Approved Undergraduate Awards - 2024

The following awards of the University of Colombo School of Computing are presented at the General Convocation annually. Students are selected for each award based on their academic performance.

Name of the Award	Approved Criteria
Computer Science / Information Systems	
Prof. V.K. Samaranayake Memorial Award for the Most Outstanding Student of the University of Colombo School of Computing	- The most outstanding student among those who are graduating on their first attempt in the year under consideration with a first class. - Only undergraduate degrees awarded to full time internal students of the UCSC will be considered. - Take into consideration all of the following aspects of the candidate during the period of his/her studentship at the UCSC; I. Academic excellence II. Excellence in conduct and satisfactory attendance III. Participation in activities promoting University - Industry relationships IV. Performance in sports and related extracurricular activities V. Participation in extracurricular activities related to UCSC and University Societies/Union VI. Contributions of a social and cultural nature that has enriched student life at the University and enhanced the overall reputation of the UCSC VII. Considerations towards enhancing staff-student relationships VIII. Has not brought into disrepute, the University of Colombo and the UCSC
Prof. N.D. Kodikara Award for Academic Excellence in Computing	- The student with the highest weighted average marks among those who are graduating on their first attempt in the year under consideration with a first class. - Highest weighted average marks will be calculated based on the marks of the courses that were used to calculate the class GPA of the student [Excluding

	the marks for non GPA courses/ enhancement courses] ● Only undergraduate degrees awarded to full time internal students of the UCSC will be considered ● If there is a tie, the award will be given jointly. ● Any student who has been punished for any disciplinary action or an examination offence will not be considered for the award. ● The award will be applicable for students of the 3rd year general and 4th year honours degree programmes of UCSC
Computer Science Honours Degree	
Professor Mohan Munasinghe Award for Academic Excellence in Computer Science	● The student with the highest weighted average marks among those who are graduating on their first attempt with the Bachelor of Science Honours in Computer Science degree in the year under consideration with a first-class. ● Highest weighted average marks will be calculated based on the marks of the courses that were used to calculate the class GPA of the student [Excluding the marks for non GPA courses/ enhancement courses] ● If there is a tie, the award will be given jointly. ● Any student who has been punished for any disciplinary action or an examination offence will not be considered for the award.
ICTA Award for the Best Final Year Project in Computer Science	● This award will be given to the graduating student who has achieved an 'A' grade or above for the final year project in the Bachelor of Science Honours in Computer Science degree program in the year under consideration and has been shortlisted based on the marks. The committee appointed by the Board of Study for Internal Undergraduate Degrees will evaluate the shortlisted projects based on a set of criteria to determine the winner of the award. ● Any student who has been punished for any disciplinary action or an examination offence will not be considered for the award.

Computer Science General Degree	
David Pieris Group Award for the Best Industrial Training in Computer Science	● This award will be given to the graduating student who has successfully completed the industrial training in the year under consideration with the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree/ Bachelor of Science Honours in Computer Science degree and has been shortlisted based on the recommendations of the panel of examiners. The committee appointed by the Board of Study for Internal Undergraduate Degrees will evaluate the shortlisted students based on a set of criteria to determine the winner of the award. ● Any student who has been punished for any disciplinary action or an examination offence will not be considered for the award.
Virtusa Award for the Best Performance in Computer Science	● The student with the highest weighted average marks among those who are graduating on their first attempt with the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree in the year under consideration with a first-class. ● Highest weighted average marks will be calculated based on the marks of the courses that were used to calculate the class GPA of the student [Excluding the marks for non GPA courses/ enhancement courses] ● If there is a tie, the award will be given jointly. ● Any student who has been punished for any disciplinary action or an examination offence will not be considered for the award.
Software Engineering Honours Degree	
IFS Award for Academic Excellence in Software Engineering	● The student with the highest weighted average marks among those who are graduating on their first attempt with the Bachelor of Science Honours in Software Engineering degree in the year under consideration with a first-class. ● Highest weighted average marks will be calculated based on the marks of the courses that were used to calculate the class GPA of the student [Excluding

	the marks for non GPA courses/ enhancement courses]
	● If there is a tie, the award will be given jointly.
	● Any student who has been punished for any disciplinary action or an examination offence will not be considered for the award.
Soma Goonetillake Memorial Award for the Best Final Year Project in Software Engineering	● This award will be given to the graduating student/ group of students who has achieved an 'A' grade or above for the final year project in the Bachelor of Science Honours in Software Engineering degree program in the year under consideration and has been shortlisted based on the marks. The committee appointed by the Board of Study for Internal Undergraduate Degrees will evaluate the shortlisted projects based on a set of criteria to determine the winner of the award. ● Any student who has been punished for any disciplinary action or an examination offence will not be considered for the award.
Wimala Jayaratne Memorial Award for Software Engineering	● The student who obtained the highest average mark (up to the second decimal place) for Software Engineering courses offered in Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 (at their first attempt) in the year under consideration. Relevant courses are to be defined by the Board of Study for Internal Undergraduate Degrees. ● The student should obtain a minimum of a "B" grade for all the courses mentioned above. ● If there is a tie, the award will be given jointly. ● Any student who has been punished for any disciplinary action or an examination offence will not be considered for the award.
Information Systems Honours Degree	
IFS Award for Academic Excellence in Information Systems	● The student with the highest weighted average marks among those who are graduating on their first attempt with the Bachelor of Science Honours in Information Systems degree in the year under consideration with a first-class. ● Highest weighted average marks will be calculated based on the marks of the courses that were used

