

Faculty of Graduate Studies- Study Programmes

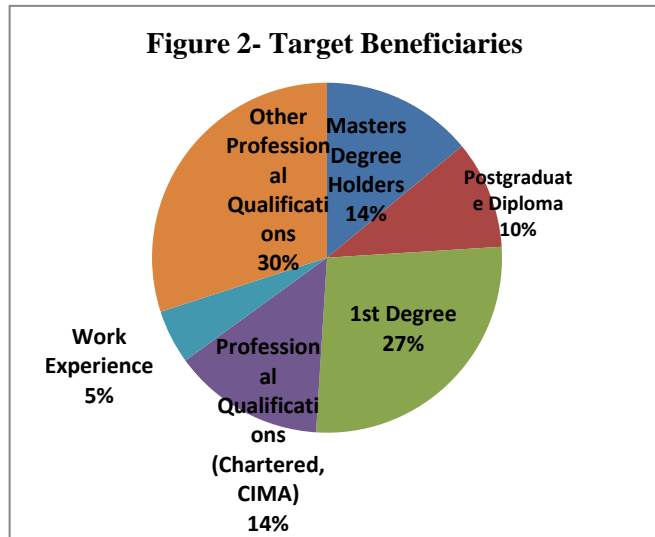
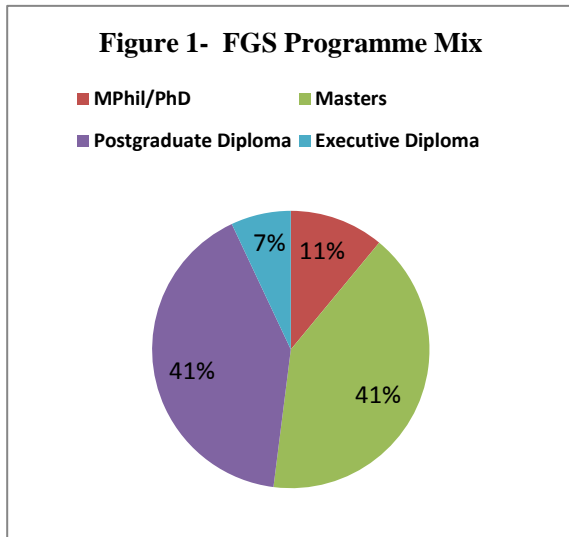
The Winner of Asia's Best School Award for Innovative Leadership in 2011 and 2012, World Education Congress B-School Leadership Award in 2013, the Winner of Asian Education Leadership Award in 2012 and 2014 and the Winner of Distance Learning Leadership Award in 2015.

The Faculty of Graduate Studies of the University of Colombo (FGS-Colombo) is one of the leading postgraduate degree awarding institutions in Sri Lanka. The FGS-Colombo was established by the Faculty of Graduate Studies Ordinance No: 03 of 1987. Led by the Dean of the Faculty and managed by a Board of Graduate Studies, FGS-Colombo is accountable to the Senate and the Council of the UoC. Located in the heart of the commercial hub of the country, it can lay claim to well-established facilities and internationally qualified academic staff. The Faculty embarked upon the postgraduate instruction at a time when postgraduate taught programmes were almost non-existent in Sri Lanka.

As a bachelor's degree is presently considered only as a basic qualification for academic or employment prospects, postgraduate training is essential to become a professional in any field. Postgraduate qualifications can admit a person to an exclusive club of top-level competitors in a fast-track knowledge-based global economy. FGS-Colombo can secure professional future with a diverse range of specialized postgraduate study programmes in the applied social sciences, business studies and international affairs. With state-of-the-art educational methods, FGS-Colombo study programmes are designed to help today's knowledge worker meet the challenges of the future.

