

International Research Symposium on Education- 2026

Guidelines for the submission of an extended abstract

Researchers who wish to present their research at the 3rd International Research Symposium on Education 2026 of the Department of Research and Development, National Institute of Education, Sri Lanka, should submit the extended abstracts in line with the guidelines given below.

Format of the extended abstract

- ❖ Margins 1.5 inches (left) and 1 inch (top, right and bottom).
- ❖ Line space 1.15 spacing except for the two sections, Authors and Abstract.
- ❖ Font size and type 11 in Times New Roman unless otherwise mentioned below. (i.e. Authors, Abstract, References and Lettering within the tables and figures)
- ❖ Length: Maximum of 2500 words and minimum of 1500 words. Maximum number of A4-size pages 10, including references, tables, abstract, charts and figures, if necessary.
- ❖ Extended abstracts must be submitted in MS Word File Formats only
- ❖ Languages: British academic English style should be used.

Titles

- ❖ This should be less than twenty (20) words. Font size 12, bold and centered. Capitalize each word of the title and the rest of the prepositions.
- ❖ Author's Name, Affiliation, font size 10. Line Space 1.15.

Abstract

- ❖ A brief summary of the extended abstract, which should include all the key components. Word limit 250 -350 words with a maximum of **six** key words. Font size 11. Line Space 1.15.

Introduction

- ❖ Font size 11 and Word limit 200 -250 words.
This section should include background, rationale, objectives, and research questions/hypotheses of your research.

Literature review

- ❖ Font size 11 and word limit 300- 400 words.
Give a brief overview of the theories and empirical studies relevant to your research. In particular, you have to show how these theories/ empirical evidence are linked to your research.

Methodology

- ❖ Font size 11 and word limit 400- 450 words.
This section should include the research decisions regarding sampling, data collection tools/ methods and data analysis.

Results/ Findings

- ❖ Font size 11 and word limit 250- 300 words.
Present only the key findings by highlighting major trends, comparisons and any significant improvements. Avoid including raw data and keep the

description concise. Should you use tables/ charts and figures it must be where they are most needed.

Discussion

- ❖ Font size 11 and word limit 250- 300 words.
Interpret the findings by explaining their meaning and linking them clearly to the research objectives.

Conclusion

- ❖ Font size 11 and word limit 300- 350 words.
Summarize the main outcomes of the study and clearly state its practical significance.

Referencing

- ❖ Font size 11 and line space 1.15.
Limit to 6 key references and follow the APA style 7th edition.

Tables/ charts/ Figures

If you use tables, charts and figures, adhere to the following requirements.

Tables

- ❖ Font: Times New Roman size 11 and line space 1.15.
- ❖ Table caption: Above the table, only with the first letter upper case.
- ❖ The maximum number of tables is 2.

Charts

- ❖ Font: Times New Roman size 11 and line space 1.15.
- ❖ Chart caption: Below the chart, only with the first letter upper case.
- ❖ The maximum number of charts is 2.

Figures

- ❖ Font: Times New Roman size 11 and line space 1.15.
- ❖ Figure caption: Below the figure, only with the first letter upper case.
- ❖ The maximum number of figures is 2

- ❖ *The editors reserve the right to make minor corrections and formatting adjustments to the extended abstract to ensure consistency with the symposium guidelines.*

Abstract Submission

Authors are required to submit their abstracts via email to sankanidesh@nie.edu.lk with the subject line “**IRSE 2026**”. Abstracts must be submitted in both **Microsoft Word (.docx)** and **PDF (.pdf)** formats, prepared in accordance with the symposium guidelines, and received on or before the specified deadline. Only submissions received in both formats will be considered for review.