Infographics Competition

Guidelines for participants

Celebrating 25 years of the Department of Statistics

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Department of Statistics, we invite you to take part in an infographic poster exhibition that brings data to life. The exhibition aims to make real-world data and statistical ideas accessible, engaging, and meaningful to the general public.
Turn complex information into a visual story that captures attention, explains an issue clearly, and helps viewers understand why the findings matter.

1. The challenge

Create a compelling, evidence-based infographic poster using publicly accessible data from official government sources and international organizations. Choose a topic with clear public relevance and use appropriate statistical methods to explore the data and identify meaningful patterns or insights.
Build your visual story around a clear central message. Select visualizations that suit your data, explain the findings in language a non-specialist audience can understand, and make the connection between the evidence and its real-world significance clear.

2. Who can participate?

- Undergraduates of the Faculty of Science, University of Colombo, and the University of Colombo School of Computing.
- You may participate individually or work together in a team of two.

3. Poster specifications

Size	A1 portrait: 594 × 841 mm (23.4 × 33.1 inches).
Resolution	Vector graphics or bitmap graphics at 300 DPI.
Word count	Maximum 150–200 words of main body text.
Information strip	Reserve a 3-inch strip at the bottom for participant name(s), affiliation(s), data sources, and a disclaimer.

4. How to submit

Submit your poster in PDF format and a one-page summary through the Google Form below.

In the summary, explain your concept, main message, statistical methods, software, and any AI assistance, following the policy on the next page.

Submit your poster and summary

Click the link above or scan the QR code.

Sign-in required: Please sign in to your university Google account using your university email address and password before accessing the submission form.

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Selection, prizes & integrity

5. Selection and exhibition

- Shortlisted participants will be invited to a 15-minute, face-to-face session to present their work and answer questions from the selection panel.
- Based on these presentations, the top 20–25 posters will be selected for the DST Data Gallery Walk 2026, organized by the Department of Statistics, Faculty of Science, University of Colombo on 25th November 2026.
- No printing cost for participants: the Department of Statistics will print the selected posters.

6. Prizes

Cash Prizes: 1st Place: Rs15000 2nd Place: Rs 10,000 3rd Place 7,500

Certificate for winners and those selected to be featured at DST Data Gallery Walk

7. Academic integrity and AI use

Your poster must reflect your own analysis, interpretation, and writing. AI may provide limited assistance as outlined below, but it must not replace human analysis or generate the poster's written content.

Category	Permitted assistance	Not permitted
Data & analysis	• Code debugging in R, Python, SQL, etc. • Standard statistical software, including SPSS, RStudio, Excel, Minitab, Tableau, Power BI, etc.	• Generating synthetic or fake datasets, or manipulating data and visualizations. • Using AI interpretations without independent logical verification.
Visualization & design	• Standard design software, such as Illustrator, Canva, etc.	• Automated text-to-infographic AI generators. • Generative artwork used in place of authentic data plots.
Writing & content	• Basic spelling and grammar assistance, such as Grammarly, etc.	• Asking LLMs, (ChatGPT, etc.) to write body text or drafts. • Paraphrasing AI-generated text to bypass detection.