

Academic Sessions of the University of Ruhuna Guidelines for the Preparation and Submission of Oration

Oration of the Academic Sessions of the University of Ruhuna (OASUR) is a formal scholarly presentation made by a senior academic based on his/her scholarly work. It provides a platform to disseminate the scientific knowledge gained through accumulated research experience of the academic on a particular subject supported by multiple publications based on original research findings. The written submission for oration should contain a substantial quantum of original research work carried out over a period of time and reflect the authority of the academic in the particular subject area. Submissions based on a single research project or review articles are generally discouraged. Delivering a scientific oration is a significant milestone of one's academic career and all academics are encouraged to submit orations.

The script of the oration not exceeding 3000 words should be submitted with a covering letter and the curriculum vitae of the applicant. Applicant must provide the copies of his/her work cited in the oration if the organizing committee makes a request. The time allocated for oration is 30 minutes.

The OASUR should evolve around key message/s and orator should select the findings, results, and conclusions of the studies in a logical and an appropriate manner to support those message/s. It should be written as a cohesive document with an uninterrupted and continuous flow from the beginning to the end. Submissions with several publications combined as isolated studies in a non-cohesive manner will be rejected.

General Guidelines for OASUR

1. Eligibility: Submission is limited only to the academics of the University of Ruhuna
2. Length: The written paper should not exceed 3000 words (including references and title)
3. Font: Times New Roman, size 12, line space 1.5, left aligned.
4. Margin: 2.5 cm on all sides.
5. References: Harvard referencing style.

The Orator should state the conflicts of interest, if any, in the manuscript and in the presentation and be responsible for the work presented. Submissions will be reviewed by two external experts

in the relevant field, appointed by the Senate, University of Ruhuna and their decision is final. The outcome of the submission will be informed to the orator, in writing, soon after the completion of the review process.

Submission Deadline: ~~14th October 2016~~ **30th November 2016**

Submission [**a soft copy and two (2) hard copies**] to:

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Please mention “Oration of the 14th Academic Sessions ” on the top left hand corner of the envelope when sending **hard copies**.