	to calculate the class GPA of the student [Excluding the marks for non GPA courses/ enhancement courses] ● If there is a tie, the award will be given jointly. ● Any student who has been punished for any disciplinary action or an examination offence will not be considered for the award.
Sampath Bank Award for the Best Final Year Project in Information Systems	● This award will be given to the graduating student/ group of students who has achieved an 'A' grade or above for the final year project in the Bachelor of Science Honours in Information Systems degree program in the year under consideration and has been shortlisted based on the marks. The committee appointed by the Board of Study for Internal Undergraduate Degrees will evaluate the shortlisted projects based on a set of criteria to determine the winner of the award. ● Any student who has been punished for any disciplinary action or an examination offence will not be considered for the award.
Information Systems General Degree	
David Pieris Group Award for the Best Industrial Training in Information Systems	● This award will be given to the graduating student who has successfully completed the industrial training in the year under consideration with the Bachelor of Science in Information Systems degree/ Bachelor of Science Honours in Information Systems degree and has been shortlisted based on the recommendations of the panel of examiners. The committee appointed by the Board of Study for Internal Undergraduate Degrees will evaluate the shortlisted students based on a set of criteria to determine the winner of the award. ● Any student who has been punished for any disciplinary action or an examination offence will not be considered for the award.
Zebra Technologies Award for the Best Performance in Information Systems	● The student with the highest weighted average marks among those who are graduating on their first attempt with the Bachelor of Science in

	Information Systems degree in the year under consideration with a first-class. ● Highest weighted average marks will be calculated based on the marks of the courses that were used to calculate the class GPA of the student [Excluding the marks for non GPA courses/ enhancement courses] ● If there is a tie, the award will be given jointly. ● Any student who has been punished for any disciplinary action or an examination offence will not be considered for the award.

Open Awards of University of Colombo	
The open awards of the University of Colombo are presented at the General Convocation annually. Selection of students for each award will be made by a committee consisting the Vice Chancellor, Deans, and the Directors of the University.	
Award Name	**Criteria**
Student of the Year Award	Awarded to a student considering his/ her excellence in academic studies, sportsmanship, interest in aesthetic and cultural activities, proven leadership among peers, exemplary conduct and character.
D.P.P. Samarasekera Peace Prize	Awarded to the student who shows marked interest either within the University Community or outside it in activities which Foster social harmony and/or shows courtesy, consideration, kindness and understanding in assisting those in distress
Canekeratne Prize for General Merit	Awarded to a student who graduates with a First or Second Class (Upper Division) Pass in the special degree examination and has considerable achievement in extracurricular activities.
Prof. Tilak Hettiarachchy Award for Academic Excellence	Awarded to an undergraduate who secured a First class in the special or general degree programme of any Faculty in the University of Colombo by considering publications and research carried out during his/ her undergraduate career, prizes and medals won, Scholarships/ Studentships obtained at the year 1 examinations, any other endowed Scholarships/ Bursaries including commonwealth elective bursary obtained for academic

	performance during the undergraduate career etc.

Other Awards of UCSC	
Name of the Award	**Criteria**

Faculty Award for Best Performing Students	Faculty Award for Best Performing Students is awarded annually to the overall best performing students in each batch based on their achievements in the academic and extracurricular activities of the year under consideration.
	 Eligibility Requirements:
	 • Should be undergraduate students registered to follow any internal undergraduate degree programme at UCSC.
	 • Should have obtained grades of C or above for all the academic courses and completed all the enhancement courses, registered during the year under consideration.
	 • Should have obtained a Class GPA of 3.30 or above in each semester of the year under consideration.
	 • Should have displayed outstanding performance in the extra-curricular activities during the year under consideration.
	 • Should have obtained as a minimum of 70% of the total marks for the below mentioned marks for the applica on by totaling the marks earned from the academic achievements and extracurricular activities during the year under consideration.
	     ○ *Academic Achievements (60%): A weight of 60% will be assigned for academic achievements during the year under consideration.*
	      [Marks for academic achievement = (Class GPA of the year under consideration /4.00)*60]
	     ○ Extra-curricular Activities (40%): A weight of 40% will be assigned for extra-curricular activities. Only activities conducted during the year under consideration should be taken into account when claiming marks under this category.
	      [Marks for extra-curricular activities = (Obtained Marks / 100) * 40]
	 • Students who are absent for any registered course/courses for whatever reason during the year under consideration will not be eligible to apply for the award.
	 • Students on whom disciplinary action has been taken and/or

	warned (in writing) by the ViceChancellor or Director of UCSC for any misconduct shall not be eligible.
The Director's List	An internal undergraduate student registered to pursue any degree programme offered by the UCSC shall be included to the Director's list each semester, if the student achieves a GPA equal to or more than 3.70 [Class GPA]. **Eligibility Requirements:** ● Should be an internal undergraduate registered to follow any degree programme offered by the UCSC. ● Should have obtained grades of C or above for all the academic courses and completed all the enhancement courses, registered during the semester under consideration. ● Should have obtained a GPA of 3.70 or above during the semester under consideration. ● Students who are absent for any registered course/courses for whatever reason during the year under consideration will not be eligible to apply for the award. ● Students on whom disciplinary action has been taken and/or warned (in writing) by the ViceChancellor or Director of UCSC for any misconduct shall not be eligible.