or hindering the investigation of an incident

### **Wrongful Utilization of Goods, Services or Information**

Students are required to demonstrate honesty in their dealings with the university and the public. The following are prohibited:

- i. Possessing unauthorized property, or offering unauthorized services.
- ii. Embezzling, defrauding or procuring money, goods or services under false pretences.
- iii. Possessing, purchasing or receiving property, money or services knowing them to be stolen or embezzled.
- iv. Issuing a cheque for payment of dues or for any other purpose knowing that it will not be honoured.
- v. Duplicating keys, computer access codes, or other devices without authorization.
- vi. Forging, altering or causing any false information to be entered on an administrative record or presenting such information at administrative or disciplinary proceedings.
- vii. Unauthorized use of the computer system, computer access codes, and restricted areas of computer services.
- viii. Possession or use of false identification.
- ix. Possession and/or use of keys or any other devices (such as number codes or sweep cards) for access to offices or laboratories, faculty buildings or rooms of residential halls, by anyone other than those authorized by the university.

### **Unauthorized Collection of Funds**

Solicitation of funds for a university purpose, whether organized by students or by the authority, should be pursued only with proper authorization of the Vice-Chancellor.

External communications requesting sponsorship or funds should be by letter to the external organization under the Vice Chancellor's signature.

Solicitation for or collection of funds for political, charitable or social activities without approval, is not permitted within or outside the university premises.

### **Solicitation**

No external person, organization or business may solicit on campus without the permission of the Vice Chancellor. This includes holding meetings, distributing or posting any type of leaflet, exchange, bartering or selling of goods or services.

### **Possession and consumption of alcohol, drugs and tobacco**

The university prohibits possession and consumption of alcohol, drugs and tobacco within the university premises. Students are strongly discouraged from entering the university premises after consuming alcohol and/or drugs.

### **Gambling**

Any form of betting, acceptance of bets, payment or running of any betting scheme is not permitted, and is punishable under the law and university regulations.

### **Harassment/Violence**

Harassment or inciting violence inside or outside the university is a punishable offence under the civil law, which is applicable both inside and outside the university. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- i. Threatening and /or using physical force
- ii. Engaging in violence or commotion resulting in bodily injuries, psychological trauma and / or damages to property
- iii. Intimidation, bullying or cruel treatment
- iv. Pestering or causing annoyance
- v. Harassment through telephone, mail, emails or other means

Any complaints of the above and any other forms of harassment or violence will be referred to the Police for appropriate legal action and will be referred to a disciplinary committee of inquiry.

## **Ragging/Hazing**

Ragging is a criminal offence under the Anti-Ragging Law passed by the Parliament in 1998.

Ragging refers to any act (by an individual or group) whether physical, mental, emotional or psychological, which subjects another person, voluntarily or involuntarily, to abuse, mistreatment, degradation, humiliation, harassment or intimidation, whether on or off the campus.

These actions include, but are not limited to, the following.

- i. Bullying, coercing, or intimidation of individuals (or groups of individuals).
- ii. Forcing individuals (or groups of individuals) to perform and/or engage in degrading acts, games or other activities.
- iii. Subjecting individuals (or groups of individuals) to physical/mental fatigue or physical/psychological shock.
- iv. Forcing individuals to wear certain types of clothing or implementing dress codes that are not authorized by the university administration.

All reported events of the above nature will be handed over to the police for action under the Anti-Ragging Law of 1998. The university will also take appropriate disciplinary action.

## **Sexual Harassment/Sexual Misconduct**

If any person under the university administration commits an act of sexual harassment or misconduct, be it toward a person of the opposite sex or the same sex, and if a complaint is received, action will be taken under the law to bring justice and punish the offender. The University's disciplinary procedures are guided by the [Sexual and Gender-Based Violence By-law No. 02](#) available at the Centre for Gender Equality/Equity website of the University of Jaffna.

## **Theft**

Stealing physical goods and stealing intangible assets such as intellectual property (plagiarism) are punishable offences under civil law as well as

under university regulations.

### **Vandalism**

Vandalizing property in the university or provoking others to do so will be dealt with under the law and university regulations. Damage due to vandalism to furniture, laboratory equipment, computers and accessories, and playground equipment will be charged to the students, if they are found guilty. When student agitation causes vandalism, the cost and penalties will be charged to the organizers. In the case of isolated acts, students who are officially authorized to occupy or use the property will be held responsible and are liable to pay compensation.

### **Unauthorized Entry**

Generally, all students are given unrestricted access during working hours to the classrooms, libraries, playgrounds, gymnasium areas, etc. Students have access to their hostels but no visitors are permitted without approval of the warden. Restrictions may be imposed on access to public areas due to various concerns, including security matters.

Students of other universities who wish to visit the University of Jaffna must seek permission from the university authorities. Anyone found trespassing is liable to prosecution under the law and will be dealt with under disciplinary procedures.

### **Failure to Cooperate**

Universities appoint various committees of inquiry on disciplinary matters and empowered officers may summon students to provide evidence. Failure to comply may be construed as an act of disregard and may be cause for further disciplinary action. Students are advised to cooperate with the authorities.

## **2.2 Right of Appeal**

Right of appeal is enshrined in the fundamental rights up until the Supreme Court of the country. This principle applies to the university as well; one can appeal to the Vice Chancellor against a decision by the disciplinary authorities. This may be done collectively or individually and a fair hearing

for such appeals will be given by the Vice Chancellor.

### **2.3 Dress Code of the Faculty of Medicine**

The dress and appearance of medical students should be appropriate to the medical profession as they engage with teachers, patients and clinical colleagues.

All students should maintain a high level of personal hygiene and appearance. Clothing should be clean and tidy and in a good state of repair.

Photographic identification badges must be carried / worn at all times in addition to the name badge and be presented as required.

Appropriate deportment and dress are applicable during working hours, whenever academic sessions are underway within the faculty premises, when students engage in community/field activities, during activities representing the Faculty or the University, and during any official engagements, including examinations.

When students are required to wear scrubs or white coats its design and colour shall comply with the specifications approved by the faculty.

### **2.4 Social Media Guidelines of the University of Jaffna**

Students are expected to adopt the highest ethical and behavioural standards on social media. Please read the University's social media guidelines [here](#) under the student tab of the University of Jaffna website.

