

NCQE 2026

Jointly organized by Southwestern Academic Research Centre and
Southwestern State College

National Conference on Qualitative Excellence (NCQE 2026)

Theme: Harmonizing Rigorous Interviewing, Ethical Protocols, and Digital Thematic Analytics

From the Desk of the Executive Patron

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"Excellence in research defines academic leadership. NCQE 2026 provides a critical platform where rigorous methodology meets contemporary technological landscapes. SWARC is committed to equipping next-generation researchers with the tools required to navigate complex data ecosystems ethically and systematically. We welcome you to join this collective effort to advance the standards of qualitative inquiry."

Dare to Excel!

About the Organizer: Southwestern Academic Research Center (SWARC)

The Southwestern Academic Research Center (SWARC) is the intellectual nucleus and primary research division driving scholarly advancement at the institutional level. Designed to cultivate a deep culture of systematic investigation, SWARC empowers undergraduate students, doctoral candidates, and faculty members with the specialized resources needed to spearhead high-impact academic discourse. The center focuses on managing international scientific networks, facilitating peer-reviewed academic publications, and standardizing qualitative and quantitative research methodologies. By hosting targeted training symposia and technical workshops, SWARC acts as a critical incubator for next-generation research, actively steering traditional field investigation into the modern technological era.

In Association with: Southwestern State College (SWSC)

Southwestern State College (SWSC) is an ISO 9001:2015 certified center of academic excellence situated in Basundhara, Kathmandu. Maintained and guided by a visionary syndicate of veteran academicians, seasoned researchers, and industry experts, SWSC bridges the gap between regional educational frameworks and global scholastic standards. The institution offers diverse, cutting-edge academic streams across Science, Management, and the Humanities, all driven by an experiential learning model. By prioritizing creative inquiry, ethical leadership, and social responsiveness, SWSC transforms its student body into globally competitive professionals equipped to navigate complex real-world landscapes.

The Partnership Ecosystem

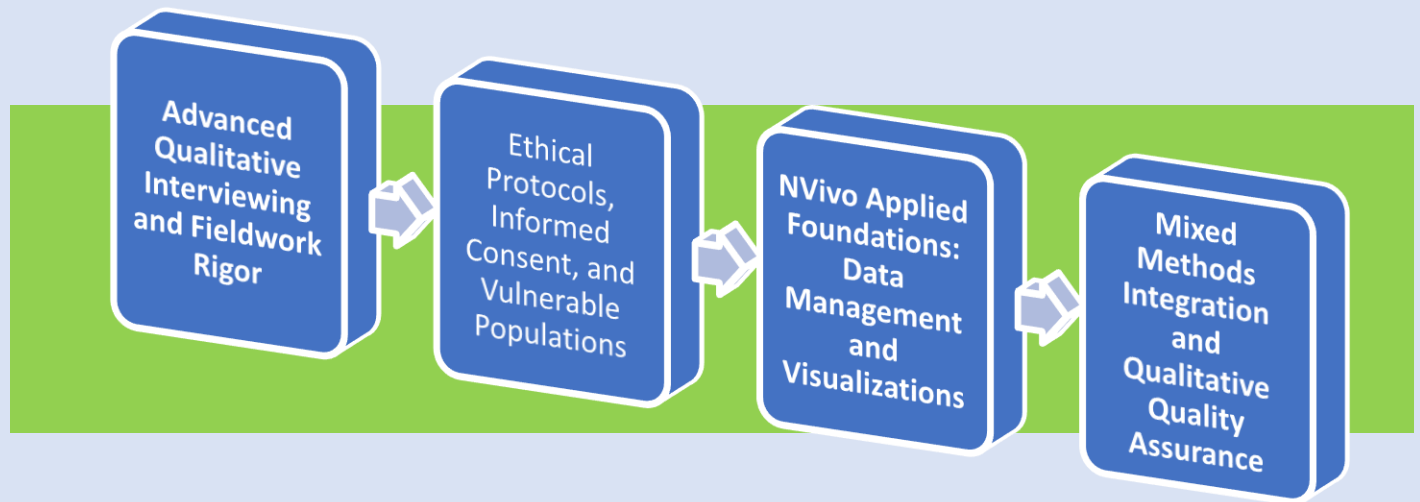
This strategic collaboration places SWARC's specialized investigative rigor directly alongside SWSC's robust administrative and academic architecture. While the college builds strong theoretical foundations within the student body, the research center drives practical, data-driven discoveries and methodology design. This combined ecosystem ensures that NCQE 2026 is anchored by exceptional organizational strength, academic credibility, and structural excellence.

Conference Objectives

The National Conference on Qualitative Excellence (NCQE 2026) is built around the central theme: *"Harmonizing Rigorous Interviewing, Ethical Protocols, and Digital Thematic Analytics."* The conference intends to redefine qualitative standards by achieving the following core objectives:

- Combining Fieldwork with Technology by Creating simple, organized systems that connect traditional, human-focused fieldwork with modern digital sorting tools like NVivo.
- Improve the standards for research quality, tracking when enough information has been gathered, and understanding the researcher's own impact to keep the study highly accurate.
- To Improving Digital Research Ethics, support flexible rules for participant permission and data protection to keep vulnerable groups safe, anonymous, and respected.
- Create a lively, collaborative space where undergraduate students, PhD researchers, and professors can share proven insights and combine words-based and numbers-based research methods.

