



## **Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka**

### **Invitation of Applications / Nominations for the Post of Venerable Vice-Chancellor**

Applications are invited from Dharmadhara and Vinayadhara Bhikkus who are eminently qualified in Buddhist / Pali academic field to take over the leadership of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka as its Venerable Vice – Chancellor in terms of the provisions of the Buddhist and Pali University Act No. 74 of 1981 as amended by the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Act No. 37 of 1995. The term of office of this post is three years.

The Head Office of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka is located at No. 37, Moragahahena Road, Pitipana, Homagama.

The Venerable Vice-Chancellor is a full-time officer. He shall be the Principal Executive Officer, the Principal Academic Officer, and the Principal Accounting Officer of the University. He shall be an ex-officio member and the Chairman Bhikku of both the Council and the Senate.

### **The Basic Qualifications to be fulfilled by the Applicant**

1. Each applicant shall be a Bhikku with Sri Lankan citizenship who is not over 62 years of age as at the closing date of applications and shall have completed ten years after ordination.

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i. If the applicant is an internal candidate, he shall be a Dharmadhara and Vinayadhara Bhikku who is in permanent service at the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka with a Doctoral degree which is not an Honorary Doctoral Degree.

ii. If an external applicant, he shall be a Dharmadhara and Vinayadhara Bhikku with outstanding qualifications in the field of Buddhist and Pali Studies who holds a Doctoral degree in the relevant subject area, which is not an Honorary Doctoral Degree.

The Venerable Vice-Chancellor, unless he is removed from office earlier or vacates office, is appointed for a duration of three years, and shall hold office until he completes 65 years

of age or until the expiry of the term of office of the Venerable Vice-Chancellor, whichever comes earlier.

### **Responsibilities and Duties**

The Venerable Vice-Chancellor holds the responsibility for overseeing academic activities, introducing management policies, and implementing the decisions of the Governing Council. Furthermore, it is expected to adhere to the university's principles of general administration, academic excellence, transparency, responsibility, democratic management, and effective impartial leadership.

The successful candidate should possess a strong research profile, demonstrated leadership qualities and interpersonal skills to deal with diverse interested groups, a clear understanding of policy issues, and a commitment to effective implementation of decisions. He must have a deep understanding of the quality and mission of a university, including the commitment to the community.

The Venerable Vice-Chancellor is entitled to be placed in the highest salary level in the university, and also be eligible for an entertainment allowance of 15% of the basic salary, other allowances, and benefits related to the post.

The following documents should accompany the application or the nomination sheet.

1. Curriculum Vitae including the date of birth of the applicant, date of ordination, educational qualifications, academic research and publications, knowledge of English and other foreign languages, experience in professional and administrative work, and the vision of the university presented for the next 03 years, attested copies of the birth certificate and the ordination certificate.
2. A statement of the vision presented for the advancement of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka and a brief description of how to achieve the objectives of the University if elected as the University's Venerable Vice-Chancellor (**Shall submit separately with the Curriculum Vitae**).
3. A letter of consent of the nominee in case of nomination.
4. The Applicant shall submit a letter from the employer indicating whether the applicant/nominee could be released in the event of the applicant/nominee appointed to the post, in case an applicant is serving in Public Service, Corporation, Statutory Body, or Higher Educational Institution other than the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka.

Eligible applicants will be summoned before a Special Council meeting for a brief presentation of a duration limited to 15 minutes on how the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka will be overseen for the next three years if he is elected to the post of Venerable Vice-Chancellor.

Applications or nominations shall be sent to “Registrar, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, No. 37, Moragahahena Road, Pitipana Town, Homagama ”, via registered post or personally hand-delivered on or before 3.00 p.m. of 22.11.2023. Softcopies (PDF) of these documents shall be forwarded to the email address [registrar@bpu.ac.lk](mailto:registrar@bpu.ac.lk)

Applications or nominations submitted after 3.00 p.m. on 22.11.2023 will not be accepted by the university.

“Post of Venerable Vice-Chancellor” shall be mentioned in the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the application or nomination-related documents.

For appointments, the Council will select three eligible Bhikkus out of the applicants / nominees and inform their names to the Ministry of Education as per the criteria for appointing a Venerable Vice-Chancellor approved by the 438<sup>th</sup> Council in terms of the provisions of the Buddhist and Pali University Act No. 74 of 1981 as amended by the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Act No. 37 of 1995. The decision of the Council of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka regarding the selection of these three eligible Bhikkus shall be deemed final.

Details for applications and nominations can also be obtained by visiting the website [www.bpu.ac.lk](http://www.bpu.ac.lk))

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