

6th International Research Conference (IRC 2026) Sri Lanka Technology Campus (SLTC)

Camera-Ready Full Paper Submission Guidelines

1. The Scope of these Guidelines

These instructions apply to authors whose papers have already been accepted for SLTC IRC 2026 and who are required to prepare the final version for inclusion in the conference proceedings. The final manuscript submitted must be the camera-ready version, prepared in accordance with the prescribed **IRC 2026 Full Paper Format** and ready for publication in the conference proceedings. Authors **must not alter** the specified page size, margins, column width, font size, line spacing, heading formats, or any other formatting requirements provided in the template.

2. Camera-Ready Full Paper Requirements

- Language: English.
- Length: 6–8 pages, including the abstract, figures, tables, acknowledgements, and references.
- File format: Submit the final manuscript in Microsoft Word format and an identical PDF version.
- The manuscript must be free of all reviewers comments, tracked changes, editing marks, unresolved comments, field-code errors, placeholders, and any sample/template text.
- The final file must open without repair errors and must not contain missing fonts, broken images, or unresolved fields.

3. Final Author Information

- Use the final approved paper title and final author list.
- Check the spelling and order of all author names and verify each affiliation, country, and e-mail address.
- Use superscript numbers (e.g., 1, 2, 3) to link authors to multiple affiliations, where applicable.
- Identify the corresponding author with an asterisk (*) and provide a valid e-mail address.

4. Page Layout and Formatting

- Use the approved camera-ready template and retain its two-column layout for the main text.
- Body text must be fully justified and set in Times New Roman, 10 pt, single-spaced, unless otherwise specified in the template.
- About four keywords or phrases, in alphabetical order, separated by commas, with only the first index term capitalized, and without a period at the end. All terms following the initial term should be lowercase unless they are proper nouns, in which case they should have an initial cap. Avoid unnecessary repetition of words already used in the title where possible
- Define every abbreviation at its first mention, followed by the abbreviation in parentheses. Use abbreviations consistently thereafter.
- Do not manually compress text, reduce font size, alter margins, or change column spacing to meet the page limit.
- Do not insert page numbers. Pagination will be added during preparation of the proceedings.
- Use SI units throughout the manuscript unless a discipline-specific convention requires otherwise.
- Ensure the final page is professionally balanced, with the two columns adjusted as evenly as practicable.

5. Figures and Tables

- Number figures and tables separately and consecutively in the order in which they are first cited.
- Every figure and table must be cited in the main text by number (e.g., Fig. 1; Table 1), preferably before or close to its first appearance.
- Avoid unnecessary repetition of information already presented in tables or figures
- Figure captions must appear below figures; table titles must appear above tables.
- All figures, photographs, and diagrams must be clear and publication quality. Photographs should normally be at least 300 dpi.
- Wide figures or tables that cannot be clearly accommodated within a single column may span the full page width. In such cases, use a temporary full-width section for the figure or table only, then resume the standard two-column format immediately afterward.
- Do not place a figure or table before its first citation in the text.
- If a figure or table is reproduced or adapted from another source, cite the source in the caption, title, note, or accompanying text as appropriate, and include that source in the reference list.
- Authors are responsible for obtaining any required permission to reproduce copyrighted figures, tables, or other material.

6. Equations, Symbols and Units

- Number equations consecutively using numbers in parentheses, aligned at the right margin.
- Define all symbols immediately after their first use.
- Use the mathematical minus sign produced by the equation editor rather than a hyphen or em dash.
- Use a leading zero before decimal values less than one (e.g., 0.25, not .25).

7. Citations and references

- Use the IEEE numbered citation style prescribed in the template.
- Number references consecutively in the order in which they are first cited in the manuscript and cite them in square brackets, e.g., [1], [2], [3].
- Every in-text citation must have a corresponding entry in the reference list.
- Every source listed in the reference list must be cited at least once in the manuscript.
- All sources cited in figure captions, table titles/notes, or accompanying text must also appear in the reference list.
- Before submission, verify that every citation number corresponds to the correct reference-list entry.
- Do not use an alternative citation/reference style unless specifically authorized by the conference.

