

Rajarata University Journal

Instructions for Authors

About the Journal

“Rajarata University Journal” is a multidisciplinary journal which publishes original research articles, review articles, short communications, technical reports and case reports in disciplines of Biological Sciences, Agriculture, Environment and Geosciences, Medical and Health Sciences, Computer and Information Science and Technology, Engineering, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Social Sciences and Economics and Management and Education.

Frequency

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1. Paper size A4
2. Left margin 3cm other margins 2.5cm
3. Double Line spacing
4. Font – Times New Roman; Font size 12 Manuscripts in Sinhala should follow font of FM Abaya and those in Tamil should follow Bamini font. (Please follow the format of title, headings and subheadings as in the template for manuscript for those in English language. Please download the template at <http://www.rjt.ac.lk/journals/RUJ-template.docx>)
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6. Paper should be in word processed using Ms Word 2007 or later

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Journal article: 5 authors or less

Gharoro EP, Ikeanyi EN. An appraisal of the level of awareness and utilization of the Pap smear as a cervical cancer screening test among female health workers in a tertiary health institution. *International Journal of Gynaecological Cancer* 2006; 16:1063–1068. DOI: 10.1111/j.1525-1438.2006.00579.x

Journal article: more than 5 authors

Waller J, McCaffery K, Forrest S, Szarewski A, Cadman L, et al. Awareness of human papillomavirus among women attending a well woman clinic. *Sexually Transmitted Infections* 2003; 79:320–322.

Published Book

Keating R. *Grass Root Radio: A manual for fieldworkers in family planning and other areas of Social and Economic development*. London: University Press, 1977.

Edited book

Marshall SJ (Ed.). *Mohenjo-Daro and the Indus Civilization*. London: Arthur Probsthain, 1931.

Chapter of an edited book

Jogarathnam T. *Plantation Agriculture and Economic Development in Ceylon*. In: Dixey RN, (Ed). *International Exploration of Agriculture Economics*, Iowa: Iowa State University Press, 1964.

Web article with an author

Ranaweera MP. *Ancient Stupas in Sri Lanka – Largest Brick Structures in the World*. [Internet] <http://www.stupa.org.nz/imagine/CHSPaper.pdf> (Accessed on: 01/11/2005)

Web article with no author

Climate in Sri Lanka [Internet]. [Available from: <http://www.meteo.gov.lk/>] (Accessed on: 25/03/2013)

Published abstract in a conference proceeding

Wijewardane JDH. *Agriculture and water pollution in Sri Lanka*. In: Dayawansa NDK, De Silva RP, (Eds). *Proceedings of the Water Professionals' Day Symposium on Water Resources Research in Sri Lanka, 2011: 3-17*.

Unpublished abstract, presented in a conference

Amarasekara MGTS, Dayawansa NDK, De Silva WPRP. *Institutional aspects of implementation of land and water policies in the Upper Mahaweli Catchment, Sri Lanka*. *International Conference on Water Resources Policy in South Asia*. Colombo, Sri Lanka. 2008.

Technical report

Stocking MA. *Soil erosion in UMC forest land use mapping project*. Technical Report No.14. Environment and forest conservation division, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, Polgolla 1992. *Parliament Act Soil Conservation (Amended) Act 1996*. Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka: 1996.

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