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College of Science and Humanities in Al-Kharj

Department of English

**The First Scientific Forum of Departments of English at PSAU 2020**

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

February 16th, 2020

**"A Meeting of Minds"**

Deadline for abstracts: January 30th, 2020

Replies will be sent by February 2nd, 2020

(**No abstracts will be accepted after the deadline**)

**The First Scientific Forum of the Departments of English at PSAU** is due on Sunday, February 16th, 2020, in the College of Science and Humanities in Al-Kharj, Prince Sattam Bin Abdulaziz University (PSAU). The forum is intended as **a meeting of minds** across all the departments of English at PSAU, where interdepartmental integration has increasingly become a top priority. This is especially so in view of Saudi Arabia’s Vision for 2030, whereby PSAU is in full pursuit of maintaining and sustaining quality standards in three critical areas: (1) postgraduate study plans, (2) international publication of academic research, and (3) joint research projects. The forum's scope involves presentations, both oral and poster, on the MA study plan in linguistics in the Department of English, College of Science and Humanities in Al-Kharj, as well as the academic fields of linguistics, translation, and literature.

**Abstracts submitted must abide by the following criteria:**

* Maximum word limit is 300 words (Times New Roman, font 12).
* The language used is English.
* The forum scope is to be maintained (linguistics, translation, or literature)
* The abstract is to be typed or copied and pasted into the template below.

**The forum's scope includes three main areas of specialization:**

1. Linguistics
2. Translation
3. Literature

**Application Form**

**Please, complete the following application form, and then add a brief bio and the abstract as exhibited below. Thereafter, kindly send the whole file as an attachment by email at** [**a.almakrob@psau.edu.sa**](mailto:a.almakrob@psau.edu.sa)

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| **Presentation Mode** | Oral presentation Poster presentation |

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| **Presenter’s bio data (50 words):** |
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| **Topic Area:** | Linguistics Translation Literature |
| **Title of presentation:** |  |
| **Equipment needed (if any):** |  |

**Please write the abstract in English, Times New Roman, font 12.**

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**For poster presentations, the following guidelines can help:**

**Font**

* Choose a font that is easy to read at a distance. Most of the standard fonts are fine for this (e.g., Helvetica, Palatino, Times).
* Avoid mixing too many fonts as this can look messy. Two is often ideal; one for the headings and one for the main text.

**Type size**

* Remember that your poster will be read by someone standing at about a metre away so the text will need to be legible at a distance.
* Use large type sizes; the following examples are at 24 point and 36 point and can be clearly read at a distance. Titles and headings will need to be larger than your main text.
* Develop a hierarchy of type sizes can help to differentiate between your main body text and the other text elements in your poster.
* Keep the number of type sizes to a minimum to avoid over-cluttering your poster. Apply your hierarchy to all aspects of your poster design to ensure consistency.

**Line spacing**

* Use one and a half or double spacing between lines of text greatly increases the legibility of your poster design.

**Colour palette**

* Colour can add an extra dimension to your poster design, making a poster more attractive and giving you another method of highlighting particular aspects of your information.
* Choose colours that work well together so that they do not detract from the information in your display.

*We are looking forward to seeing you on our campus.*