

**International Research Symposium**  
**Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka (iRuFARS - 2024)**  
**Guidelines for Preparation and Submission of Oration**

***General information***

Faculty of Allied Health Sciences has decided to give an opportunity for an oration for the best manuscript submitted each year commencing from iRuFARS 2024. It provides a platform to disseminate the scientific knowledge gained through accumulated research experience of the academics on a particular subject supported by multiple publications based on original research findings.

The oration of the iRuFARS is supposed to be a formal scholarly presentation made by an academic based on his/her scholarly work. It should be a narrative mainly consisting of research undertaken by the orator with in-depth analysis of a particular subject or an area of study reflecting the authority of the orator.

Submissions based on a single research project or review articles are generally discouraged and extensive reviews of available literature with little or no research findings from work done by the prospective orator would not be considered for selection. However, single study may be considered provided that it has ground-breaking new scientific information/invention/treatment method.

***General guidelines for the oration preparation***

- Orations are selected based on the manuscript submitted complying with the given guidelines mentioned below.
- It should be written in Microsoft Word, single-sided in size 12 Times New Roman font with line spacing 1.5 and Margin of 2.5 cm on all sides of A4 page. Consecutive page numbers may be inserted at the lower right-hand corner of each page.
- There should be an introduction followed by main body of the manuscript and conclusion arranged logically and appropriately to support the key message/s.

- The introduction should be brief to understand the subject area. It should highlight the gaps in the current knowledge or practices and the implications of such limitations.
- The body of the manuscript should be written based on the research or professional experience of the researcher in a cohesive manner maintaining the flow. Studies should not be discussed individually unconnected to each other, however, must be included as components to support the main story. Researchers are requested to maintain the scientific quality and present findings backed by necessary data. Tables, figures and photographs may be used to provide clarity and outlook. Information on methods and results should be given only to support the scientific argument. Too much information on methodology and results may compromise the quality of the manuscript.
- The oration should end with an overall conclusion and their relevance and implications and future directions.
- List of references should be written in Vancouver's style not exceeding 30.
- Other areas such as acknowledgements and funding sources can be included as required.
- Declare the conflict of interest (if any) and ethical clearance in the manuscript and researcher should be responsible for the work presented.
- The length of the written paper should not exceed 3000-5000 words (excluding the references and title)
- Submissions with several publications combined as isolated studies in a non-cohesive manner will be rejected.
- The Orations that are solely published/presented already should not be submitted to the iRuFARS 2024.

### ***Submission guidelines***

- Submission is limited only to the permanent academics of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Ruhuna.
- The oration should be submitted with a cover letter and the curriculum vitae of the applicant.
- It should be submitted with four hard copies addressed to Ms. Vindya Pathiraja, Chairperson, iRuFARS 2024 and a soft copy email to [vindyapathiraja@ahs.ruh.ac.lk](mailto:vindyapathiraja@ahs.ruh.ac.lk). One copy should have

the names and affiliations of the authors and the other three copies should be without the names and affiliations.

- Deadline for the submission is 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- There will not be any opportunity for revision of the orations submitted or re-submissions beyond the closing date.
- Applicant must provide copies of his/her work cited in the oration if the Scientific Committee, iRuFARS 2024 makes a request.

### ***Evaluation***

- Submissions will be reviewed by three external experts in the relevant field, recommended by the Scientific Committee, iRuFARS 2024, approved by the Board of Faculty of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Ruhuna.
- Based on the external reviewers' evaluations and recommendations, the final decision regarding the oration will be taken by the Scientific Committee, iRuFARS 2024.
- The outcome of the submission will be informed to the applicant in writing, soon after the completion of the review process.

### ***Nature of the oration presentation***

- The oration must be delivered as an oral presentation at the inauguration ceremony of the iRuFARS 2024.
- The oral presentation should not deviate from the manuscript except for the information added to highlight the facts already given in the manuscript.
- The time allocated for the oration is 30 minutes.