

GAMPAHA WICKRAMARACHCHI UNIVERSITY OF INDIGENOUS MEDICINE

THE FACULTY OF INDIGENOUS SOCIAL SCIENCES & MANAGEMENT STUDIES

THE FACULTY UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM 2026

Submission Guidelines

This document provides the submission requirements for the Faculty Undergraduate Research Symposium 2026.

Symposium Overview

The Faculty Undergraduate Research Symposium 2026 is a one-day event bringing together oral and poster presentations from the Social Sciences, Management Studies, and intersections of Indigenous Knowledge. The symposium will be held on 20th November 2026 at the Mini Auditorium of the Main Campus, GWUIM.

Who Can Submit

- Open to all final year undergraduates enrolled in Sri Lankan universities
- Individual and Co-authored submissions are also welcome.
- Research may be drawn from dissertations, or independent study projects.

Thematic Tracks

- Health, Healing and Indigenous Knowledge
- Tourism, Heritage, and Indigenous Knowledge
- Gender, Society and Social Change
- Culture, Identity and Media
- Environment, Communities and Indigenous Knowledge
- Management, Business & Development

Abstract Submission Requirements

Requirement	Specification
Language	English
Length	250–300 words
Required structure	Background, objectives, methodology, and key findings/argument
Presentation format	Indicate whether you prefer Oral or Poster presentation in google form
Abstract Submission (Submit your abstract through the given link)	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJu06nnGkx9e0I0R47MVzpwEsdBX0-KJw0RVhGe_6g11f7kA/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=101953718738660170156

Recommended Abstract Structure

A. Title: Use a clear, specific title that communicates the main topic, population/context, and/or central issue of the study. Avoid unnecessarily long titles.

B. Background: Briefly establish the problem, context, research gap, or issue addressed by the study. Explain why the topic is important.

C. Objectives: State the main objective or research question(s). Use clear action-oriented wording such as explore, examine, understand, assess, investigate, or analyse.

D. Methodology: Briefly state the research design/approach, study setting or context, participants/data sources, and key methods of data collection and analysis, as appropriate.

E. Key Findings / Argument: Present the most important findings, emerging argument, interpretation, or expected contribution. Do not merely state that 'findings will be discussed.'

F. Presentation Preference: State either Oral Presentation or Poster Presentation.

Abstract Writing Checklist

- ☐ The abstract is written in English.
- ☐ The abstract is between 250 and 300 words.
- ☐ The title clearly reflects the study.
- ☐ The background/context is concise and relevant.
- ☐ The objective(s) or research question(s) are clearly stated.
- ☐ The methodology is sufficiently explained for the reader to understand how the study was conducted.
- ☐ The key findings, argument, or main contribution is clearly stated.
- ☐ The abstract is coherent and logically organised.
- ☐ Names, affiliations, and contact details have been checked before submission
- ☐ Save your Abstract as **FISSMS2026_BSSI_2020_21_Surname** (Change According to your details).

Key Dates

Event	Date
Call for Abstracts Opens	15 th August 2026
Submission Deadline	15 th September 2026
Notification of Acceptance	30 th September 2026
Submission of Revised Abstract	15 th October 2026
Symposium Registration	20 th October 2026
Symposium Day	20 th November 2026

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