### **2.5 Conduct at Examinations**

Students are expected to conduct themselves according to the examination regulations. Examination offences and minimum punishments are listed below.

I. Possession of unauthorized documents and removal of examination stationery

- Cancellation of candidature from the examination in which the

offence was committed.

II. Disorderly conduct of a grave nature, copying or attempting to obtain/obtaining improper assistance or cheating

- Cancellation of candidature for 3 years including the one in which the offence was committed.

III. Impersonation

- Cancellation of candidature for 5 years including the one in which the offence was committed.

IV. Aiding and abetting in the commission of these offences

- Punishments shall be the same as for the offence

The punishments mentioned above are the minimum and may be enhanced depending on the gravity of each case.

### **3. The Undergraduate Medical Programme**

#### **3.1 Degrees awarded**

##### ***Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)***

This degree is awarded to those who successfully complete First, Second and Final Examinations for Medical Degrees

##### ***Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMSc)***

This degree is awarded to those who opt out after successful completion of First and Second Examinations for Medical Degrees.

#### **3.2 Overview of Medical Degree Programme**

The Jaffna Medical Faculty follows an integrated traditional curriculum. The duration of the course is five years, and the medium of instruction is English. The curriculum is based on the Subject Benchmark Statement in Medicine of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors (2004) and the Standards for Undergraduate Medical Education of the Sri Lanka Medical Council.



**Figure 8:** Stone benches at the rear of the Faculty.

## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW (2019 REVISION)

Year 1		Year 2				Year 3					Year 4			Year 5				
Phase I					Phase II								Phase III					
Term 1	T2	T3	T4	Exam	T5	T6	T7	T8	T9	Exam	T10	T11	Exam		Exam			
Introductory Module	Anatomy Biochemistry Physiology				First Exam	Pre-Professional Clinical Course						OSCE	Professional Clinical Course Medicine Surgery Paediatrics Obstetrics and Gynaecology Psychiatry				Final Exam	
						Microbiology			Second Exam Part I									
						Parasitology												
	Forensic Medicine																	
	Pharmacology						Second Exam Part II											
	Pathology																	
Community and Family Medicine																		
PPDS - Part 1				PPDS Exam	PPDS Part - 2					PPDS Exam								
Evidence Based Practice and Research Module (EBPRM)											EBPRM Exam	EBPRM						



### 3.3 The Medical Course

The course is conducted in 3 phases: Phase I (Pre-clinical), Phase II (Para-clinical) and Phase III (Clinical). The Pre-clinical course focuses on the structure and function of the human body, with some application to clinical practice, and a brief introduction to public health. During Phase II, students go for clinical appointments in the mornings, mostly at the Teaching Hospital Jaffna, and for Para-clinical sessions in the afternoons at the Faculty. The Para-clinical subjects deal with abnormal structure and function in disease states, application in clinical situations, and disease prevention, control and health promotion. Phase III comprises the clinical course exclusively.

#### 3.3.1 Phase I (Pre-clinical Course; Terms 1 to 4)

The pre-clinical course comprises an introductory period of 4 weeks and four terms of 10 weeks each.



**Figure 9:** Pre-clinical students catching up outside the Student Centre.

The Integrated Introductory Module (IIM) combines English, IT and personal and professional development, and is designed to introduce newcomers to the university setup, student support systems, and to acclimatize students to their new environment by way of lectures, group activities, and visits to various sites (details in the IIM Student Guide).

The core subjects of the Pre-clinical Course are Anatomy, Biochemistry and Physiology. They are synchronized to facilitate understanding and

correlation.

The Evidence-Based Practice and Research Module (EBPRM), which begins in Phase 1 and continues into Phase 3, introduces students to basic research concepts in Phase 1 through lectures, practical activities, and small group discussions. Students must pass the EBPRM assessment in Phase 2 to proceed to the final year.



**Figure 10:** Pre-clinical students after a Physiology practical.

The Personal and Professional Development Stream (PPDS), which begins in the introductory phase, continues through Phases 1 and 2. Students should have 80% attendance in all PPDS activities to sit the end of course assessment in PPDS. Students must pass the PPDS assessment in Phase 2 to proceed to the final year.

The First Examination for Medical Degrees is conducted at the end of Phase I. The examination is held twice a year; the second examination (repeat) is held 6 weeks after the release of the results of the first examination. All students must apply to sit for the examination at the end of the course. Failure to apply for whatever the reason will imply failure at the examination. The examination is held twice a year. It is a bar examination; students proceed to Phase II only after passing the First Examination for Medical Degrees. This means that students who fail to get through the First Examination for Medical Degrees (first and repeat) will miss their batch and spend an additional year in the pre-clinical phase.

(For further information, refer to the Curriculum Book Volume I available under the [courses tab](#) on the faculty website.)

### **3.3.2 Phase II (Para-clinical Course; Terms 5 to 11)**

On completing the First Examination for Medical Degrees, students enter Phase II. The duration of the Para-clinical course is seven 10-week terms (terms 5 to 11).

During Phase II students are trained in the hospital and community settings in the mornings and taught para-clinical subjects in the afternoons.



**Figure 11:** Para clinical students by the Hoover Auditorium.

### **Phase II Pre-professorial Clinical course**

The course starts with an introductory clinical programme (4 weeks), after which students are posted for Pre-professorial clinical appointments in core clinical subjects (Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Psychiatry) and subspecialties (e.g. Neurology, Neurosurgery, Cardiology, Oncology, Anaesthesia and Intensive Care, Radiology, Venereology, Clinical Pathology, etc.). An appointment each in Community Medicine and Family Medicine are conducted in community settings. Lastly, students complete elective appointments for four weeks.

(For further information refer the Curriculum Book Volume II available under the [courses tab](#) on the Faculty website)

## Phase II Para-clinical course

The course is conducted in the afternoons on weekdays. Microbiology, Parasitology, Community & Family Medicine, Forensic Medicine, Pathology and Pharmacology starts in term 5 and continues to term 11. Lectures in Paediatrics, Psychiatry and Surgery and the second phase of PPDS and EBRPM are also conducted in the afternoons.



