**Survey Questionnaire**

**Feasibility Study**

**Proposed Master of Science/Post Graduate Diploma/Post Graduate Certificate Program Offered by Department of Science & Technology - Uva Wellassa University**

**2016 February**

This questionnaire will gather information about your attitudes/interest in pursuing a Master of Science/Post Graduate Diploma/Post Graduate Certificate from Uva Wellassa University. The collected data will be used to decide whether there is an enough interest to commence such a program by UWU and if commence what are the specialized areas.

We pledge that your responseswill not be identified with you personally, nor will share with third parties. Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary and you are free to withdraw your participation from this study at any time, further, if there are any sections that you do not feel comfortable answering, please skip that.

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**http://www.uwu.ac.lk/academic/faculties/science-and-technology**

**TENTATIVE GENERAL FORMAT OF THE PROPOSED MASTER OF SCIENCE/POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA/POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

**Target group**

This graduate study program will be designed to improve the demands of customers rather than imposing the specialization areas by the Department of Science and Technology-UWU. The academic staff of the department together with other expertise in the field is trying to cater the state-of-the-art theoretical knowledge and technologies depending on the demand. Thus, this program is suitable for anyone who wishes to broaden his/her horizon to enhance professional qualifications and to gain advanced knowledge.

**Entry requirement**

Applicants for Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, and MSc must possess either B.Tech (UWU) or minimum three year BSc degree in science or engineering from any recognized local or foreign university that fulfill the minimum requirement of level 5 of Sri Lanka Qualification Framework (SLQF-2015 February edition).

**Course overview**

The proposed program will be carried out according to the SLQF Level 7, 8 and 9 guidelines in which minimum 20 credit hours, 25 credit hours and 30 credit hours has to be earned to obtain Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, and MSc respectively. The program will be conducted in semester basis and there will be two semesters of 15 weeks per year. Thus, MSc program can be completed within a year. Depending on the demand the MSc program can be extended to SLQF Level 10 in which one has to take course work and a research component. The research component may take a year to complete. Thus, the total duration of the MSc will be two years. Lectures and laboratory sessions (if applicable) will be conducted at the Department of Science and Technology, Uva Wellassa University, Badulla. The whole program will be conducted in English. The lectures and laboratory sessions/field visits may be conducted on Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

**SCT-UWU Strength**

A set of PhD-qualified lecturers from Uva Wellassa University, specialized external staff from other universities as well as expertise from government and industrial sectors will be chosen to deliver the proposed program. Well-equipped laboratories at UWU facilitate the experimental environment while field visits will cover the hands on experience on sophisticated instruments/facilities.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

1. Name (Optional): ………………………………………………………………………………….
2. Age (Optional): …………………………………………………………………………………….
3. Job Title: …………………………………………………………………………...........................
4. Company/Institute: …………………………………………………………………………………
5. How long have you been working in this field: ……………………………………………………
6. In which area do you live: ………………………………………………………………………….

**EDUCATION BACKGROUND**

1. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Bachelor of Science ………………….. Discipline………………………………

Master of Science. …………………… Discipline ……………………………...

Master of Philosophy ………………… Discipline ……………………………....

Other (Please specify) ……………………………………………………………..

1. At which institute/university did you complete/are completing your highest level of education?

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1. If you are enrolled in an on going B.Tech. or B.Sc. degree program when will be the tentative degree completion date? ……………………………….…………………………………………………….

**ATTITUDE/INTEREST ABOUT PROPOSED PROGRAM**

1. If SCT-UWU offer M.Sc./Diploma program, would you like to enroll? (Please circle your answer)
   1. Definitely enroll
   2. Might consider
   3. Not interested
2. Do you prefer to obtain either MSc or Diploma? …………………………………………………..
3. Why do you think that you need to have M.Sc. or Diploma? (Please circle your answer)
4. To enhance my professional qualifications
5. To get promotions/salary increments
6. To gain advanced knowledge
7. Other (please specify) ……………………………………………………………………..
8. In which field you would like to obtain the M.Sc./Diploma (Please circle your preference)
   1. Material Science and Technology
   2. Food science and Technology
   3. Biotechnology
   4. Geographic Information System (GIS) and Remote Sensing
   5. Environmental Sciences
   6. Science Education
   7. Other science related field (please specify)………………………………………………….
9. What days and times would you like to have lectures (Please circle your preference)
10. Monday to Friday 4 pm – 8 pm
11. Saturday and Sunday 8 am - 4 pm
12. Combination of Friday 4 pm – 8 pm & Saturday and Sunday 8 am - 4 pm
13. How much you can afford to get M.Sc.? (Note that this is the total cost for the MSc degree and course fee for the most of the MSc programs related to science and technology offered by government universities in Sri Lanka is approximately Rs. 125,000 to Rs. 250,000)
    1. Rs.100,000 to Rs.150,000
    2. Rs.150,000 to Rs. 200,000
14. If you decide to enroll in the proposed M.Sc. degree program how would you expect to finance the cost of your studies?
15. Mainly using your own resources
16. Student loan from banks
17. Other (please specify)…………………………………………………………….………….
18. If UWU arranges a facility to get a student loan for relatively low interest rates from a reputed bank in Sri Lanka, would you consider obtaining a loan? ………………………………………………….
19. Would you like us to contact you if SCT-UWU decides to start a M.Sc. program in 2016………….. If so, what is the contact number/email: ………………………………………………………………

13. Please share any comments, if any.

To the best of my understanding, I gave genuine answers to the above questionnaire.

Date:………………………… Signature:…………………………