Conference Tracks-

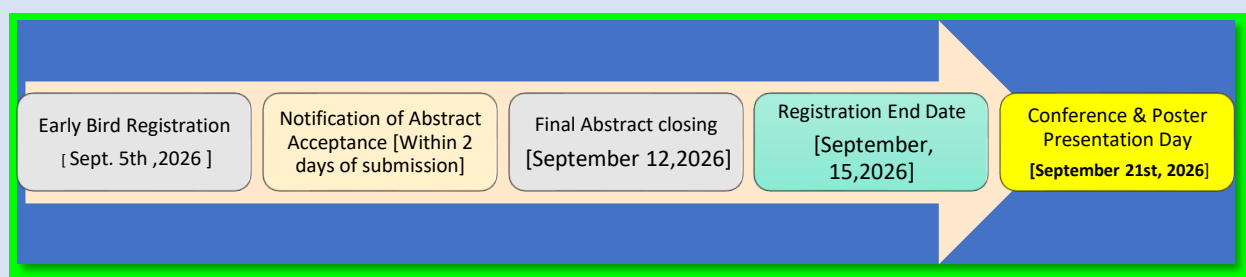


Core Technical Sessions

Track 1: Advanced Qualitative Interviewing and Fieldwork Rigor	Session 1: Fieldwork Excellence & Expert Interviewing	• Learn proven methods to gain entry, build trust, and manage personal bias in the field. • Master practical skills to handle unexpected challenges when interviewing high-profile or sensitive participants.
Track 2: Ethical Protocols, Informed Consent, and Vulnerable Populations	Session 2: Ethical Standards & Institutional Compliance	• Step-by-step strategies to clear Institutional Review Board (IRB) reviews without delays. • Practical models for managing continuous informed consent when working with vulnerable groups.
Track 3: NVivo Applied Foundations: Data Management and Visualizations	Session 3: NVivo Mastery: From Transcripts to Visual Models	• Live tutorials on building organized codebooks, node structures, and cross-tabulation queries. • Convert raw text into professional data visualizations and clear research audit trails.

Track 4: Mixed Methods Integration and Qualitative Quality Assurance	Session 4: Mixed-Methods Design & Quality Control	• Clear workflows to connect qualitative stories with quantitative numbers seamlessly. • Apply modern evaluation standards to produce data that meets the strict requirements of funding bodies.
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Call for the Abstract/ Poster presentation: [Important dates to remember]



Follow the steps to participate in Poster presentation

Step 1: Submit your Abstract through the following email- submission@swsc.edu.np

Step 2: Register yourself using Registration form

Step 3: Follow the guidelines to prepare poster for competition

Guidelines for Abstract Submission-

We welcome original, unpublished work aligned with the conference tracks. Authors may submit abstracts for either oral or poster presentation.

- **Word Limit:** Maximum of 250 words (excluding title, authors, and institutional affiliations).
- **Structural Elements:** Abstracts must follow a structured layout containing:
 - **Introduction:** Clear statement of the study's purpose or research question.

- **Methodology:** Explicit description of the qualitative approach, data collection tools, and analysis techniques used.
- **Findings:** Summary of the core themes, insights, or expected outcomes.
- **Conclusion:** The broader implications of the study for qualitative methodology or practice.
- **Keywords:** Include 3 to 5 precise keywords below the abstract text.
- **Submission Format:** Submit via Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) using 12pt Times New Roman font, double-spaced.
- **Ethical Declaration:** A brief sentence confirming institutional review board (IRB) clearance or ethical compliance must be included if application

