

Undergraduate Research Symposium of Technology 2025

Faculty of Technology

Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

Undergraduate students of the Faculty of Technology are invited to submit abstracts to be considered for presentation at the Technical Sessions of the 3rd Undergraduate Research Symposium of the Faculty of Technology, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.

The theme for this year's symposium is "**Paving the way for the next generation technologist**".

Authors are required to submit an abstract prepared according to the following guidelines.

General Guidelines for Authors

- An abstract can be submitted for the following categories; **Research Abstract, Review Abstract, and Abstract of the Concept Note.**
- All abstracts must be written in English and submitted by email will be accepted.
- Each participant can submit one abstract only.
- Abstracts must be original and have not been published or presented at any other prior conferences/symposiums.
- All details of the abstract submission must be completed.
- No pictures or graphs should be included in the abstract.
- No changes can be made to an abstract after the deadline for submission.
- Abstracts must be submitted on or before **25th March 2025** to the email address mentioned at the end of the document.

Specific Guidelines For The Abstracts:

All abstracts must be written in English and saved using MS Word, MS Word 97–2003 formats (file extension .doc, .docx). The final proofreading language will be English (UK). Please see the sample abstracts at the bottom of the page for clarifications. Use the abstract template and overtype in the angle brackets.

Format:

- Word limit: Maximum 250 words
- Font style: Times New Roman
- Line spacing: Single

Strictly adhere to the following guidelines when preparing your abstracts. A template abstract is provided at the end of the document for your reference.

Abstract Title:

The title should be in title case, capitalized, written in **bold**, 12pt font size, and center aligned. The abstract title must not exceed 20 words. The title should be brief, and should give a clear indication of the exact nature of the research and refer to the actual content of the abstract. Do not use abbreviations in the title. There should be no line spaces above the title. Leave a single line space between the title and the author/s name. Scientific names should be *italicized*.

Title Case Rules

Capitalize:

- The first and last word.
- Nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs.
- The first word after a colon (:) or em dash (—).

Do Not Capitalize (Unless First or Last Word):

- Articles: a, an, the.
- Short prepositions (fewer than four letters): in, on, at, by, to, for, of, up, etc.
- Coordinating conjunctions: and, but, or, for, nor, so, yet.

Example:

- “The Impact of Climate Change on Coastal Ecosystems”

Name(S) Of Author(S):

The name(s) of the author(s) should be written in 11pt font size, **bold** and center-aligned. Initials (each initial should be followed by a full stop and a space) should be followed by the surname/last name (e.g. Abeysekara, A. B. C.). The presenter’s name should be underlined, and the corresponding author's name should be indicated by an asterisk at the end. The email of the corresponding author should be provided for future communications and should be placed below the affiliations with a single line spacing. Another single line space should be left between the name(s) and affiliation(s).

Affiliation(S) Of Author(S):

Institutional affiliation(s) of the author(s) should be written in 11pt font size, *italicized*, and center-aligned. When the work has been carried out in several institutes/departments, indicate all affiliations with a superscript number immediately after the author’s name and in front of the appropriate address. A single line space should be left between affiliations and the body of the text. There is no space between two different affiliations.

Text:

The text should be in 12pt font size and justified. The abstract should address introduction, methods, results and conclusion(s).

Keywords:

Keywords should be in 12pt font size, Italics and Left justified. A single line space should be left between the body of the keywords and the acknowledgment.

Spelling and Grammar:

English (UK) should be used throughout the text. The content of the abstract should be carefully proofread to avoid any typographical, spelling, and grammatical errors.

Abbreviations:

Except for standard abbreviations, all abbreviations should be defined when first used.

Non-English / Technical Terms / Scientific names:

Should be in *italics*.

Units:

An International System of Units (SI) should be used, and space must be left between the number and the unit (e.g., 25 cm).

Plagiarism:

Standard plagiarism policy is applicable to all submissions.

(<https://publicationethics.org/resources/code-conduct>)

Symposium Tracks: These are aligned with the five departments of the faculty.

- Bioprocess technology (BPT)
- Electrical and Electronic Technology (EET)
- Food Technology (FDT)
- Information and communication technology (ICT)
- Materials Technology (MTT)

Abstract Submission:

A link to submit abstracts for each Symposium Track will be provided on the Faculty website.

<https://fot.rjt.ac.lk/undergraduate-symposium/>

Submit your abstracts, on or before 25th March 2025.

Template abstract:

Title of the Abstract

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Title of the abstract is Times New Roman with 12pt of font size. Do not use all capitals for the title. Single line space between title and the list of authors. The Author's list should have 11pt font size. An author's name is given by the surname followed by a comma and initials. Author's affiliation is indicated by a number (superscript) after the last initial. Authors from the same affiliation should have the same number in superscript. Single line space between the author's list and the affiliations. An affiliation is given in 11pt font size, and in italic. No space between two different affiliations. Two line spaces between the email of the corresponding author and the body. The body of the abstract is limited to 250 words. The text should be in 12pt font size and justified. The abstract should be structured to have an introduction, description of methods, results and a conclusion. Three line spaces between the body and the keywords. Authors may separate the body into paragraphs, ideally to a maximum of two.

Keywords:

4-6 keywords separated by semicolon (;) A single line space should be left between the body of the text and the keywords.

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