



## UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

COMMISSION CIRCULAR NO:05/2026

No.20, Ward Place  
Colombo 7

4<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Vice-Chancellors of Universities  
Rectors of Campuses  
Directors of Institutes

**Scheme for payment of allowance for low-income students with disabilities studying in Universities / Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs)**

University Grants Commission at its 1164<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 11.02.2026 decided to implement the Scheme for payment of allowance for low-income students with disabilities studying in Universities / Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), with effect from January 2026, in addition to Mahapola scholarships and Bursary payments.

Accordingly, the proposed guidelines for the scheme for payment of allowance for low-income students with disabilities studying in Universities / Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) are as follows.

**1. Eligibility to apply for allowance**

- i. The student should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- ii. He/she should be registered as an internal student for a full-time course of study in a University/Higher Educational Institution (HEI).  
and
- iii. Admitted to the University/HEI under the special category of Blind/Differently abled candidates.  
or
- iv. Differently abled student who is admitted to the University/HEI under the normal selection procedure needs to be considered as disabled with valid medical certificates.

**2. Parental Income Ceiling**

Parental income should be equal to or less than Rs.500,000/- per annum. (Income ceiling and other conditions governing the payment of Bursary scheme are generally applicable)

**3. Selection of Students**

Selection of students for the allowance shall be done by the University/HEI as per the provisions of this Circular.

**4. Value of Installment**

Students are entitled to receive an allowance of Rs.5,000/- per month, subject to a maximum of 10 installments per year, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

**5. Reimbursement of Allowance by Universities/HEIs**

Universities/HEIs are requested to pay the said allowance from the funds of the University/HEI and request reimbursement from the University Grants Commission on monthly basis. The reimbursement request should be submitted to the University Grants Commission in Form I.

This Circular is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.



**Senior Professor Kapila Seneviratne**  
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REIMBURSEMENT OF ALLOWANCE FOR LOW INCOME STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES FOR THE MONTH .....

University/Institute .....

Financial Year .....

Academic Year			.....		.....		.....		.....		.....		.....		Total Amount Reimbursable	
Faculty	Rate	No. of Installment	Student No.	Value	Student No.	Value										

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Bursar/Snr .Asst. Bursars/ Asst. Bursar