



After obtaining my Ph. D degree in 1994 I started my career as a Research Fellow at the Institute Fundamental Studies, in Kandy. In 2001, I joined the faculty of agriculture, of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka as Senior Lecturer. I was the Head of the Department of Plant Sciences of the Faculty for a period of five years and subsequently I was appointed as the Dean of the Faculty, which post I held for a period of six years. During my Sabbatical leave period I worked as the Deputy Director and consultant to the World Bank funded Higher Education for the Twenty-first Century Project (HETC) where was in- charge of the University Development Grant (UDG) of the project. At present I am heading the Staff Development Centre of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka for a period of four years.

In 2004 and 2007 I have obtained “Commonwealth Fellow” from United Kingdom and “Borlaug Fellow” by the Full Bright Commission and USDA respectively. Also I was given “Rectors award” in 1988 for the best achievements in MSc Degree programme and “Presidential Award” for publication in 2013.

I have got vast experience in reviewing of Universities, and Research Institute, and programme reviews of the University. Under the IRQUE and HETC projects, I was a member of the review team to conduct four institutional reviews in Ruhuna University, Eastern University, Sri Lanka and on two occasions in Sabaragamuwa university of Sri Lanka. Also I have done institution review at Plant Genetic Resource Centre, Department of Agriculture under the preview of the National Science and Technology Commission (NASTEC) and review of the CTHE programme of Staff Development Centre in Kotalawala Defense University, appointed by the UGC. In addition I was involved in 09 programme (subject) reviews in national universities and also was a member of grant proposal review team of University Development and Quality and Innovative grants under the HETC project.