Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. 12<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016.

Dear students,

## Selected to follow the M.Sc. Degree programme in Applied Microbiology.

This refers to your application to follow the M.Sc. Degree programme in Applied Microbiology conducted by us. The Department is happy to inform you that you have been selected to be enrolled into the Batch 04 (2016) of the M.Sc. Degree programme in Applied Microbiology. The lectures of the programme will be commenced on the 28th of May, 2016 at 8.15am and will be held during weekends from 8.15 to 3.45pm.

The M.Sc. Degree in Applied Microbiology is a two year programme. The Year 1 consists of taught course units with a total credit value of 30. After successful completion of the end of semester examinations of the two semesters of the Year 1, the students have the options of either obtaining the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Microbiology and leave the programme or continuing for another year to obtain the M.Sc. Degree. The Year 2 consists of taught course units with a total credit value of 15 and a research project, of which the credit value is 15, thus making the M.Sc. Degree a 60 credit programme. The credit values and durations of the Postgraduate Diploma and the MSc Degree qualify the programmes into the full-time category. The Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Microbiology is a qualification belongs to the Level 8 (SLQL 8) of the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF) while the M.Sc. Degree in Applied Microbiology belongs to the Level 10 (SLQL 10) of the SLQF. This shows that the Postgraduate Diploma and the M.Sc. Degree both are of the highest levels of those qualifications offered within the Sri Lankan university system. (Reference: <a href="http://www.ugc.ac.lk/attachments/1156\_SLQF.pdf">http://www.ugc.ac.lk/attachments/1156\_SLQF.pdf</a>).

The Faculty of Graduate Studies of the university will inform you later the details of the formal registration process. While the total course fee is Rs.280,000-00, you will be required to pay Rs.190,000-00 first, the fee for the year 1, at the point of registration. You may be able to pay it in installments.

Thanking you, Yours sincerely,

M. M. Gunawardane, 077-915-2080 Head of the Department.