**Figure 12:** Para-clinical students preparing for Yarl Med Ex 2018

## Second Examination for Medical Degrees

Part I of the Second Examination for Medical Degrees is conducted at the end of Term 9 (Microbiology, Parasitology and Forensic Medicine). Part II is held at the end of Term 11 (Pharmacology, Pathology and Community and Family Medicine).

Results of the Second Examination for Medical Degrees (1st) are released 6-8 weeks after the commencement of the examination. For those who fail in the 1st (Part I & II) examinations, the 2<sup>nd</sup> (repeat) examination is conducted 6 weeks after the results of the 1st examination are released. The 2<sup>nd</sup> (repeat) examination results are released 4 weeks after the date of commencement of the examination.

Part 1 and Part 2 results are released separately indicating pass/fail. Class and distinction results of the whole Second Examination for Medical Degrees are released at the end of Phase II.

(For further information refer the Curriculum Book Volume I available

under the [courses tab](#) on the Faculty website.)

### **3.3.3 Phase III (Clinical Course; Final Year)**

Before entering Phase III, an OSCE is conducted to ensure that the students have acquired the necessary clinical knowledge and skills to proceed to the final year. The marks from this OSCE are added to the continuous assessment (in-course) marks of the contributing subjects.

The students are then posted to the eight-week professorial appointments in Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Psychiatry. Students who complete all their clinical appointments to satisfaction are eligible to sit for the Final Examination for Medical Degrees, which is conducted twice a year.

(For further information refer Curriculum Book Volume II available under the [course tab](#) on the Faculty website.)

## **3.4 Student Attendance**

### **3.4.1 Attendance Requirements**

#### **Pre-Clinical and Para-Clinical Course**

Students should have a minimum of 80% attendance in practical classes, tutorials, dissections, small group discussions, demonstrations, problem/case-based learning sessions, and Journal Clubs.

Attendance in the Pre-clinical course will be summarized and reported at the end of terms 3 and 4. In the Para-clinical Course (including PPDS phase II and EBPRM) attendance will be summarized and reported at the end of Terms 7, 10 and 11. Students who have less than 80% attendance in one or more subjects are not permitted to sit for the examination(s).

Students whose attendance is found to be less than 80% will be instructed to follow the course with the subsequent batch to make up the attendance. If such a student fails to make up 80% attendance in the repeated period, the student will be referred to a special committee of three senior teachers to look into the problem and recommend a suitable course of action. The

recommendation will be placed before the Faculty Board and the Senate for the final decision.

All students who repeat the course will lose eligibility for a class at the respective examination unless the Faculty Board and the University Senate accept the excuse given by the student.

### **Clinical Course**

Attendance at the pre-professorial clinical appointments will be recorded at the end of the appointments. Students with less than 90% attendance in any clinical appointment must repeat the appointment with the same consultant (if the consultant is agreeable) or under another consultant who will accept the student. Absence, even less than 10% of the duration of the clinical appointment, must be approved by the concerned consultant. If not, the student needs to repeat the appointment as instructed by the consultant.

Students will be permitted to proceed from Phase II to Phase III if they satisfactorily complete all pre-professorial appointments. Students who fail to meet this requirement will miss the batch and lose eligibility for a Class, unless the excuse is accepted by the Faculty Board and Senate.

Attendance at the professorial appointments will be summarized and reported at the end of each rotation. Students with less than 90% attendance or less than 10% absence without the approval of the **Head of Department**, will not be allowed to sit for the Final Examination and will be requested to follow the Phase III course with the subsequent batch. Such students will miss the batch and lose eligibility for a Class unless the excuse is accepted by the Faculty Board and Senate.

### **3.4.2 Record Book**

Students must obtain their record books from the Office of the Dean. Record of satisfactory completion of academic and clinical work will be entered in the record book at the end of each term or clinical appointment and certified by the authorized person. A student will not be allowed to sit for examinations if the record book is not certified.

### **3.4.3 Leave**

A student should not be absent without prior permission. Students who require leave should request in writing to the relevant Heads of Departments in advance with a copy to the relevant coordinator (pre-clinical, para-clinical or clinical).

For clinical appointments, students should submit a request for leave in writing to the respective consultant with a copy to the clinical coordinator. If the absence is unforeseen, the leave application should be submitted at the earliest opportunity.

In case of illness of more than three days, a letter of excuse should be submitted to the Dean with a medical certificate issued/certified by the University Medical Officer. Medical certificates will be valid only if issued/certified by the University Medical Officer.

If a student falls ill just before or during end-of-course examinations, he/she should present himself/herself to the University Medical Officer or a hospital. In such case, the Dean should be informed immediately.

If a student falls ill just before or during a continuous assessment (in-course), the relevant Head of Department should be informed with a copy to the relevant coordinator (pre-clinical, paraclinical or clinical).

## **3.5 Student Assessment**

Each subject will be evaluated by the respective department through continuous (in-course) assessments and end-of-course examinations.

### **3.5.1 Continuous Assessments**

Students must attend all continuous (in-course) assessments. If a student is absent for a valid reason, the department concerned may conduct another assessment either in written or oral form. The student may request for

another assessment in writing to the Dean through the coordinator. If students are absent for trivial reasons, they will be given zero marks for that assessment. A portion of the final marks of the end-of-course examination (1st attempt) will be obtained from continuous (in-course) assessments.

### **3.5.2 End-of-course Examinations**

Examinations are conducted at the end of each Phase. A second examination (repeat) will be conducted 6 weeks after releasing the results. Each subject will be examined separately, and will have several components such as MCQ, structured essay questions, practicals, spot examination, OSCE/OSPE, viva and clinical examinations. Components may vary according to the subject.

#### **Eligibility for the First Examination for Medical Degrees**

- Valid registration in the University.
- At least 80% attendance in practical and tutorial classes of all the subjects.
- Completion of the course in all subjects with the signature of the Head of each Department in the record book and the application form.

#### **Eligibility for the Second Examination (Part I)**

- Valid registration in the University
- At least 80% attendance in practical and tutorial classes of the three subjects.
- 100% attendance in the Forensic Medicine appointment.
- Completion of the course in all subjects with the signature of the Head of each Department in the record book and the application form.

