



2nd Annual International Research Conference on Interdisciplinary Solutions for Progress, Innovations, Resilience, and Excellence (INSPIRE 2026)

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The **Centre for Quality Assurance (CQA) of the Royal Institute of Colombo**, as the organiser of the International Conference on Interdisciplinary Solutions for Progress, Innovation, Resilience, and Excellence (INSPIRE 2026), invites researchers from local and international universities, research institutions, and organisations to submit abstracts for presentation at the technical sessions of INSPIRE 2026, to be held on 21st August 2026.

All accepted abstracts will be published in the Conference Proceedings of INSPIRE 2026 (ISSN 3093-5741).

To be considered for evaluation, each submission must include:

- An abstract not exceeding 300 words.
- An extended abstract (including research background, objectives, design/methodology, findings, conclusions, and references) with a short abstract of less than 100 words, not exceeding 1,000 words in total.
- The online registration form, completed and submitted by the corresponding author/presenting author

Deadline for submission of abstracts/extended abstracts: 15th March 2026

Guidelines for the preparation of abstracts are given below. Please follow the instructions carefully. Abstracts that do not adhere to the required format or are submitted after the deadline will not be considered for review.

The Editorial Committee of INSPIRE 2026 reserves the right to make editorial revisions to the submitted abstracts to enhance clarity and quality.

Please submit your abstracts on or before the deadline using the link in the research website (<https://ric.lk/research-conference/>) or email it to inspire@ric.lk

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GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

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1. Abstracts must present original and innovative research that has not been previously published or presented elsewhere.
2. Authors must ensure that all research has been conducted in accordance with ethical standards and guidelines.
3. An author may submit multiple abstracts, either individually or in collaboration with up to six (6) co-authors.

Guidelines for the Preparation of Short Abstracts (Maximum 300 Words)

- I. Authors must use the official Abstract Submission Template.
- II. The relevant sub-theme should be clearly indicated at the top of the abstract, above the author names.
- III. Use capital letters only for the initials and the first letters of the authors' surnames.
- IV. Include the institutional affiliation (the organisation where the research was conducted) immediately below the author/s names.
- V. If collaborators are from different institutions, the addresses of all institutions should be briefly included. In such cases, the institutional affiliations of co-authors must be indicated using superscript numbers after each author's name and before the corresponding address, as shown below:

Example (Multiple Authors):

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- VI. The title should be concise and accurately reflect the content of the study. Capital letters should be used only for the first word and proper nouns.
- VII. The text of the abstract **should not exceed 300 words**, excluding the title, author affiliations, acknowledgements, and keywords.
- VIII. The abstract should include the purpose and background of the research, and must be structured as Introduction, Methods, Findings/Results, and Conclusions.
- IX. Use standard abbreviations of SI units throughout the text.
- X. Provide a **maximum of five (5) keywords** relevant to the study
- XI. The abstract must be clear, coherent, and free of grammatical or typographical errors.
- XII. The abstract should fit on a single A4 page, formatted as follows:

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Guidelines for preparation of extended abstracts (should be submitted with short abstract)

- I. Authors must use the official Abstract Submission Template.
- II. Title of the abstract: The title of the abstract should be brief and should reflect the study reported. Only the first word and any proper nouns in the title and subtitles should be in capital letters.
- III. The text **should not exceed 1000 words** (excluding references).
- IV. The extended abstract should cover the following aspects: **Short abstract (less than 100 words)**, research background, research objectives, research design/materials and methods, results/findings, conclusions and references.
- V. The extended abstract should be coherent and free of language errors.
- VI. Tables and diagrams/figures can be included and should be referred to in the text as Table 1 or Fig. 1...etc.
- VII. References should be limited to only essential ones.
- VIII. References should be formatted in APA Style (7th edition).
- IX. The extended abstract should fit on a single A4 page, formatted as follows:

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- X. The INSPIRE 2026 Review Committee reserves the right to reject the abstracts not conforming to these requirements.
- XI. In the case of undergraduate students submitting final-year dissertation abstracts for peer review, the respective supervisor(s) must be included as co-author(s) and complete the author registration in the usual manner. The student is required to register under the Sri Lankan Presenter category and complete the online registration as either a Presenting Author or a Non-Presenting Author.

Abstract/Extended Abstract Submission Opens	15th September 2025
Abstract/Extended Abstract Submission Deadline	15th March 2026
Abstract/Extended Abstract Acceptance Notification	1st April 2026
Deadline for Submission of Camera-Ready Copy	15th April 2026
Early Bird Registration Deadline	30th April 2026
Regular Registration Deadline	31st May 2026
Conference Date	21st August 2026

Abstract/Extended abstract submission guidelines

- I. Your submission (short abstract, extended abstract, and Online registration form) should be made via the Google Forms in the INSPIRE 2026 research webpage: <https://ric.lk/research-conference/>
- II. The abstract and extended abstract must be submitted in Word format.
- III. Do not submit the same abstract multiple times.
- IV. Each short abstract should be written in a **single paragraph, without citations, and must include keywords.**
- V. Each extended abstract should be submitted as a single document containing:
 - a. The short abstract (less than 100 words); and
 - b. The main text, including the research background, research objectives, research design/materials and methods, results/findings, conclusions, and references.
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- VII. Please note that all correspondence will be addressed to the corresponding author.