



GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

CALL FOR PAPERS

The faculty of Computing, NSBM (National School of Business Management) Green University, Sri Lanka, organizes its first International Conference on Advanced Computing Technologies (ICACT) under the theme: "Empowering Digital Transformation through Advanced Computing Innovations". ICACT 2024 will be held on 18th October 2024 at the NSBM Green University premises, creating a common platform to bring together like-minded people: local and international academics, industry experts and entrepreneurs with the passion for building a discourse and disseminating their experience and knowledge on respective fields of study.

IMPORTANT DATES

Criteria	Date
Full Paper Submission	23 rd August, 2024
Notification of Acceptance	27 th September, 2024
Camera Ready Submission	04 th October, 2024
Conference Date	18 th October, 2024

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

FULL PAPER SUBMISSION

Authors should upload their **blind full paper** (leaving out the names of authors and their affiliations to review) as the initial submission to the CMT portal, and details of ALL AUTHORS must be added to the DECLARATION FORM. Full paper should be formatted according to the guidelines given under publication format guidelines section.

The paper must be submitted in word format. The images must be of high resolution, at least 300 dpi and the tables must not be in image format. Please ensure all the figures and equations, citations and sources are provided. The word count for a paper should not exceed 3500 words.

SUBMISSION PORTAL

The conference papers should be submitted to the ICACT submission portal which is available on <https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/1stICACT2024>

PUBLICATION FORMAT GUIDELINE

You are responsible for all spelling and grammar accuracy. Please review carefully! Final manuscripts must be scholarly written without error.

- GENERAL FORMAT SETUP:

- The text formatting should align with the shared IEEE sample paper Template available at the conference website: <https://icact.nsbm.ac.lk>
- Manuscript body text should be in Times Roman 10-point font
- 1-inch margins on top, bottom, left, and right
- Page size A4
- Headings numbered
- Pages numbered
- Diagrams and images placed appropriately within the text
- Abstract should be a single paragraph of 150 – 200 words
- 3-6 keywords should be used
- Length as specified above, excluding references and appendices when formatted as above
- Portrait oriented pages only
- Manuscript should meet the word count requirements
- IEEE referencing style should be used for referencing
- DOI URLs must be mentioned for each article whenever possible

Article Title should be 2.5 inches from top: title should be centered, bold, 24 pt font, Times New Roman.

Author's Name with affiliation, should be centered below title, with space between first author and title, and each subsequent author 9 pt font, Times New Roman. Affiliation in the same font size but in *italics*

Abstract should be in a single paragraph of no more than **200 words**. Abstract is in Times New Roman 9 pt font, with no indentation. No references included.

Keywords should be in *italics*, 9 pt font, with no indentation.

- HEADINGS:

First Level Heading

I INTRODUCTION

First level headings should be capitalized, 10 pt Times New Roman, Enumerated with Roman numerals, Center Justified with 1 line space above and below the heading.

Second Level Heading

A. *Introduction*

Second level headings should be italic, 10 pt Times New Roman, Left Justified with one space above the heading, and below the heading, increase single indent from left, and should be Enumerated with capital letters followed by periods (A., B., C., etc.).

Third Level Heading

1.1.1 Introduction

Third level headings should be bold, italic, 11 pt Times New Roman, increase single indent from left, left Justified with one space above the heading, none below, using capitals as in a title and Enumerated with Arabic numerals followed by parentheses (1), (2), (3), etc.).

- **TABLES and FIGURES:**

Each table and figure should be numbered according to their order. They should be centered along with the headings being centered, 11 pt font, and appear in the body of the paper in its appropriate location. The table caption is placed above the table and is centered.

The table caption starts with the label "TABLE" followed by a Roman numeral (e.g. TABLE I, TABLE II, etc.). The table caption should be in title case (capitalize the first letter of each word, except for small words like "a", "the", "and", etc.).

The figure caption is placed below the figure and is centered. The figure caption starts with the label "Fig." followed by an Arabic numeral (e.g. Fig. 1, Fig. 2, etc.). The figure caption should be in sentence case (capitalize the first letter, but use lowercase for the rest of the words). If the figure is adapted or reprinted from another source, include the citation number in square brackets at the end of the caption, e.g. "5".

Excessive tables, figures and raw data are discouraged. They should directly aid in the reading of the article. If needed, but cumbersome, they should be included in an appendix. If an Appendix is included, it should appear after the references. Portrait orientated pages are encouraged throughout.

- **EQUATIONS:**

They should be left justified and numbered. Numbers should appear in parentheses and be right justified (set tab at 6.5 inches). See example below.

$$\Delta \ln SP_{mt} = \varphi_{m10} + \sum_{i=1}^p \varphi_{m1} \Delta \ln SP_{m(t-i)} + \sum_{k=1}^q \varphi_{2} \Delta \ln SP_{n(t-k)} + \rho_{m1} \mu_{m(t-1)} + e_{mt}$$

- **ENDNOTES:**

Only use if necessary. They should be manually numbered using superscript and then listed after the body of the paper and before the references in 10 pt font.

- **CITATIONS:**

Every citation in an article should provide specific information in the order specified by the IEEE referencing style.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

Once the full paper is accepted, the author must proceed with the registration.

The author will receive an official email from icact@nsbm.ac.lk about the acceptance of the paper.

CONFERENCE DAY

The conference will be held on 18th October 2024 at the NSBM Green University from 9.00 AM onwards.

FORMAL PRESENTATION

- If the author has submitted the full paper and if it is accepted/approved, then the author can proceed with the usual (formal) presentation.
- Duration of the presentation is (15) minutes followed by (5) minutes QA session.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

All selected papers will be published on the proceedings (ICACT 2024).

CERTIFICATE

A certificate will be awarded **only to the presenter(s)** who presents at the conference.

FOR MORE DETAILS

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