#### **Eligibility for the Second Examination (Part II)**

- Valid registration in the University.
- 100% attendance in the clinical appointments in Pathology, Community Medicine and Family Medicine (with approval of <10% absenteeism from the relevant Head of Department)
- Completion of the course in all subjects with the signature of the Head of each Department in the record book and the application form.
- Pass the Evidence Based Research Module
- Pass all the components of PPDS



## Eligibility for the Final Examination for Medical Degrees

- Valid registration in the University.
- 100% attendance in the clinical component; up to 10% absenteeism in the clinical component could be acceptable with written permission of the Consultant/Head of the Department.
- At least 80% attendance in other relevant components of all the subjects.
- Completion of the course in all subjects with the signature of the Head of each Department in the record book and the application form.

(Refer p. 240-242 of [Volume I](#) of the Curriculum Book)

### 3.5.3 Attempts and Excuses

The examination scheduled immediately after the completion of the course shall be deemed to be the first attempt.

Students will be allowed to sit 4 scheduled attempts at the First Examination for Medical Degrees.

For the Second Examination for Medical Degrees and Final Examination for Medical Degrees students will be allowed to sit 6 scheduled attempts for each examination.

As per the decision of the Council at its 462<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 27.02.2022 , the maximum permissible period (MPP) of a student to hold his/her studentship period of MBBS program is ten years.

If any student misses the scheduled examination for not fulfilling the above-mentioned criteria or for other reasons, the student will be deemed to have failed that examination unless the excuse is accepted by the Faculty Board and the Senate.

If any student is unable to appear at the examination due to ill health, the student should get examined by the University Medical Officer (UMO), a Consultant at the Teaching Hospital, or a Government Medical Officer. The medical certificate should be duly certified by the UMO and submitted to the Faculty within two weeks of the examination.

A grace chance may be granted under exceptional circumstances for students who have not completed an examination within the stipulated number of attempts, if the appeal of the student is supported by authenticated documents

and accepted by the Faculty Board and approved by the Senate.

### **3.5.4 Award of Pass, Fail, Distinctions and Class**

The examinations of the Phase I, II and III courses will be independent; the results of one examination will not have any bearing on the results of other examinations. Pass, Class and Distinctions will be awarded for each examination, separately.

#### **Award of Pass in a Subject**

- Students should obtain 50% or above and the qualifying marks in the specified components to pass a subject.
- The qualifying mark is 45% in the theory component [MCQ and Essay] in each subject; the qualifying mark for the clinical subjects is 45% in theory [MCQ and Essay] and 50% in the clinical component [short case and long case].
- The Community & Family Medicine assessment has five components. Students must obtain at least 45% marks in each component. They must also obtain a total of 50 marks to pass the subject. If the student fails to obtain 45% marks in a component (except for continuous (in-course) assessments), the student is expected to sit for the component in the successive allowed attempt. If the student does not obtain a total of 50 marks, after successfully passing all five components, they must sit for the written and viva exam in the successive allowed attempt, to obtain 50 marks.

#### **Award of Fail and Referred in an Examination**

- A student who fails to appear at a scheduled examination will be deemed to have failed that examination unless the excuse is accepted by the Faculty Board and approved by the Senate.
- If a student obtains less than 25% in any one subject, the student will fail the entire examination, irrespective of the marks obtained in other subjects.
- If a student obtains less than 50% in all subjects, the student will have failed the examination.
- If a student fails to obtain the qualifying mark in a component, the student will fail that subject irrespective of the total marks obtained.
- If a student passes one or more subjects and fails to pass in other subjects, the student will be deemed to be referred in the unsuccessful

subjects.

### **Award of Pass and Class Honours in an Examination**

Pass will be awarded to students when they obtain pass marks in all subjects of the course.

Class Honours will be awarded to students only if they complete the course in the first scheduled attempt and obtain average marks as specified below as per the University Grants Commission - Establishments Circular Letter No. 07/2017 dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

50-59	Pass
60-64	Second Class Lower
65-69	Second Class Upper
70 or above	First Class

### **Award of Distinction**

Distinctions in subjects will be awarded to students who get 70% or above in any subject, if they have got pass marks in all subjects of the examination at the first scheduled attempt.

### **Award of Bachelor of Medical Science [BMSc]**

The degree of BMSc will be awarded to those students who wish to leave the University after successful completion of the Second Examination for Medical Degrees.

The BMSc may be converted to MBBS in the future provided the student returns within a period of 5 years from the date of award of BMSc and completes the MBBS within the remaining period to make a maximum period of 10 years in the University.

### **3.5.5 A note about the final examination**

The final examination consists of a common MCQ for students of all medical faculties set by examiners representing all the medical faculties and a clinical examination made up of similar components and standards ensured by participation of external examiners. A common merit list is compiled based

on the results of the final examination.



**Figure 14 :** Students strolling by the Hoover Auditorium.

### **3.6 Internship**

After successful completion of the Final Examination for Medical Degrees, students should undergo a one-year internship in two major clinical disciplines (6 months each) to be eligible to practice medicine in Sri Lanka. Internship postings are made by the Ministry of Health based on the common merit list. The common merit list is prepared by the University Grant Commission based on the performance at the MCQ paper and clinical components at the Final MBBS Examination.

## **4. General information and Student Welfare**

### **4.1 Registration**

Students must renew their registration at the University each year. Students will be notified by the Dean's Office when it is time to renew their registration. The relevant forms are available at the Dean's Office. The registration fee should be paid at a branch of the People's Bank and the completed forms and bank receipt handed over to the Dean's Office.

### **4.2 Student Identity Card**

On admission, students must obtain their student identity cards from the Admissions Branch. This card should be carried by students at all times, and produced when required. Any change of address must be brought to the notice of the Dean and Admissions Branch.

### **4.3 Fees**

The following fees are payable by Sri Lankan students admitted to the medical course in Sri Lankan Rupees.

#### **New Admissions and Registration**

Registration fee	250.00
Medical fee	250.00
Laboratory deposit	500.00
Student Charter	100.00
Student Identity card	250.00
Orientation fee	250.00
Library deposit	500.00
Record Book	Free of Charge
Duplicate record book if lost	1000.00

#### **Renewal of Registration**

Registration fee	150.00
Medical fee	250.00

## **Other Fees**

Convocation degree certificate	500.00
Convocation cloak fee	500.00
Convocation supplication fee	500.00
Convocation cloak if lost/damaged	3500.00
Convocation cloak delay payment	500.00 per day
Convocation garland if lost/damaged	1000.00
Statement of results fee	100.00
Duplicate results sheet	500.00
Transcript	500.00 + postage
Transcript - online processing	500.00
Hostel fee	200.00 per month
Hostel deposit/admission fee	250.00

## **4.4 Student Welfare**

The University of Jaffna has various student welfare facilities.

