Mini-Symposium 2024

Department of Mathematics, University of Ruhuna

Guidelines for Abstract Preparation and Submission

General Guidelines

1. Abstracts are invited **only** from the undergraduate attached to the Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Science, University of Ruhuna.

2. The main objective of this event is to encourage undergraduate students to experience the research culture in the fields of Mathematics, Statistics and related areas to appreciate their contributions by giving them a forum opportunity to improve their research and communication skills.

3. Abstracts will be presented at the symposium as oral presentations. Oral presentations will be held Level-wise in parallel sessions.

4. Research work presented or published elsewhere will not be considered.

5. Authors should check their abstracts using a free online plagiarism checker. (E.g. http://www.plagscan.com/seesources/analyse.php) prior to the submission.

6. The abstracts with a similarity level higher than 20% will be rejected without further consideration.

7. All the abstracts must be submitted only through the supervisor of the research study. Other submissions will be rejected without giving any notification.

8. The accepted abstracts will be published in the proceedings of the 3rd Mini-Symposium. The abstracts will be edited (if necessary) to improve the clarity and to conform to the publication guidelines.

Please follow the specified guidelines given below for preparation of the abstract

Guidelines for Preparation of Abstracts

1. Please note that only the one-page abstract is published in the proceedings of the Mini-Symposium 2024.

2. When preparing abstracts, the following page-set up should be used. (Please use the given template)

☐ Paper size: A4
☐ Margins: Left margin 3.0 cm & all other (top, bottom and right) margins 2.5 cm
☐ Font: Times New Roman
☐ Font size: 12 (except for affiliations of authors)
☐ Line spacing: Single
☐ Maximum Number of words: 250 words
☐ Key words: maximum five

3. All abstracts must be prepared in English, using the given MS Word or Latex templates.

4. The abstract should contain the following

Title - Should be short and specific, and reflect the study carried out. It should be in bold and centered. Only the first letter of the title should be capitalized. If scientific names of organisms are included, they should be written in with first letter uppercase italics. There should be a single line space between the title and name/s of the authors.

Name/s of author/s - All the initials of the author/s must be given before the surname (last name). Author names should be in lowercase letters (except for the initials and first letter of the last name) and centered. Each initial should be followed by a full-stop without a space. There should be a single space between the last initial and the surname (last name). Presenter's name should be indicated by an asterisk at the end of the name. There should be a single line space between the name/s of authors and the supervisor's name.

Supervisor's name/s - All the initials of the supervisor's name/s must be given before the surname (last name) and should be in lowercase letters (except for the initials and first letter of the last name) and centered.

Abstract - Should have an **introduction** to the study, **objectives, methodology, results**, followed by a short **discussion** and a **conclusion(s)**. It should be written as a **single paragraph** and justified. It should not have any sub-headings, figures or tables. References should neither be included in the abstract nor listed at the end.

Keywords - Up to a maximum of 5 keywords, separated by commas and followed by a single space, should be placed at the end of the abstract. Each keyword should begin with an uppercase letter and arrange all the keyword in an **alphabetical order**.