

**4<sup>th</sup> International Research Symposium**  
**Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka (iRuFARS - 2026)**  
**Guidelines for Preparation and Submission of Oration**

***Oration of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Ruhuna***

This is the prestigious oration of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Ruhuna which recognizes outstanding achievements in research. It is delivered at the inauguration ceremony of the Ruhuna Faculty of Allied Health Science International Research Symposium (iRuFARS).

The oration of the iRuFARS is a formal scholarly presentation made by an academic based on his/her scholarly work in the field of Health Sciences. 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 related to health sciences reflecting the authority of the orator.

***General guidelines to prepare the oration manuscript***

- Substantial portion of research work included in the oration should be based on original research. 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 significant impact and novelty in scientific information/ invention/ treatment method.
- Oration manuscript should be a Microsoft Word file, written in Times New Roman, size 12, line space 1.5, left aligned with 2.5 cm margin on all sides of a A4 page. Consecutive page numbers may be inserted at the lower right corner of each page.
- The oration should be written in the IMRAD (Introduction, Methodology, Results and Discussion) format. However other formats are accepted according to the content requirements.
- The list of references should be written in Vancouver's style.
- A separate sheet stating the publications on which the oration is based should be attached to the submission.

- All research involving human or animal subjects, the ethical approval statements should be included in the manuscript and approval document copies should be submitted.
- Other areas such as acknowledgements and funding sources can be included as required.
- Conflict of interest if any should be declared.
- In case of multi-author research/publications, the contribution of the applicant to design, data collection, analysis and writing of publications/manuscript should be stated.
- The length of the manuscript should not exceed 5000 words (excluding the references and title)
- The author should be responsible for the work presented. The orations that are solely published/ presented previously should not be submitted to iRuFARS 2026.
- Submissions with several publications combined as isolated studies in a non-cohesive manner will be rejected.

### ***Submission guidelines***

- The soft copies of the oration manuscript should be submitted along with a cover letter and the curriculum vitae of the applicant to the scientific committee of the iRuFARS 2026 via [ars@ahs.ruh.ac.lk](mailto:ars@ahs.ruh.ac.lk). One copy of the manuscript should have the name and affiliation of the author and the other should be anonymous.
- A declaration should be submitted by the applicant stating that the other authors of the presented research have no objections to the submission of the oration.
- Deadline for the submission is **31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**.
- There will not be any opportunity for revision of the oration manuscript submitted or re-submissions beyond the closing date.
- Applicants should provide copies of his/her work cited in the oration manuscript if the Scientific Committee, iRuFARS 2026 makes a request.

### ***Evaluation***

- Submissions will be reviewed by three external experts in the relevant field, recommended by the Scientific Committee, iRuFARS 2026 approved by the Board 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 2026.

- The outcome of the submission will be informed to the applicant, 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 2026.
- 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.
- The oration will be published in the proceedings of iRuFARS 2026.