### **4.4.1 University-wide services**

#### **University Well-Being Centre**

The University Well-Being Centre is at the main campus. Students may drop in at the Centre for rest, relaxation, counselling, information, internet browsing, life skill courses, and leisure activities. The Centre has staff trained in counselling who may be reached via the [hotline](#) (021 221 4067, 076 008 4067)

#### **Student Counsellors**

Student counsellors are available at the Faculty and can be approached at any time for advice or assistance when students encounter problems. They are also responsible for maintaining overall discipline within the University premises. Details of student counsellors are available [here](#) under the counseling services tab of the Faculty website.

## **Student Accommodation**

The medical students' hostels are located near the Teaching Hospital Jaffna, namely the Kanagasuntharam Hostel for male and Sivagnanasundram Hostel for female students, respectively.

The Faculty Hostel Committee oversees the allocation of rooms at the two hostels. Priority is given to first and final year students. When allocating rooms for others, distance of permanent residence, living status of parents, health, finances, number of school- or university-going siblings, and other special circumstances are considered.

Students are given accommodation for one year at a time. Final year students must vacate the hostel immediately after the exam. Those who fail an exam are allocated rooms after the results are released, for one repeat exam only. Others should vacate at the end of one year.

Hostel regulations must be strictly adhered to at all times.

## **Recreation**

Sports facilities are coordinated by the [Physical Education Unit](#) of the University of Jaffna. Athletics and team sports like basketball, netball, volleyball, elle, cricket, football, rugby, and other games like badminton, table tennis, carrom, chess, karate, taekwondo, wrestling and weightlifting are available. The practice schedule is available [here](#) at the Physical Education Unit website.

## **University Health Services**

The University Health Centre is located on the main campus. Registered students are eligible to use the services offered by the Health Centre. Students must register and get a health card to access the services. The Health Centre is open from 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. on all weekdays except public holidays.

## **Centre for Gender Equity and Equality (CGEE)**

The University of Jaffna is committed to promoting Gender Equity/Equality

(GEE) and fostering an environment free from all forms of discrimination and harassment. The University adopts a policy of zero tolerance to Sexual and Gender Based Violence.

The University's [Policy Framework on Gender Equity/Equality](#) and the [Sexual and Gender-Based Violence By-law No.02](#) guides the activities of the CGEE and mechanisms of accountability at the University. More information is available at the Centre for Gender Equality/Equity website of the University.

#### **4.4.2 Welfare services at the Faculty of Medicine**

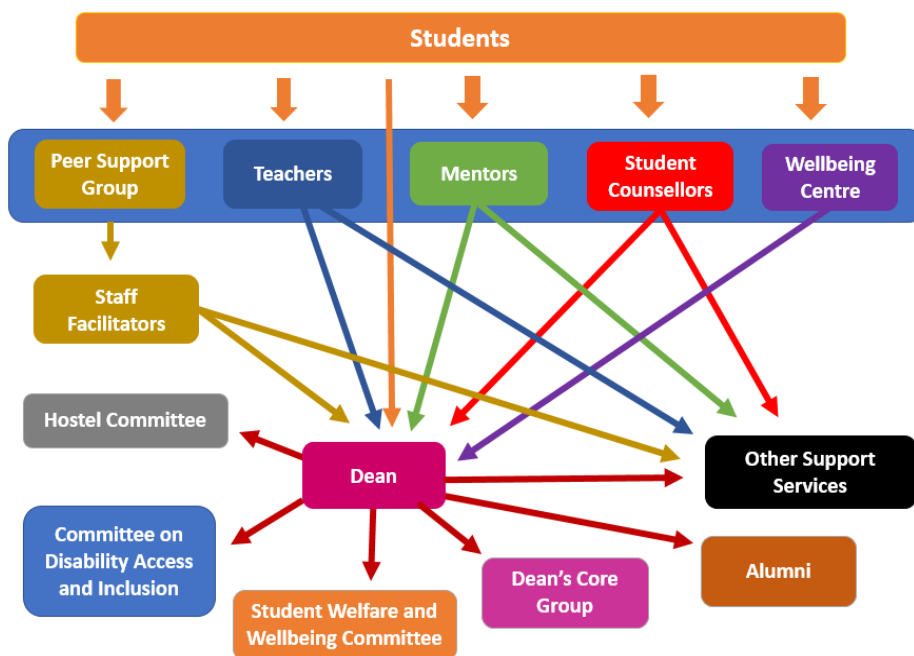
Welfare services at the Faculty of Medicine are under the purview of the Wellbeing Cell, Student Welfare and Wellbeing Committee and the Dean's Office. Several activities and programmes exist to support students.

#### **Student Support System**

The Faculty of Medicine has a unique support system that can be accessed through a range of contact points. Before incoming students arrive at the Faculty, the Dean's Office assigns a mentor to each student. When students face problems, they may seek their mentor for guidance.

Apart from mentors, students may seek advice from a student counsellor or any teacher they feel comfortable with. The contact details of student counsellors are available on the [Faculty website](#). Contact details of the teachers are available on the website under the relevant department.





**Figure 15:** Faculty of Medicine Student Support System.

A peer support system is available for students who are reluctant to reach out to their teachers. The Peer Support and Wellbeing Group (PSWG) functions under the Medical Student Union with student facilitators from all batches. Students may take their problems to a student facilitator of the PSWG. If the problem cannot be resolved at the student level, the student facilitator will direct the student to a staff facilitator for support. Alternatively, students may access the support services offered by the Faculty Wellbeing Centre (see 4.38).

Through the above contact points, students can access the support services available at the Faculty to address a range of problems, including academic and financial issues, accommodation, health and other psychosocial problems (Figure 15).

If a student experiences any form of harassment or violence, the student should immediately report the incident to his/her mentor or any other teacher at the Faculty. Strict confidentiality will be maintained when dealing with student issues.

