

# University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka

## Annual Oration 2024

### Guidelines for the Preparation and Submission of Oration

The Oration of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka is a formal scholarly presentation made by a senior library 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 at least 4 peer-reviewed scholarly publications featuring original research findings. Such publications have to be indexed in one of the four core collections of Web of Science (Clarivate Analytics). Furthermore, the oration should concisely communicate the implications of the original research, interpreting its significance for advancing knowledge and practice within the profession.

The written submission for the oration should contain a substantial amount 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 in one's academic career, and all academics are encouraged to submit orations.

The oration should revolve around key messages, and the orator should select the findings, results, and conclusions of the studies logically and appropriately to support the messages. 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.

The oration will be held along with the Annual General Meeting of the University Librarians Association. The time allocated for the oration is 30-40 minutes. The oration will be published in the upcoming issue of the Journal of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka.

### General Guidelines for the Oration

Eligibility: Submission is limited only to the members of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka who are in the position of Senior Assistant Librarian/Senior Lecturer (Grade I) or above

- Length: The manuscript should be 3000 - 5000 words (excluding references and title)
- Format: The manuscript should be in IMRaD format
- Font: Times New Roman, size 12, line spacing 1.5.
- Margin: 2.5 cm on all sides.
- References: APA 7<sup>th</sup> ed.

The submission for the oration must be accompanied by a cover letter and the curriculum vitae of the applicant. The cover letter should include an explanation of why the applicant believes that the work is of sufficient merit to deserve an oration. Additionally, it should be accompanied by a sheet stating the list of original papers/publications on which the oration is based.

In the case of multi-author publications, the applicant should declare that the other authors have no objections to the submission of the oration. The applicant must outline each author's role in design, data collection, analysis, and writing. He/She must also submit a consent letter from all authors confirming no objections to presenting the research. The applicant must also be prepared to provide copies of their work cited in the oration if requested by the Special Committee.

The applicant must also disclose whether any portion of the work presented in the manuscript has previously been delivered as an oral presentation; financial and other conflicts of interest and the process of obtaining ethical clearance in case studies involving human subjects.

All submissions will be screened by the Special Committee to determine whether all criteria for the submission are met along with the Turnitin report. The similarity count of the submission should be less than 10%. Having Passed the initial screening, all eligible submissions will undergo a review process by two experts in the relevant field appointed by the Special Committee, and their decision will be final. The outcome of the submission will be communicated to the selected orator in writing soon after the completion of the review process.

➤ **Submission Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2024

➤ **Submission (via email)**

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