



Call for Papers

2nd Annual RRA Research Day

The Rwanda Revenue Authority (RRA) is pleased to invite all Rwandans engaged in tax research with intent to inform policy/administrative reforms to submit their research proposals for the second annual RRA research day to be held on the **21st December 2023**.

This year's theme:

“Digitization in taxation: Prospects for effective revenue mobilisation in Rwanda”

Why submit?

- A chance to present your work to tax experts, getting valuable feedback and gaining exposure within the RRA and its international research network.
- Contribute to the knowledge base and research culture of the RRA
- Be part of tax policy/administrative influencers in Rwanda through research.
- Win pleasant cash prizes for the top 3 papers.

How to submit?

1. Send your 2-page research proposal at: research@rra.gov.rw by 5pm on the 21st August 2023.
2. Prospective authors, both academics and practitioners, are invited to submit original and innovative papers on any topic related to this broad theme.
3. The top 10 submissions will be notified and asked to submit their full research paper by 5pm on the 30th November 2023.

Deadlines



For more information on the **Guidelines for both proposals and papers**, please visit the RRA web page: https://www.rra.gov.rw/publications/RRA_Research_Reports

Submission of research proposals

- Proposals must include two separate documents: (1) a title page with authors' names & contacts, and (2) an anonymized two-page extended research proposal;
- Research proposals should be submitted in word document, formatted in Times New Roman font, size 12, with 1.5-line spacing;
- Applicants should prepare their research proposals taking into account the submission guidelines and criteria for scoring.

Submission of full papers

- Only 10 best research proposals will proceed to the second phase;
- Only original papers will be accepted, including those that have been previously submitted to journals;
- Plagiarized paper submissions will be rejected without substantive review.

Guidelines for both proposals and papers

Authors are strongly advised to include the following elements in their proposals and papers, and to follow the guidelines provided below, to maximize their chances of success.

1. An introductory section or paragraph(s) (respectively for papers and extended research proposals) should set out a clear research question, the motivation for undertaking this research, and its relevance to the wider academic and policy debates. Some questions you might want to consider, in this section are:
 - What is my research question?
 - Why is it important?
 - How does it contribute to existing knowledge / how does it fill knowledge gaps?
 - How can my findings support policy and administrative decisions?
2. A Methodology section or paragraph(s) outlining clearly the data to be used to investigate the questions, the methods, and the limitations of the methodological approach.
3. Guiding questions to be considered in the preparation of submissions are:
 - What data is/will be used, and how does that data capture the key issues of interest?
 - What methods are/will be used to analyse the data/information?
 - What are the key advantages and limitations of this methodological approach?
 - How do the limitations affect the results, and their reliability for decision-making?
4. A Section or paragraph(s) summarizing key results in a clear and coherent way. Applicants are encouraged to present their key results as part of a coherent argument or story, closely linked to the existing literature and policy problems.
5. A conclusion highlighting the key contributions and policy implications of results
6. Full papers should also include a bibliography with all titles correctly cited in the paper. All references throughout the text must be correctly cited, and all citations must be clearly marked.