## **Faculty of Medicine Wellbeing Centre**

The Wellbeing Centre is situated to the east of the Faculty. Students may drop in at the Centre for rest, counselling, learning support, and other activities. Space for discussions with peers, teachers or mentors is available via prior booking. Counseling and health services are available by appointment. The Centre is open to students from 8 am to 4 pm.

## **Mentor Programme**

The Mentor Programme pairs each incoming student with a mentor. A mentor is an experienced, trusted person who is interested and willing to support, guide and motivate a student (mentee) to make the most of his/her student career. Mentors are faculty members, consultant or senior medical officers. The objectives of the Mentor Programme are to: improve student wellbeing; enhance personal and professional development; motivate students to be engaged in academic and social activities at the Faculty; sensitise students to the available opportunities and resources; and provide career counselling and guidance.

## **Committee on Disability Access and Inclusion**

The Faculty of Medicine is committed to working towards creating an environment that is welcoming, accessible, and empowering to students with disabilities and special learning needs. The [Policy on Disability Access and Inclusion](#) outlines the procedures available for students to request accommodation and adjustments. Students are encouraged to disclose their need, with appropriate documentation, as soon as possible, for consideration by the Committee on Disability Access and Inclusion. Disability Disclosure forms are available at the Dean's Office. More details about the Faculty's policy and procedures are [here](#) under the Student Affairs tab on the Faculty website.

## **Campus Stories கதைகள் கதைகள் Seminars for First Years**

Monthly seminars are organized by the Student Welfare and Wellbeing Committee for the first-year students. The seminars are expected to facilitate interaction between the freshers and the faculty community, and create awareness among students about the realities of life as a medical student. Senior students, faculty members, and Alumni are invited to speak on topics of general interest, including their faculty or career experiences, hobbies, and/or social issues. Students are encouraged to participate.

## Medical Student Union (MSU)

The Medical Student Union (MSU) looks out for the welfare of medical students. All registered students of the Faculty of Medicine are members. The affairs of the Union are managed by the office bearers elected in accordance with the Ordinance under the Universities Act No.16 of 1978.

The MSU has been pivotal in identifying and enhancing the talents of students by providing platforms for student activities, ranging from sports to cultural activities, including Medicos Nite, Medicos Week and festivals such as Thai Pongal, Vaani Vila, Oli Vila, Vesak, Ifthar, and Christmas.

The Peer Support and Wellbeing Group (PSWG), which functions under the MSU, aims to identify and support students facing academic, financial and psychosocial problems and organize activities to develop life skills and enhance student wellbeing (see 4.3.7).



**Figure 16:** Outside the Student Centre

The MSU extends services through the Student Centre, which has a photocopy unit, IT centre, and gym. The photocopy unit opens from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm, and the Centre is open to students until 10.30 pm.

The MSU also contributes to the welfare of the community, for example, by its annual Sathiyendra Memorial Blood Donation Campaign, and the Arumbugal Fund for needy children of the paediatric wards at Teaching Hospital Jaffna. More information about the MSU is available [here](#).

## **Medical Faculty Canteen**

The Medical Faculty canteen is situated in the premises of the Faculty of Medicine. The canteen provides services to the students and staff from morning till evening.

## **The Alumni**

The Alumni, Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna was inaugurated in 1989. All graduates of the Jaffna Medical Faculty and permanent academic staff are eligible to be members. The Alumni Office is situated in the ground floor of the Faculty.

The main function of the Alumni in relation to student welfare is coordinating financial assistance to students and supporting the general development of the Faculty. More information is available [here](#).



Figure 17: Rear of the Faculty.

## **4.4.3 Bursaries and financial assistance for medical students**

### **4.4.3.1 On admission**

#### **i. Malayan Ceylonese Bursary**

Awarded since 1983 to a needy medical student until the completion of the course by Malayan Ceylonese Association (Ceylon) Jaffna.

#### **ii. UK Sri Lankan Medical and Dental Doctors Association Bursary**

Awarded to two needy medical students entering the Medical Faculty on

their first attempt, depending on their parent/guardian's income, and not receiving any other assistance. If the student receives the Mahapola Scholarship/Bursary and the parent/guardian's income is less than Rs. 2,000/= per month, the student remains eligible.

**iii. Anandakumaraiah Bursary**

Awarded to a deserving and needy student entering the Faculty of the Medicine, until the completion of the course. Founded in 2002 by Mr. N. Anandakumaraiah of London, UK.

**iv. Mr. Aruliah and Mrs. Thialmuthu Sinniah Memorial Award**

To be awarded to five students who receive neither Mahapola nor a Bursary. They should pass their examinations in the first attempt if they are to receive the award continuously. Founded in 1990 by Dr. P. Ratnasabapathy of Kaithady.

**v. Dr. G. M. Selvakone Memorial Bursary**

To be awarded to three needy Tamil students preferably from war-affected families. Awarded by the Dr. G.M. Selvakone Memorial Research Organization, Ontario, Canada.

**vi. Mrs. S. Nadarajah Award**

For a needy and clever medical student from the Columbuthurai area throughout his/her undergraduate career. Founded in 1990 by Mrs. S. Nadarajah of Jaffna.

**vii. Illankai Tamil Sangam USA Bursary**

Awarded to two needy medical students with consideration to their financial position. Donated by The Association of Tamils of Sri Lanka in the USA in 2002.

**4.4.3.2 Pre-Clinical Phase**

**viii. Wilson Nicholas Gnanasooriyar Memorial Bursary**

Awarded to a deserving student who needs financial assistance, on

completing the First examination. Preference to be given to a student who has lost his/her father. Established by Mrs. P. Gnanasooriyar in 1994 in memory of her son late Wilson Nicholas Gnanasooriyar, who was a medical student.

**ix. Sivathamilchelvil Dr.Thangammah Appakuddy Bursary**

Awarded to two needy students who pass the First Examination. Donated by Sivathamilchelvi Dr. Thangammah Appakuddy.

**x. Dr. C. Sinnathurai Medical Award**

Donated by Senator Tan Sri Datuk and Dr. C. Sinnathurai of Malaysia. Awarded to a needy medical student who has completed their first year and failed to obtain or is ineligible for a scholarship. This award may not be held concurrently with any other awards.