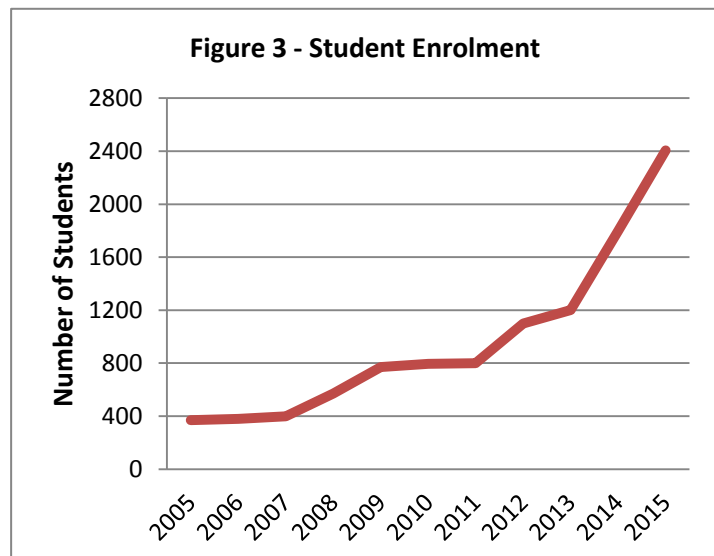


The FGS-Colombo provides leadership and support for excellence in graduate education and research to about 2405 graduate students in 32 programmes. Its study programmes are structured into four academic qualifications: i.e (a) Executive Diplomas, (b) Postgraduate Diplomas, (c) Master degrees and (d) MPhil and PhD degrees. At present, both Postgraduate Diploma (41%) and Masters (41%) programmes absorb 82% of the total student population and the rest is shared by MPhil/PhD (11%) and ED (7%) of the candidates as shown in Figure 1. Its target beneficiaries include a wide cross section of individuals serving public, private and non-government sector organizations. In addition to work experience, many of them are graduates and about 24% of them are with postgraduate qualifications vide Figure 2.



The FGS is entirely dependent on self-earned income of which around 25% is allocated to the UoC for promoting student welfare. There has been a remarkable growth in student enrolment during the period from 2005 to 2015 (Figure 3). It also shares its physical resources with undergraduate students of other faculties free of charge. In the area of administration and management, the faculty has been very innovative in several areas of activity including the following:

1. Product development- FGS- Colombo uses an innovative strategy of maximizing both income generation and social welfare.
2. Faculty management – Programmes are directed by Course Coordinators. Their work is coordinated by two Boards of Studies – BSPS and BSDS. This work is finally monitored by the Faculty Board which comprises of all the Deans and representatives of the University Council of UoC.



3. Administration – contrary to conventional type of faculty administration, FGS administration is business oriented. It is customer friendly.
4. Resource persons- all are drawn from other faculties, sister universities, industry and foreign universities.
5. Application of most modern delivery modes – use of m-Learning mode. Practice of Public Private Partnership (PPP) – m-Learning programme is conducted jointly with Sri Lanka Mobitel.

The study programmes of the FGS-Colombo are demand driven and cover a wide range of subjects such as Business Studies, Development Studies, Labour Relations and Human Resource Management, Counselling and Psychosocial Support, Conflict and Peace Studies, Japanese Studies, Manufacturing Management, Human Rights, Regional Development and Planning, Public Administration and Public Management and Environment Management. It also offers a number of specialized postgraduate programmes such as Masters in Psychosocial Support and MPhil in Clinical Psychology. The Executive Diploma offered by the FGS- Colombo is targeted at junior executives in the business sector with the objective of providing access to higher education for non-degree holders. The Post-graduate Diploma in Public Administration and Public Management offered through m-Learning mode is the latest addition to FGS service bundle. The m-Learning method is one of the most modern and widely accepted learning modes in higher education. With the introduction of m-learning mode, access to higher education is wide open to both local and foreign students. The m-Learning mode does not recognize any of the barriers such as time, distance, culture, tariff etc. for entry into higher education.

The FGS-Colombo is in the business of value innovation. Instead of competition, it concentrates on value creation for human capital development. With the emergence of knowledge based economic activities, postgraduate training has become a key factor in promoting economic growth and development. The FGS is committed to promote human capital development in South Asia by offering high quality programmes both at Executive Diploma and postgraduate level.

In addition to revenue generation, the FGS is very keen in offering programmes which promote social welfare. Some of the examples include MPhil in Clinical Psychology, Masters in Gender and Women 's Studies, Postgraduate Diploma in Counseling and Psychosocial Support, Masters in Labour Relations and Human Resource Management, and Masters in Conflict and Peace Studies. With the emergence of knowledge based economic activities, postgraduate training has become a key factor in promoting economic growth and development. The FGS- Colombo is committed to contribute to human capital development in Sri Lanka by offering high quality programmes both at diploma and postgraduate level.