8. Ethics, originality and author responsibility

- Authors are responsible for the originality, accuracy, integrity, and ethical compliance of the final camera-ready manuscript.
- Where the research involves humans or animals, include the required ethics approval information in the manuscript and provide the certified approval documentation if required by the conference.
- Where applicable, state the funding source and project/grant number in the Acknowledgements section.
- Include informed-consent and other ethics-related statements where required by the nature of the study.
- Ensure all reused or adapted material is properly cited and that permissions are obtained where required.

9. Similarity and AI-assisted tools

- The conference's approved similarity and AI-use policies remain applicable to the final camera-ready paper.

- Proper citation is mandatory, and self-plagiarism must be avoided.
- Authors remain fully responsible for all scientific content, data, analyses, interpretations, references, and conclusions in the final paper.
- Any required disclosure of AI-assisted language or formatting tools should be included according to the conference policy.

10. Plagiarism Guidelines:

- Similarity 0–20%
- Proper citation is mandatory; self-plagiarism is prohibited

AI Usage Guidelines:

- Permitted: grammar and language editing, formatting, readability improvement, reference management
- Not permitted: generating research content, fabricating data, writing manuscripts, manipulating results
- Authors must disclose AI usage. Example statement:
"AI-assisted tools were used only for language editing and formatting. All scientific content and analysis were developed by the authors."

Author Responsibility:

Authors are fully responsible for originality, accuracy, and ethical compliance. Failure to follow these policies may result in rejection or withdrawal of accepted papers.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to withdraw accepted or published papers, blacklist authors from future conferences, and report cases of plagiarism to the authors' affiliated institutions or relevant professional bodies.

10. Author Declaration and submission package

Submit the camera-ready full paper together with all documents required by IRC 2026. The submission package should include, as applicable:

- Final camera-ready full paper in Word format
- Identical PDF version
- Completed Author Declaration Form
- Ethics approval documentation, where applicable
- Any other forms or supporting documents specified by the conference

Use the designated IRC 2026 CMT submission link and submit all required materials on or before the announced camera-ready submission deadline. (*19th of October 2026*)

11.Registration, Presentation and Publication

- The presenter and/or corresponding author must complete the required conference registration in accordance with IRC 2026 instructions.
- Accepted papers must be presented at the conference to remain eligible for inclusion in the Sri Lanka Technology Campus (SLTC) Journal of Emerging Science, Engineering and Technology (JESSET) (Based on the quality of the paper), final conference proceedings and for any applicable indexing.
- If the registered presenter is unable to attend, a substitution request must be submitted to the Conference Secretariat with the Paper ID and paper title by *19th of October 2026*.
- Presenter substitutions are subject to approval by the relevant conference committee.

14.Submission of the Author Declaration and the Camera-Ready Copy

For the submission of full papers or extended abstracts, please strictly adhere to the provided guidelines. Templates are available in the following section for your reference, and you can download the author declaration form using the provided link.

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Download the Sample Full Paper Template-Camera Ready Copy Template- Enclosed Separately

15.Camera-ready checklist

- ☐ Conference name/year, paper title, author names, affiliations, and corresponding-author details are correct.
- ☐ The paper is within the 6–8-page limit and follows the approved page size and two-column template.
- ☐ All reviewer comments, tracked changes, placeholders, and sample/template text have been removed.
- ☐ All figures and tables are legible, numbered, captioned/titled, and cited in the text.
- ☐ Wide figures/tables use full-page width only where necessary, and the manuscript returns to two-column format afterward.
- ☐ Every in-text citation and every figure/table source citation appears in the reference list.

- ☐ Every reference-list entry is cited in the manuscript.
- ☐ Citation numbering and reference-list entries correspond correctly.
- ☐ No page numbers have been inserted.
- ☐ Spelling, grammar, SI units, equations, image quality, and final formatting have been checked.
- ☐ The Word file opens correctly and any required PDF is identical to the final Word version.
- ☐ All required declarations, ethics, and supporting documents have been included.

16. Conference Secretariat

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