**4.4.3.3 Para-Clinical Phase**

**xi. Nagiah Memorial Award**

Awarded to a financially deserving medical student at the beginning of the Para-Clinical course. Donated in 1993 by Mrs. S. Nagiah of Colombo.

**xii. Prof. A. Kannappan Vasuki Endowment**

Awarded to a deserving student at the beginning of the Para-Clinical course. Donated by Prof. J. G. Kannappan of South India in 2004.

**xiii. Charles Kanagasunderam Memorial Bursary**

Awarded to two deserving candidates based on the performance at the Second Examination. Donated by Prof. A.J. Wilson of Canada.

**xiv. Chemical Industries (Colombo) Ltd. (CIC) Bursary**

Awarded to two deserving candidates amongst those securing the first ten places in the Second Examination. Awarded by the CIC Charitable and Educational Trust Fund.

#### **4.5 Gender Cell of the Faculty of Medicine (GCFM)**

The GCFM consists of staff and students of the Faculty who believe in gender equity and equality.

The goal is to establish a gender-sensitive faculty culture that allows the students and staff of the Faculty to pursue their studies and work without gender based discrimination, harassment and oppression.

The goal will be achieved through awareness programmes, discussion forums, ensuring the implementation of the policies on gender equity and equality and SGBV issues and facilitating the resolving of gender related complaints and issues.

GCFM provides an easy access to the students which is closer to their learning environment and will provide contact points which are familiar to the students.

You can call Dr Sivananthini Uthayakumar (077 998 3012), Dr Dinesh Coonghe (077 315 3617) or Dr Valarmathy Ambalavanar (077 100 5380) for your concerns on gender related issues.

## **5. Scholarships and Prizes**

The scholarships and prizes awarded at the Faculty are listed below. Students are encouraged to enhance their curriculum vitae by working towards them.

### **5.1 On admission**

#### **i. Sinnathamby Rajendram Scholarship**

Awarded by the Maharajah Trust in memory of the late Sinnathamby Rajendram, to the student who has performed best at the A/L Examination among students admitted to the Faculty of Medicine. The student holds the scholarship for three years.

#### **ii. Dr. A. Amirthanayagam Memorial Scholarship**

To be awarded to the best student entering the Medical Faculty from St. Patrick's College, Jaffna. If no student enters the Medical Faculty, to be awarded to the best student entering the University of Jaffna from St. Patrick's College. The scholar will hold the prize during his/her undergraduate career. Founded by Mr & Mrs. A. Amirthalingam through Ilankai Tamil Sangam, USA.

### **5.2 Phase I (Pre-Clinical)**

#### **iii. Subramaniam Mahadeva Scholarship**

Awarded by the Maharajah Trust in memory of the late Mr. Subramaniam Mahadeva to the student who shows the highest competency at the First Examination.

#### **iv. Sriskandarajah Memorial Award**

Awarded to the student judged to be best in extra-curricular activities among those who obtain at least a Second Class at the First Examination. Awarded every three years in memory of late Mr. S. Sriskandarajah former President, Students Union, University of Jaffna.

#### **v. Prof. R. Kanagasuntheram Gold Medal for Anatomy**



Awarded to the candidate who obtains the highest marks amongst those who obtain distinctions in Anatomy. Donated by Prof. R. Kanagasuntheram, former Dean and Professor of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine, Jaffna.

**vi. Murugesar Thambiah Gold Medal for Biochemistry**

Awarded to the candidate who obtains the highest marks amongst those who obtain distinctions in Biochemistry. Donated by Mrs. M. Nadarajah in memory of her father Mr. Murugesar Thambiah.

**vii. Charles Kanagasunderam Memorial Gold Medal for Physiology**

Awarded to the candidate who obtains the highest marks amongst those who obtain a distinction in Physiology. Donated by Prof. A.J. Wilson, Canada.

**5.3 Phase II (Para-Clinical)**

**viii. Myliddy Swaminathan Sri Baskaran Memorial Award**

Awarded to the candidate who performs best in the Second Examination. Donated by Dr. S. Suseendrarajah of Thirunelvely.

**ix. Valvai Valliyammal Sinnarathinam Memorial Prize**

Awarded to the two students who perform best at the Second Examination. Donated by Mr. Sinnarathinam of Valvettiturai.

**x. Kandiah Rajaratnam Scholarship for Parasitology**

Awarded to the student who gets the highest marks in Parasitology among those with distinctions in Parasitology who have obtained at least a Second Class. Donated by the late Mr. Kandiah Rajaratnam.

**xi. Chemical Industries (Colombo) Ltd. (CIC) Award in Pharmacology**

Awarded to the candidate who demonstrates the highest competency in Pharmacology and obtains a distinction in that subject. Donated by the CIC Charitable and Educational Trust Fund.

**xii. Prof. Senaka Bibile Commemoration Award in Pharmacology**

The State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka awards scholarships to medical students who perform well in Pharmacology in each medical faculty to commemorate the late Prof. Senaka Bibile.

**xiii. Dr. C. Palasuntheram Prize for Microbiology**

Awarded to the student with the highest marks in Microbiology at the Second Examination. Donated by Dr. C. Palasuntheram, Consultant Microbiologist.

**xiv. Dr. Vaithianathan Nadarajah Memorial Prize for Community Medicine**

Awarded to the best candidate in Community Medicine who obtains a distinction in the subject. Donated by Mrs. S. Nadarajah of Jaffna in memory of her late husband Dr. Vaithianathan Nadarajah.

**xv. Prof. N. Saravanapavananthan Memorial Award for Forensic Medicine**

Awarded to the candidate who shows the highest competency in Forensic Medicine with more than 60 marks. Established by Prof. (Mrs.) T. Saravanapavananthan in 1994.

**xvi. Chelliah Ponnammah Memorial Prize for Pathology**

Awarded to the candidate who shows the highest competency in Pathology and obtains a distinction in the subject. Donated by Prof. C.C. Balasubramaniam, Professor of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine, Jaffna, in memory of his parents.

**5.4 Phase III (Clinical/Final Year)**

**xvii. Dr. Vaithianathar Nadarajah Memorial Prize**

Awarded to the candidate who performs best at the Final Examination. Donated by Mrs. S. Nadarajah of Jaffna in memory of her late husband Dr. Vaithianathar Nadarajah.

