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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Organising Committee of the International Conference of the Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo (IconArts 2025) invites researchers from all local and international universities, research institutions and organisations to submit abstracts to be considered for presentation at the technical sessions of the IconArts 2025, the annual research symposium of the Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo on 20th November 2025.

All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings of IconArts 2025. Presenters based in Sri Lanka are expected to present on-site. Overseas presenters will have the option of making online presentations.

To be considered for evaluation, each submission should include the following documents:

1. A short abstract not exceeding 300 words.
2. An extended abstract (including the research background, research objectives, research design / materials and methods, results / findings, conclusions, and references) **not exceeding 1000 words**.
3. The declaration form completed and signed by the corresponding author.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 31st July 2025

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Please submit your abstracts on or before the deadline, through the following link:

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- i. The abstracts must showcase original and innovative research not previously presented or published elsewhere.
- ii. The author/s should have adhered to ethical norms in conducting the research.
- iii. An author may submit a maximum of **one (01)** abstract as a single-author, and up to **three (03)** abstracts as a co-author. **No author shall submit more than four (04) abstracts in total.**

Guidelines for preparation of short abstracts (300 words)

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- i. The relevant sub-theme should be specified at the top of the abstract, above the authors' names.
- ii. Capital letters should be used only for the initials and the first letters of the surnames of authors.
- iii. The address of the institution where the work was carried out should be included under the author's name.
- iv. If the collaborators are from different institutions, the addresses of the institutions should be briefly included. In this case, the addresses of the co-authors should be indicated by a number in superscript after the authors' names and before the respective addresses as given below.

Example (Multiple authors):

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- v. The title should be brief and reflect the study reported. Capital letters should be used only for the first letter in the first word of the title, and for proper nouns.
- vi. The text of the abstract should not exceed 300 words excluding title, author affiliations, acknowledgements, and keywords.
- vii. The abstract should include the purpose and background of the research, and must be structured as introduction, methods, findings/results, and conclusions.
- viii. Acknowledgements should be restricted to the names of funding agencies providing sponsorship.
- ix. Standard abbreviations of SI units should be used.
- x. A maximum of five (05) keywords could be provided.
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- xii. The abstract should fit into a single A4 page with 1-inch margins all round, font Times New Roman, size 11, and 1.5 spacing.

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- ii. The text **should not exceed 1000 words** (excluding references).
- iii. The extended abstract should cover the following aspects: The research background, research objectives, research design/materials and methods, results/findings, conclusions and references.
- iv. The extended abstract should be coherent and free of language errors.
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- vi. References should be limited to only essential ones.
- vii. References should be formatted in APA Style (7th edition).
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- ix. The IConArts 2025 Committee reserves the right to reject the abstracts not conforming to these requirements.
- x. In the case of undergraduate students wishing to present, only supervisors working with undergraduate students on specific research projects can present at IConArts 2025.
- xi. If the presenter indicated in the application is unable to present the paper, it is the responsibility of the corresponding author either to withdraw the paper in advance or to arrange for one of the co-authors to present.

Submission guidelines

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- iii. Do not submit the same abstract multiple times.
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 - a. the short abstract (as the first page) and
 - b. the extended abstract
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DeSilva _ Perera _ Effective communication

- vii. Please note that all correspondence will be addressed to the corresponding author.