Guidelines for poster making-

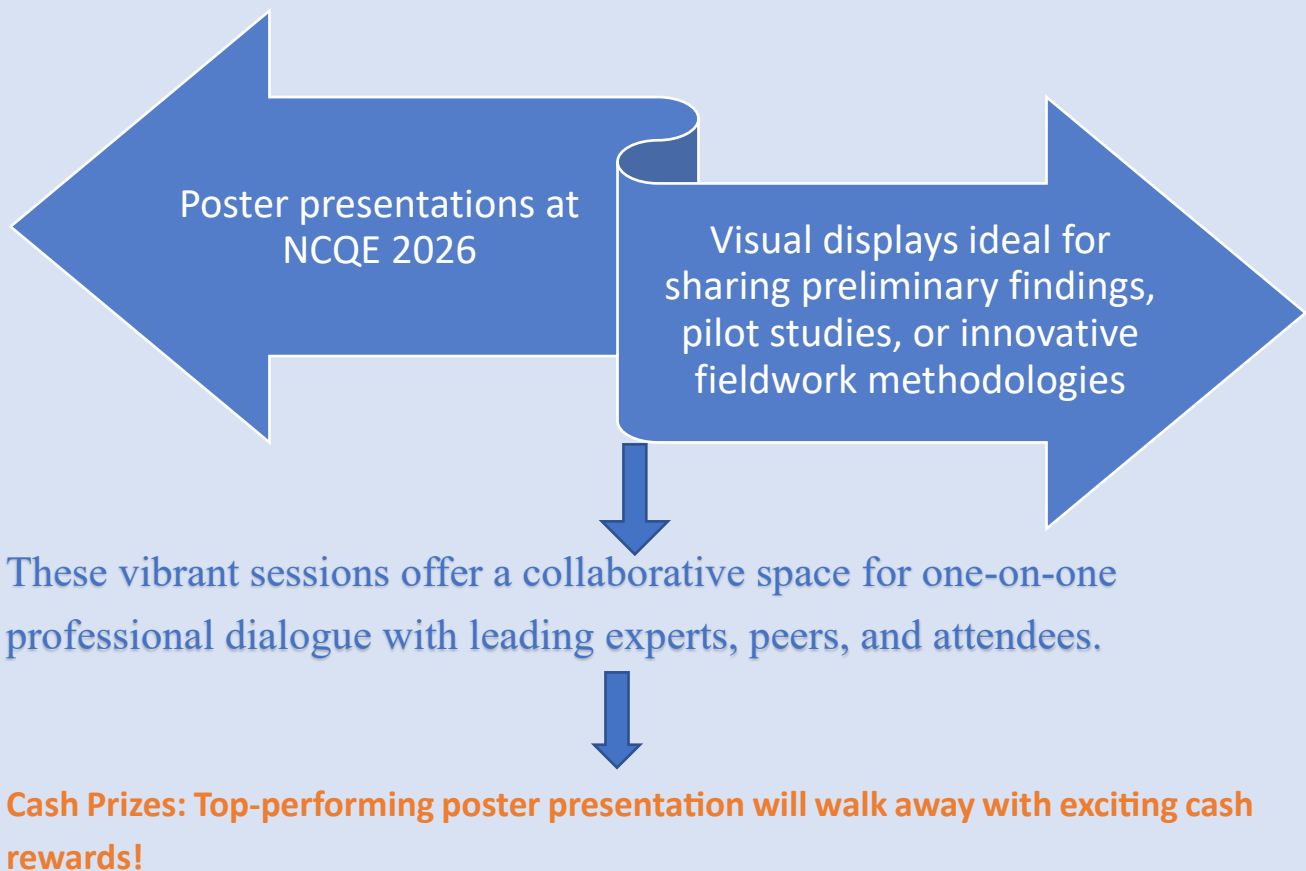
Poster Presentations: Dynamic visual displays ideal for sharing preliminary findings, pilot studies, or innovative fieldwork methodologies. Poster sessions offer a collaborative space for one-on-one professional dialogue with attendees.

Main Title:	Keep it short, striking, and informative. Use a bold font of at least 70 points so attendees can easily read it like a major newspaper headline from a distance.
Body Text:	Use clean, modern, sans-serif fonts such as Arial, Helvetica, or Verdana . Keep the text size between 24 and 32 points to ensure clear readability.
Logical Flow:	Arrange your sections in a clear, column-based path: Title \Background \ Methodology /Key Findings \Main Conclusion .
Short & Punchy:	Avoid long, dense paragraphs. Use bullet points and quick text fragments to keep your total word count under 1,000 words while steering clear of heavy academic jargon.
Graphics Over Text:	Use large, high-resolution charts, diagrams, or maps to display your data. Ensure all charts have clear headings, labeled axes, and easy-to-read legends.

Presentation Rules & Rewards

- **3-Minute Presentation:** Each team gets exactly 3 minutes to pitch their core methodology and findings directly to a panel of expert judges.
- **Target Audience:** Open to Students, PhD Scholars, and Faculty members.
- **Recognition:** Top-performing visual displays and pitches will walk away with exciting **Cash Prizes!**

Signature Event: Poster Presentations



Registration Fee: Register Now to Secure Your Spot!

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- To secure a spot in the conference proceedings, every accepted abstract requires at least one registered author.
- Only one registered individual can deliver the presentation. Collaborative or shared presentations are not allowed.
- The active presenter automatically receives a certificate. Co-authors only get certificates if they pay the individual registration fee for their category.
- Co-authors must be present for their paper is being presented.
- They will receive a Certificate of Attendance.
- Email [conference@swsc.edu.np] your payment document. Your registration is officially finalized once we verify the transaction, which takes 2 to 3 business days.

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"To ensure scholarly integrity, qualitative frameworks must withstand strict peer evaluation and institutional assessment. NCQE 2026 bridges crucial gaps in research design, research ethics, and digital analytical compliance."



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Operationalizing qualitative research requires balancing deep human insights with mechanical precision. This conference is intentionally designed to equip researchers with practical field skills and systematic data management workflows to drive impactful discoveries



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