

## **Notice on MPhil / PhD Degree Programmes** **(Full-Time and Part-Time Registration)**

### **Status of Registration**

#### **a). Full-Time Student**

A full-time research student is a person duly registered for an MPhil or PhD degree programme and engaged in research and related academic activities during normal working hours.

In accordance with **SLQF guidelines**, a full-time research student is required to complete **3,000 notional hours per year**.

Applicants who are employed must obtain **leave of absence** from their workplace to qualify for full-time registration. Those unable to meet this requirement are advised to apply under **part-time registration**.

#### **b). Part-Time Student**

A part-time research student is required to complete **at least 1,500 notional hours per year** on research and related academic activities.

### **MPhil/PhD degree programmes– Entry, Requirements & Duration**

Programme of Study (Exit Qualification)	SLQF Level	Minimum Entry Requirement	Minimum Credit Requirement	Minimum GPA / Result required for successful completion.	Minimum Duration	Maximum Duration
<b>Master of Science (MSc)</b>	L10	SLQF L9	30 Coursework + 30 Research	3.00	2 years	5 years
<b>Master of Philosophy (MPhil)</b>	L11	SLQF L6 / SLQF L7–8 / SLQF L9 / SLQF L10	60 Research ( <i>Coursework where applicable</i> )	Pass	Full-time (FT): 2 yrs Part-time (PT): 3 yrs	Full-time: 4 yrs Part-time: 6 yrs
<b>MPhil (Transferred from MSc)</b>	L11	MSc (SLQF L10)	60 Research	Pass	FT: 1.5 yrs PT: 2.5 yrs	FT: 4 yrs PT: 6 yrs
<b>Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)</b>	L12	SLQF L6 / SLQF L7–8 / SLQF L9 / SLQF L10	90 Research ( <i>Coursework where applicable</i> )	Pass	FT: 3 yrs PT: 4.5 yrs	FT: 6 yrs PT: 9 yrs
<b>PhD (Upgrade from MSc)</b>	L12	MSc (SLQF L10)	90 Research	Pass	FT: 3 yrs (from MSc registration)	FT: 6 yrs PT: 9 yrs
<b>PhD (Upgrade from MPhil)</b>	L12	MPhil (SLQF L11)	90 Research	Pass	FT: 3 yrs (from MPhil registration)	FT: 6 yrs PT: 9 yrs

### **A). MPhil Degree Programme**

#### **Full-Time Registration**

##### **1. Direct Registration (SLQF Level 6 / 7 / 8)**

Eligible qualifications include:

- BSc Honours Degree (SLQF Level 6) with GPA  $\geq 3.0$   
(*Applicants with GPA < 3.0 must pass a qualifying examination*)
- Postgraduate Certificate (SLQF Level 7) and Postgraduate Diploma (SLQF Level 8)

Selection may include a qualifying examination and/or interview as determined by PGIS.

**Duration**

- a) Minimum: **2 years**
- b) Maximum: **4 years**

**2. Master's Degree (SLQF Level 9 → New Application)**

- a) Relevant Master's Degree at SLQF Level 9
- b) New application required

**Duration:**

- a) Minimum: **2 years**
- b) Maximum: **4 years**

**3. Master's Degree (SLQF Level 10 → New Application):** Relevant Master's Degree at SLQF Level 10**Duration:**

- a) Minimum: **1.5 years**
- b) Maximum: **4 years**

**4. Upgrade from MSc (SLQF Level 10) to MPhil**

- a) Applicable to full-time MSc students
- b) Upgrade after Mid-Year Progress Review, subject to supervisory approval

**Duration:**

- a) Minimum: **1.5 years** (from date of review)
- b) Maximum: **4 years**

**Part-Time Registration (MPhil)**

Eligible entry routes include:

- a) Direct registration (SLQF Level 6 / 7 / 8)
- b) Master's Degree at SLQF Level 9 or 10 (new application)
- c) Transfer from full-time MSc (SLQF Level 10) to MPhil

**Duration:**

- a) Minimum: **2.5 – 3 years** (depending on entry route)
- b) Maximum: **6 years**

Additional requirements may be imposed by the relevant **Board of Study**.

**B). PhD Degree Programme****Full-Time Registration****1. Direct Registration (SLQF Level 6 / 7 / 8)**

- a) Bachelor's Honours Degree (GPA  $\geq$  3.0) or equivalent
- b) Postgraduate Certificate (SLQF Level 7) or
- c) Postgraduate Diploma (SLQF Level 8)

**Duration:**

- a) Minimum: **3 years**
- b) Minimum PhD Research Period: **2 years** (after Qualifying Examination)
- c) Maximum: **6 years**

**2. Master's Degree (SLQF Level 9 → MPhil → PhD):** Upgrade to PhD after at least 1 year of MPhil research**3. MSc Degree (SLQF Level 10 → PhD):** Direct PhD pathway**4. Upgrade Routes (MSc / MPhil to PhD):** Subject to Mid-Year Progress Review and supervisory approval

**Maximum Duration for all routes: 6 years**

**Part-Time Registration (PhD)**

Available through:

- a) Direct registration (SLQF Level 6 / 7 / 8)
- b) MPhil (SLQF Level 9) → PhD

- c) MSc Degree (SLQF Level 10) → PhD

**Duration:**

- a) Minimum: **4.5 years**
- b) Minimum PhD Research Period: **3.5 years**
- c) Maximum: **9 years**

**Application Procedure**

- a) Applications are accepted **throughout the year**
- b) Apply online via the **PGIS MIS Portal**
- c) Online submission with payment constitutes formal application

Incomplete or misleading applications will be rejected. Admission decisions of PGIS are **final**. Ethical clearance is mandatory where applicable.

**Fees and Payments**

Fees are revised periodically. Updated fee structures are available at:

[www.pgis.lk](http://www.pgis.lk)