Anuradhapura Medical Association

Annual Academic Sessions 2026

CALL FOR ORATIONS

The Anuradhapura Medical Association (AMA) invites you to submit your applications for the AMA oration 2026 to be delivered at the Annual Academic Sessions 2026.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS: 3rd August 2026, 23.59 Sri Lankan time

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR AN ORATION

Introduction

An Oration should be a well-structured, unified essay focused on a specific subject, drawing from a series of publications by the applicant. The oration must revolve around one or more central messages, with the orator thoughtfully selecting and presenting findings, results, and conclusions from relevant studies to support these messages in a logical and coherent manner. Rather than being a collection of separate studies, the oration should flow seamlessly as a single, uninterrupted narrative. The main messages must be scientifically sound and demonstrate a high level of scientific rigour.

The applicant should be the first or the senior author of the majority of the publications included in the oration, and the majority should be published as research articles in Science Citation Index expanded journals.

The selection of the orator will depend on both the quality of the content of the submitted manuscript, the quality of the publications, the applicant's role in the publications and the applicant's curriculum vitae. The manuscript should be a complete and self-contained document; if your application is successful, your delivered oration must closely follow the manuscript.

The oration must be original (not presented elsewhere).

Oration manuscript

For evaluation purposes, it is important to divide the manuscript into the following sections.

The title page: should contain the following details: title of the oration, full name of the author, designation, institutional affiliation, contact email and phone number

Summary: A key summary of the oration, limited to 500 words.

Introduction: should be brief, focused, but with sufficient details to inform the reader on the gravity of the research question/s, highlighting the limitations and gaps in the current knowledge.

Studies: This is the main body of the Oration. Methods, findings and interpretations emerging from individual studies must be logically presented in appropriate order to support the main ideas projected by the oration manuscript. The separate studies may be described as separate paragraphs and should be lined up logically to build up the discussion and support the key message/s. This may be from the simplest to the most complex studies or in chronological order. The key methods used in individual

studies, including the subjects, must be described adequately, then and there, for clarity. The interpretations and conclusions of the studies must be focused on the main ideas raised.

Conclusions: This section should present the overarching findings derived from all the studies included in the oration, clearly articulating the main messages. This part should emphasise the scientific significance and potential clinical impact of the conclusions, and also outline recommendations or directions for future research.

Acknowledgements: This section should be used to acknowledge the various sources of support, such as funding agencies, administration, collaborators, data collectors and others.

Ethical approval: For research involving human or animal subjects, please state the details of ethical approval. Clinical trials must be registered in a clinical trial registry recognized by the WHO.

References: References should be given for all cited work in the manuscript. They should be formatted in Vancouver style.

General guidelines

- Word limit: 3,000 words, excluding references
- Manuscripts should be typed in Arial font, size 12, with double spacing.
- There is no set minimum number of publications required for an oration submission. However, applicants must provide enough evidence to demonstrate sustained work in the relevant field. While case reports, letters to editors, editorials, and conference abstracts may be included, the oration should not be based solely on these types of studies.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

- All applications should be submitted via email to ama@med.rjt.ac.lk with a copy to anjana@med.rjt.ac.lk with the subject “Application for Oration – 2026”
- Each application must include the following documents:

    1. A covering letter indicating the oration for which the manuscript is submitted
    2. The full manuscript of the oration
    3. An updated curriculum vitae of the applicant
    4. A summary document including the following

    - The impact of the research included in the oration, in terms of advancing scientific knowledge, quality of clinical care and improvement of service delivery (500 words)
    - List of key publications included in the oration and the applicant’s contribution for each of these publications.
    - The applicant should declare if the key publications included in the manuscript have already been included as key publications in a previously delivered oration
    - A declaration by the applicant that the other authors of the presented research have no objections to the submission of the oration
    - Declaration of financial and other conflicts of interest