

2.17 Policy for Welfare of Undergraduates

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2.17.1	This policy shall be named the "Policy for Welfare of Undergraduates" at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and it shall be abbreviated as the Welfare Policy /FSSH/RUSL.	
2.17.2	This document describes the policy for welfare of undergraduates of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihintale. The remainder of the policy document contains a brief description of the University and the Faculty, rationale, objectives, fund gathering and selecting undergraduates for scholarship programme under welfare fund.	
2.17.3	The Welfare Fund- FSSH is a special welfare program to support students with special economic needs and vulnerable backgrounds. There are a substantial number of undergraduates whose parents lack sufficient financial resources to support their children's studies at the Faculty of SSH, and some students, as a consequence, are compelled to earn a living while being a university student under challenging circumstances. Some students from poor economic backgrounds work at night and experience difficulties effectively participating in the lectures during the day. Therefore, the welfare fund identifies students with financial problems, and the most deserving students are assisted either by finding sponsors or through the Welfare Fund Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities.	

2.174.	To support the students who require financial aid for their special requirements financially.	Main Objective
2.17.5	The Welfare fund shall be maintained using contributions from academic and non-academic staff of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, members of alumni, private, corporate, and non-governmental donors, and individual donors.	Fund Collecting
2.17.6	The welfare committee comprises Academic staff members and undergraduates. The Faculty Board, FSSH, will appoint academic staff members. The welfare committee members meet monthly and provides a forum for students to raise any issues related to student welfare. The chairperson of the welfare committee maintains the financial accounts of the welfare funds, while all the official communications regarding the scholarship would be responsible to the welfare committee of FSSH.	The welfare committee
2.17.7	Every year applications are called from suitably qualified candidates for the Welfare Committee. The candidates must submit their personal and family information in a specified application form, including certified income. Information on the applicants' income must be certified by the respective Gramaniladhari and counter-signed by the Divisional Secretary. Applications received on or before the specified deadline will be considered by the welfare committee. The recipients must maintain strict discipline as per the University regulations, and any violation of disciplinary laws will result in the cancellation of the scholarship. All information relating to the selection of beneficiaries and final decisions are submitted for public review, and the committee's decisions are deemed final and binding.	Selecting undergraduates for welfare scholarship