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**Key Requirements**

1. **Original Undergraduate Research**:
   * The abstract **must** be based on **original work** conducted by you and your research team, as part of the **undergraduate studies** within the **last four years**.
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The abstract should be prepared following the guidelines mentioned below and uploaded to the abstract submission web system (Conference Management Tool Web – National Symposium on Agriculture and Life Sciences) at <https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/NSALS2026> along with the author declaration form.

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Abstract must not exceed one B5 sheet (350 words) within the given format. Please do not change your page layout. Directly copy into the **Camera Ready Copy** format for final submission.

The abstract should contain the following.

**Paper size**

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Font Size : 11 pt

Style : **Bold**

Title should be concise, specific, and reflective of the study carried out. It should be center aligned with the capitalized first letter of each word, other than the prepositions, capitalized scientific names of organisms should be written in italics. If common or vernacular names follow the scientific name, they should be included in parentheses.

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Line Spacing : Single

Spacing before and after : 0

Spellings : United States (US) type

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Overall, the abstract should state the problem, explain the approach to obtaining the solution, and describe the solution itself. It should also summarize key facts relating to the work done, the principal conclusions, and it should convey the overall impact of the work presented.

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