The FGS-Colombo keeps on reviewing the changing needs of the society and its contribution towards them. Currently, it conducts 28 postgraduate programmes reflecting a substantial increase in its activities during the last few years under the present leadership. Some of the programmes presently being conducted by the faculty are given below.

Postgraduate Diploma Programmes

Executive Diploma Programmes

Executive Diploma in Marketing (EDM)
Executive Diploma in Marketing - Online Mode (EDM, m-L)
Executive Diploma in Public Management and Governance - Online Mode (EDPM&G, m-L)
Executive Diploma in Human Rights (EDHR)

Postgraduate Diploma Programmes

Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management (PgDBM)
Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management - Online Mode (PgDBM, m-L)
Postgraduate Diploma in Development Studies (PgDDS)
Postgraduate Diploma in Information Systems Management (PgDISM)
Postgraduate Diploma in Gender and Women's Studies (PgDGWS)
Postgraduate Diploma in Labour Relations and Human Resource Management (PgDLRHRM)
Postgraduate Diploma in Japanese Studies (PgDJS)
Postgraduate Diploma in Conflict and Peace Studies (PgDCPS)
Postgraduate Diploma in Human Rights (PgDHR)
Postgraduate Diploma in Manufacturing Management (PgDMM)
Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling & Psychosocial Support (PgDCP)
Postgraduate Diploma in Public Administration and Management - Online Mode (PgDPA/PM, m-L)
Postgraduate Diploma in Environment Management (PgDEM)

Masters Degree Programmes

Master of Regional Development & Planning (MRDP)
Master of Business Studies (MBS)
Masters in Development Studies (MDS)
Master of Information Systems Management (MISM)
Masters in Labour Relations and Human Resource Management (MLRHRM)
Masters in Japanese Studies (MJS)
Masters in Conflict and Peace Studies (MCPS)
Masters in Human Rights (MHR)
Masters in Manufacturing Management (MMM)
Masters in Counselling & Psychosocial Support (MCP)
Master of Public Administration and Public Management - Online Mode (MPA/PM, m-L)
Master of Environment Management (MEM)
Masters in Gender and Women's Studies (MGWS)

MPhil / PhD Programmes

Master of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology (MPCP)
MPhil in Multi-disciplinary Studies
MPhil/PhD in Multi-disciplinary Studies

Its teaching staff is mainly drawn from other faculties of the University. In its effort in promoting private public partnership, it keeps close links with the private sector institutions and draws resource persons to contribute to its programmes. This has enhanced the private sector partnership in teaching and research to a great extent and further collaboration is also planned.

Postgraduate Research Programmes

The entire programme mix of the FGS-Colombo is essentially inclined towards promoting research at various levels of education. The research work starts at executive diploma level as project/internship reports, increases the importance of research as extended essays and dissertations at master level. The duration differs with each programme from three months to one year according to the credits and qualification framework suggested by the UGC. In addition to the research component built into various programmes offered by the faculty, there are three postgraduate research degree programmes exclusively dedicated to research at the FGS. They are

- (i) MPhil leading to PhD in multidisciplinary studies
- (ii) MPhil multidisciplinary programme and
- (iii) MPhil in Clinical Psychology programme.

The MPhil/PhD programme in multi-disciplinary studies can be divided into two modes based on the nature of the programme: (a) Old version and (b) the new version. The old version is governed by standard By-Laws applicable to the higher degrees offered by the UoC, and the New Version is a structured programme introduced in 2008 under new By-Laws. Under the new version began in 2009, there are eight batches registered as MPhil/PhD candidates and the total registered number is 252.

Human Resources Availability for Postgraduate Programmes

The FGS- Colombo has access to a pool of best quality researchers in all other faculties, portraying the readily available human resources required for quality research. Furthermore, FGS-Colombo is the only faculty in the university system where multi-disciplinary research can be carried out due to the availability of resource personnel for the faculty to draw upon without any restrictions. The variety of research undertaken by different candidates attached to the MPhil /PhD programme clearly shows the diversity of research interests of the faculty, as well as the quality of multi-disciplinary nature of research undertaken. At one end of the spectrum there are candidates carrying out research on topics related to humanities and the other end, there are candidates engaged in research related to natural and behavioral sciences. One of the key characteristics of the thesis supervision is the participation of Sri Lanka diaspora, in addition to foreign lecturers. Inter-university and inter-faculty coverage and industry representation is yet another characteristic of FGS-Colombo thesis supervision.