



Guidelines for Authors

The COLLNET 2026 Organizing Committee invites submissions in the following formats:

- Abstract/Extended Abstract/Full Paper

All submissions must be sent to collnet2026@uwu.ac.lk.

For any clarifications, authors may contact the organizing committee via **WhatsApp** or **direct call** at +94 77 843 6572 or +94 71 803 2482.

All submissions will be subject to a **peer-review process**.

Key Requirements

1. **Original Undergraduate Research:**
 - The abstract must be based on original work conducted by you and your research team.
2. **No Previously Published or Presented Work**
 - Your research must not have been published in any journal, proceedings, or conference or presented at any other symposium, seminar, or research forum.

1. TITLE OF THE FULL PAPER / EXTENDED ABSTRACT/ ABSTRACT

The title should appear in the correct style (All Caps [except for scientific names], 12pt. Times New Roman, boldface, left-justified.)

2. ABSTRACT IN FULL PAPERS

Authors submitting full papers must include an abstract

The abstracts should be written in English and must not exceed 350 words prepared in a A4 using the **MS Word**, **.docx**, or **.doc** format

3. INTRODUCTION

It should provide background information about the work briefly and its significance while highlighting other relevant literature and specifying how it relates to or differs from your work. It would be best if you would also discuss the scope and limitations of your study in the introduction. Please cite relevant sources as evidence for or justification of an argument or statement.

4. KEYWORDS

Each submission must include a minimum of four (04) and a maximum of six (06) keywords.



5. RESEARCH PROBLEM(S)/ISSUE(S) (IF RELEVANT)

In this section, you might mention specific issues, difficulties, contradictions, or gaps in knowledge that you will address in your research. You might look for practical problems aimed at contributing to change or theoretical issues aimed at expanding knowledge.

6. OBJECTIVE(S)

Provide a clear statement/s of goals and objectives/specific objectives of the project that should be understandable to reviewers/scholars from various other disciplines.

7. METHODOLOGY

The methodology section should be descriptive enough so that the reader can identify what was done. References to the methodology are appropriate. Within the methodology section, you can apply as many first-, second- and third-level headings as you need.

8. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This section should be comprehensive and concise. You may include a description of the main findings of the research, using data, figures, tables, etc. Also, interpretations of the results for readers and provides the significance of the findings in the discussion section with appropriate references. The findings/results and discussion sections may be combined. Within the results and discussion section, you can use as many first-, second, and third-level headings as you need.

9. CONCLUSION(S)

A concise brief paragraph is expected to pull everything together to help in clarifying the research work and remind the reader of the main arguments and their importance. You can also suggest possible future research on the topic if relevant.

10. REFERENCES

All authors must follow the APA reference style for in-text citations and the reference list for extended abstract/full papers.

Abstract/ Extended Abstract/Full Paper Preparation - Specific Guidelines

1. Abstract Length

The abstracts should be written in English and must not exceed 350 words prepared in a A4 page in length including 04-06 Keywords.

2. Extended Abstract Length

Extended abstracts should be at least three, but not more than five A4 size pages in length, including the references. The word limit is 1,500 - 2,000 words.



3. Full Paper Length

Full Papers should be at least six, but not more than 12 A4 size pages in length, including the references. The word limit is 2500 - 5000 words.

Using Predefined Styles

Times New Roman is the preferred font type.

All abstracts should be written in English language using [MS Word \(.docx/.doc format\)](#)

TABLE FORMAT

Tables must be created using the Microsoft Word or WordPerfect table functions and included as part of the text immediately after the first point of reference. DO NOT place them at the end of your extended abstract. For improved readability, keep your tables as simple as possible. All the tables should use only three horizontal lines (no lines to separate columns) and be centered in the main body/text.

Table 1. Title of the table (12-point Times New Roman, table title should appear immediately above the table)

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Any explanations of table data should immediately follow the table and be formatted as plain body text. DO NOT include table explanations within tables. Notations and references, such as superscript letters and number notations, are acceptable within the table. A legend describing notes should follow directly underneath the table.

FIGURE FORMAT

Figures include charts, graphs, and drawings. Pictures must be sharp enough and clear. All figures and other graphics should be embedded or electronically placed within the text immediately after the first point of reference. Please do not put them on separate pages at the end of your extended abstract.

All the figures should be centered on the main body/text. Figures must be labeled properly with the X, and Y axes marked/labeled. Include a legend as appropriate. The figure should be easily understandable and contain enough information in it, including the caption. You may use double X/Y axes if necessary. The figure caption should be 12 pt, Times New Roman font, left-justified, and appear immediately below the figure.

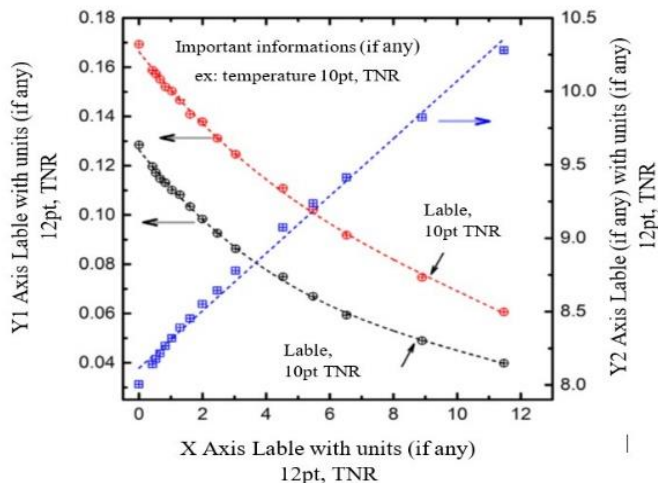


Figure 1: Figure caption/title (The figure caption should be 12 pt, Times New Roman font, left-justified, and appear immediately below the figure, with enough information to describe the figure)

Figure numbers should be indicated in the text as (Fig. 1) or Fig. 1, if it is a part of a sentence. If several figures are mentioned in the text, it would be "(Fig. 1 and 2) / (Fig. 1a, b and c)" or "Fig 1 and 2 / Fig. 1a and b", as appropriate.

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Abstracts will be rejected without further consideration if more than 30% of plagiarism is detected.

Special Announcement

Conference Proceedings

- Selected abstracts, extended abstracts, and full papers, after successful review, will be included in the Conference Proceedings with an ISBN.
- Inclusion in the proceedings is subject to successful review and author registration.



Best Paper Award

- Best Paper Awards will be considered only for Extended Abstracts and Full Papers.
- Abstract-only submissions are not eligible for Best Paper Awards.

Journal Publication Opportunity

- Only Full Papers will be considered for publication in the COLLNET Journal of Scientometrics (CJSIM)
- The COLLNET Journal of Scientometrics (CJSIM) is indexed in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) of Web of Science (WoS).
- Selected full papers will have the opportunity to be published in the *Asian Journal of Information Science & Technology* with a DOI. A Special Issue of the journal will be launched at the inaugural function of the conference.
- Journal publication is subject to additional review and editorial approval.

Registration Requirement

- For inclusion in conference presentation, conference proceedings, or journal publication, at least one author must be registered before the specified deadline.
- All conference participants, including authors and non-author attendees, must complete registration before the deadline.

Failure to complete registration within the stipulated deadline will result in **exclusion from presentation, proceedings, awards consideration, and journal publication.**

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