

# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Symposium – 2019

## Faculty of Agriculture

### Abstract Guidelines

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#### Title

- clear, descriptive and concise, reflect objectives
- no more than 20 words
- **bold** UPPER CASE, Times New Roman, font size - 12
- no abbreviations
- single spacing, center
- Eg:

**POTENTIAL OF BIOFILMS ON BIOSOLUBILIZATION OF EPPAWALA  
ROCK PHOSPHATE**

#### Authors

- surname with initials (initials come before the surname)
- **bold**, Times New Roman, font size – 12
- single spacing, center
- superscripted to indicate their respective affiliations
- Eg:

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#### Affiliations

- *Italic*, Times New Roman, font size – 12
- single spacing, center
- Eg:

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## Body of the abstract

- should be written in complete sentences in a single paragraph
- should not exceed 300 words
- should not have any bibliographic information, figures or tables
- **Should contain** problem identification, methodology, results and conclusion(s)
- 1.5 spacing, justified
- Times New Roman, font size – 12
- Note:
  - non-English terms – *Italic*
  - scientific names - within parenthesis after the common name – Eg: Cashew (*Anacardium occidentale* L.)
  - use SI units - Eg: mm, cm, kg, L, mL
  - in metric units denominator units should be mentioned with the negative power – Eg:  $\text{mgL}^{-1}$ ,  $\text{kg}^{-1}\text{dSm}^{-1}$  etc..
  - $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , % - no space after numeric (Eg.  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 20%)
  - When giving P value – *Italic*, lower case, give within parenthesis, no space before and after symbol - Eg. ( $p>0.05$ )
  - When giving SE – keep a space between the symbol and the numerical values (Eg.  $12.3 \pm 1.5$ )

## Keywords

- word *Keywords* – *Italic*, **bold**, Times New Roman, font size – 12
- may provide up to 5 keywords, 3 are mandatory - Times New Roman, font size – 12
- should follow alphabetical order, sentence case (capitalize each first letter)
- Eg:  
**Keywords:** Biofilms, Eppawala rock phosphate, Phosphorus solubilization, Triple super phosphate

## Formatting options

- Paper and margins – A4, 1.5 in Left, 1.0 top, bottom and right

## Submission

- save as the document using Microsoft Word in [**doc. file (2007)**]
- deadline for submission – on or before **15<sup>th</sup> March 2019** (hardcopy and the softcopy to the department coordinators)