PGIM Oration 2026 - Call for Submissions

The Director, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM), of the University of Colombo, invites submissions from eligible candidates for the PGIM Oration, which will be held as part of the Annual Research Symposium (ARS) of the PGIM scheduled to be held on 6th November 2026.

Eligibility criteria:

1. Be within 7 years after Board Certification or obtaining PhD

Submission Guidelines:

1. The oration should be written in full, and the script of the oration should be submitted,
2. The IMRAD format is suggested unless the content requires otherwise,
3. A substantial part should be based on original research,
4. Use Vancouver or Harvard reference Style,
5. For all research involving human or animal subjects, state the ethics clearance in the methods section,
6. Clinical trials should have been registered in the Clinical Trials Registry,
7. The Oration should be submitted as a PDF document: written in Times New Roman Font size 12 with double line spacing. Do not include author names or affiliations, to facilitate a double-blind peer review.

Applicants are encouraged to include, where appropriate, a brief reflective component within the oration that highlights how the research was conducted. This may include the rationale for methodological choices, challenges or obstacles encountered, and how these were addressed. Such insights will add depth to the presentation by demonstrating critical thinking and problem-solving, while also enhancing the impact of the oration by inspiring the audience through the sharing of real-world experiences and lessons learned during the research process.

All submissions must adhere to the University of Colombo policies and guidelines on Academic Integrity, Similarity Assessment, and the Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Authors are advised to refer to Page 3 for further details.

Please use the online form available at the PGIM website to upload the responses:
https://forms.gle/EoDQr2U7S4z9Uy8T9

Oration Submission Deadline: 20th of August 2026

Kindly note that submissions after the deadline will not be considered for review

Editorial Committee
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Academic Integrity, Similarity Assessment, and Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

* All submitted abstracts and extended abstracts must adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity. Plagiarism, including self-plagiarism, is strictly prohibited. Authors are expected to submit original work and ensure that all sources are appropriately acknowledged.

* All submitted documents will be screened using Drillbit Similarity Detection and AI Detection tools before review and publication decisions.

* The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools in the preparation of manuscripts is permitted only in accordance with the University of Colombo's "Policy on the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Academic and Administrative Activities" (Annex I). Authors remain fully responsible for the accuracy, originality, integrity, and ethical compliance of all submitted content, irrespective of whether AI tools have been utilised.

* The acceptable similarity threshold for abstracts is 5%, while the acceptable similarity threshold for extended abstracts is 15 %.

* Similarity reports will be evaluated after excluding: Reference lists; In-text citations (citation elements only, not the associated text); and Matched text segments consisting of eight (8) words or fewer.

* All identified similarities must be appropriately attributed and cited. Whether similarities arise from direct quotations, paraphrased content, adopted ideas, or previously published scholarly work, proper citation and acknowledgement are mandatory. Commonly used technical terms, standard methodological descriptions, and widely accepted academic expressions may not require citation where appropriate.

* Submissions exceeding the prescribed similarity thresholds, containing uncited material, or violating the University's academic integrity requirements may be rejected without further notification.