



EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

Dharmaretnam Memorial Gold Medal Award for Most Outstanding Student with Leadership Qualities

I. General Criteria for Selecting the Recipient of the Award

The following criteria shall be strictly adhered to in selecting a suitable candidate for the Dharmaretnam Memorial Gold Medal Award.

- a) The applicant shall be an eligible graduand for the award and shall be eligible to receive the degree at the particular year of convocation.
- b) The achievements claimed by the applicant shall have been attained during his/her period of studentship at the University.
- c) The applicant shall possess a minimum Overall Grade Point Average (OGPA) of 3.0
- d) The applicant shall not have been subject to any disciplinary action under the University disciplinary procedures
- e) Application for this award shall be submitted by the applicant to the Deputy Registrar/Senior Assistant Registrar of the Department of Academic Affairs by registered post. The date of posting, as evidenced by the postal stamp, shall be deemed to be the date of application.
- f) Applications received by the Deputy Registrar/Senior Assistant Registrar of the Department of Academic Affairs on or before the closing date shall be forwarded to the Director of the Institute/Dean of the respective Faculty for scrutiny and recommendation to the Academic Syndicate/Faculty Board.
- g) The Academic Syndicate/Faculty Board shall appoint a Scrutinizing Committee comprising the following members:
 - Director of the Institute/Dean of the respective Faculty – Chairperson
 - One Senior Academic from each Department and Discipline
- h) The Institute/Faculty Scrutinizing Committee shall ensure that the duly completed application form, together with all certified supporting documents, is submitted by the applicant.
- i) Students who obtain an overall minimum score of 50 marks shall be considered eligible for award.
- j) The Academic Syndicate/Faculty Board shall recommend eligible candidates to the Committee appointed by the Senate.

- k) A Committee comprising not more than five Senior Professors/Professors shall be appointed by the Senate once every three years to evaluate the selection process for the conferment of the Award.
- l) The Senate appointed committee shall recommend the awardee to the Senate
- m) The decision of the Senate regarding the awardee shall be final.

II. Selection Criteria

a) Academic Performance (*Maximum: 25 Marks*)

- First Class - *25 Marks*
- Second Class (Upper Division) - *15 Marks*
- Second Class (Lower Division) - *10 Marks*

b) Awards/ Patents Obtained (*Maximum: 20 Marks*)

The Awards/Patents claimed by the applicant shall have been affiliated to the University.

- (i) Marks shall be awarded for significant awards, honours, or recognitions received at the international, national, provincial/district, and university level. Consideration shall be given to awards in the following categories: academic excellence, research and innovation, sports, cultural and creative activities, and leadership.

- International Level - *10 Marks per award*
- National Level - *07 Marks per award*
- Provincial/District Level - *05 Marks per award*
- University Level - *05 Marks per award*

Note: Financial scholarships, bursaries, Mahapola financial assistance, stipends, cash grants, and sponsorships shall not be considered under this category.

- (ii) Marks shall be given for International and National Patents that students filed/awarded.
- International - *15 Marks per patent*
- National - *07 Marks per patent*

c) Involvement in University Activities (*Maximum 30 Marks*)

- Membership in University Statutory Bodies (*Maximum: 06 Marks*)
(*03 marks per membership per year*)
- Office Bearers of Student Unions, Societies, and other Organizations registered with the University (*Maximum: 06 Marks*)
(*03 marks per membership per year*)
- Representing the University in Sports (*Maximum: 10 Marks*)
(*05 marks per participation/member*)
- Representing the University in Cultural and other Activities (*Maximum: 06 Marks*)
(*03 marks per participation/member*)

Note: Marks shall not be awarded for activities that are included as part of the prescribed curriculum.

d) Social Commitments or Membership in Organizations (*Maximum: 10 Marks*)
(*03 marks per membership per year*)

Note: 1. *Marks shall be awarded for active participation, leadership, volunteerism, and community engagement in recognized social, professional, environmental, religious, humanitarian, and youth organizations. Only duly recognized and verifiable organizations shall be considered.*

2. *Membership in political parties or involvement in activities of a partisan nature shall not be considered under this category.*

e) Ability to Articulate – Publications (*Maximum: 15 Marks*)

- i. Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles published by the University or recognized professional bodies (*10 Marks per paper*)
- ii. Conference contributions organized by the University or recognized professional bodies:
 - Full Paper - *06 Marks per paper*
 - Extended Abstract - *04 Marks per abstract*
 - Abstract - *02 Marks per abstract*
- iii. Books Published by a recognized publisher (*06 Marks per book*)
- iv. Newspaper / Magazine Articles (*02 Marks per article*)

Note: *Full marks shall be awarded where the applicant is the first author of the publication. In the case of co-authorship, 50% of the applicable marks shall be awarded.*