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## **Research Conference on Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (RCSoTL)– 2023**

### ***"Evidence-based Practices in Higher Education"***

Scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL) basically involves the deliberate, inquisitive, systematic, and reflective use of research methods to develop and implement teaching practices that advance the learning experiences and outcomes of students. The improvement of teaching and learning in higher education is a continuous and dynamic process and has gained a significant attention in the current global context owing its huge impact on the social, economic and cultural development. The development of evidenced-based teaching practices is a key in offering a meaningful undergraduate education and thereby, producing graduates who are competent in theoretical knowledge, practical aspects as well as critical skills required by industry such as communication skills, digital literacy, analytical thinking and teamwork skills. However, the area of SoTL is not much popular among the academics in the local context. Research Conference on Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (**RCSoTL**) will showcase research on teaching, learning and assessment done by the scholars of the University of Kelaniya. Moreover, the conference will provide the opportunity for the academic members to learn more about research on teaching, learning and assessment and apply those to improve the quality of teaching, learning, and assessment in higher education in Sri Lanka.

### **Objectives of the Conference**

1. Popularize **Teaching as Research (TAR)** as a research area within the university community
2. Provide a platform for the UOK academics to showcase their innovative teaching, learning and assessment methodologies in an open, supportive and intellectually stimulating atmosphere and there by develop evidenced-based teaching practices
3. Form a leaning community who are interested in research on Teaching, Learning and Assessment and share their ideas/knowledge, discuss research in teaching, learning and assessment topics and learn from each other.

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