**xviii. Dr. Samuel Green Memorial Prize**

Awarded once in three years to the candidate who obtains a first class and shows the highest competency at the Final Examination during these years. Donated by the Jaffna Medical Association in memory of the late Dr. Samuel Green, Pioneer in Medical Education in Sri Lanka.

**xix. Gold Medal donated by the Second Batch of Medical Students**

Awarded to the medical student who performs the best at the Final Examination, among those with First Class or Second-Class upper Division. Donated by the Second Batch (1979) of Medical Graduates.

**xx. Dr. S. Ramanathan Gold Medal for Medicine**

Awarded to the candidate who shows the highest competency in Medicine and obtains a distinction in Medicine at the Final Examination. Donated by Mrs. T. Ratnasabapathy in memory of her late father Dr. S. Ramanathan, MRCP (London).

**xxi. Dr. S. Ramachandran Gold Medal for Clinical Medicine**

Awarded to the candidate who obtains the highest marks in the clinical component of the Final Examination among those who pass irrespective of class or distinction. Donated by Dr. S. Ramachandran MD, FRCP, Consultant Physician, General Hospital Colombo.

**xxii. Medical Institute of Tamils UK Gold Medal for Paediatrics**

Awarded to the student who scores the highest marks in the clinical component in Paediatrics at the Final Examination among the students who obtain class honours.

**xxiii. Dr. V.T. Pasupati Gold Medal in Paediatrics**

Awarded to the candidate who shows the highest competency with a distinction in Paediatrics at the Final Examination. Donated by the children of late Dr. V.T. Pasupati in his memory.

**xxiv. Dr. Nagaruban Arumugam Memorial Scholarship**

A scholarship for the elective period for students who opt to do the elective in Paediatrics. Students will be selected on the performance at the First and Second Examination for Medical Degrees and also financial need. Donated by Dr. Pon Keetheswaran from Australia in memory of late Dr. Nagaruban Arumugam.

**xxv. Standing Committee of Tamil-speaking people in the UK Gold Medal for Obstetrics and Gynaecology**

Awarded to the student who scores the highest marks in the clinical component in Obstetrics & Gynaecology at the Final Examination among the students who obtain class honours.

**xxvi. St. George Gold Medal in Obstetrics & Gynaecology**

Awarded to the candidate who shows the highest competency in Obstetrics & Gynaecology with a distinction in Obstetrics at the Final Examination. Donated by Dr. John St. George, FRCS, FRCOG of NSW, Australia.

**xxvii. Dr. Gunaratnam Muttutham Gold Medal for Obstetrics & Gynaecology**

Awarded to the student who shows the highest competency in Obstetrics & Gynaecology during a three-year period. Donated by Dr. A.G. Muttuthamby of Colombo.

**xxviii. Dr. S. Subramaniam (PS) Memorial Gold Medal for Surgery**

Awarded to the candidate who shows the highest competency in Surgery and obtains a distinction in Surgery at the Final Examination. Donated by Dr. & Mrs. M. Ramachandran.

**xxix. Dr. Gunanandam Gold Medal in Surgery**

Awarded to the student who scores the highest marks in the clinical component in Surgery at the Final Examination among the students who obtain class honours.

**xxx. Dr. Muruganathan Gold Medal for best performance in Psychiatry**

Awarded to the candidate who obtains the highest marks in Psychiatry at the Final Examination and obtains at least a Second Class. Donated by the family members of Late Dr. N. Muruganathan, an eminent Psychiatrist in the UK. The award is a half-sovereign gold medal (4g).

## **5.5 Overall performance**

### **xxxi. Nanthi Gold Medal**

Awarded for best overall performance at all examinations in the medical course. Founded by well-wishers to felicitate Prof. C. Sivagnanasundram ('Nanthi').

### **xxxii. Dr. William Paul Award**

Awarded to the candidate with the best academic record who has also shown a significant contribution to extracurricular activities. Awarded by Mr. A.T.S. Paul, FRCS, and Mr. P.M. Jeyaranjan, Bar-at-Law of Colombo in memory of their grandfather Dr. William Paul.

### **xxxiii. Dr. Rajani Thiranagama Memorial Award**

Awarded to the student who gets the highest points for extracurricular activities throughout his/her medical career at the faculty. Donated by Dr. Uthayakumaran Somasundaram.

### **xxxiv. Prof. A. Thurairajah Gold Medal for All-Round Performance**

Graduates with First Class or Second Upper Division are eligible to apply for the Gold Medal. Awarded to the applicant (or jointly) who earns the highest aggregate of points.

### **xxxv. University Prize (Thambiah Muthaliyar Chatram Trust)**

To be awarded to the best students of all Faculties of the University based on performance at examinations. The details for the Medical Faculty are as follows: Average marks must be 60% or above at the First, Second and Final Examinations for Medical Degrees.

## **5.6 Research Awards**

**xxxvi. Dr. Gunaratnam Cooke Research Award**

Awarded for student projects. Donated by Dr. R. R. Cooke, FRCS, Colombo in 1985.

**xxxvii. S. Sivagurunathan Memorial Award for Research**

Awarded to the student who obtains at least a Second Class in the Second Examination and has submitted the best research project report in Community Medicine. Established in 1994 by Mrs P. Sivagurunathan in memory of her husband late Mr. S. Sivagurunathan, AGA Nallur.

**xxxviii. Covinthapillai Candiah Research Award**

Awarded to the best three researches undertaken by students in Phase I and to the best three researches undertaken in Phase II, provided the research is of sufficient merit. Founded in 1992 by Mr .C, Kandiah of Ariyalai, Jaffna.

**xxxix. Velayuthar Sothinagaratnam Memorial Award for Research**

Awarded for the best research in Community Medicine in the field of Microbiology. Donated by Mr. S. Sothimaheswaran from UK.

**xl. Prof. Appakutty Sinnathamby Award for Research**

Awarded for the best research in reproductive health related topics in Community Medicine. Donated by Mr. R. Kaneshalingam son-in-law of late Prof. A. Sinnathamby.

**xli. Dr. Muruganathan award for research in Mental Health**

Awarded to the research which got the highest marks in the field of mental health among undergraduate researches conducted in Community and Family Medicine. The candidate should have a pass in the Second Examination for Medical Degrees. The award includes a cash prize of Rs. 25,000.



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