
Queen's Health Science Journal Guide to Submitting Papers



1. Submission Guidelines

- All submissions must conform to the “*Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals*”. Details of these requirements are available at <http://www.icmje.org/>
- All text must be in Microsoft Word format.
- Double-space ALL parts of the manuscripts
- Begin each section or component on a new page
- Include a word-count on the title page.
- Contact information for all listed authors (including email addresses) must be included.
- All plots, photos, tables and graphs must be in pdf format.

Authors must submit manuscripts electronically. To submit, please email your files to submissions@qhsj.org

Appropriate manuscripts will be sent out for peer review. See Section 2, for acceptable submission categories.

All queries regarding the submission process may be mailed to the address below or electronically to editorinchief@qhsj.org

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2. Categories for Submitted Manuscripts

- **Original Research:** *3000 word limit*. This includes all categories of original research including basic science, clinical, epidemiological and humanities research. Original research submissions are peer-reviewed.

- **Review Articles:** *3000 word limit.* Review articles dealing with any area of health sciences are eligible for publication. Review articles are peer-reviewed.
- **Chapter of Negative Results:** *3000 word limit.* In recognition of the information value of research that produces negative findings we accept original research submissions with null results, non-correlative results and ambiguous results. Negative results research submissions are peer-reviewed.
- **Social Studies (History, Anthropology and Sociology of the Health Sciences):** *3000 word limit.* We encourage submissions that address a health sciences topic from a humanistic standpoint. Acceptable submission formats include: original research articles and essays. Possible topics include but are not limited to: events of historical importance to the health sciences, health care in the developing world, poverty and the health sciences, and health care economics. Research article and essay submissions are peer-reviewed.
- **Case Reports:** *No word limit. Digital images are accepted.* Case reports dealing with any aspect of the health sciences are encouraged. Case reports submissions are peer-reviewed, and additional commentary by the reviewer(s) may be published as an addendum to the original report.
- **Book Reviews:** *750 word limit.* Book reviews are encouraged from all members of the health sciences community. Reviewed books must have a health sciences topic as the primary focus. Reviewers are asked to include publication information with their review. Submissions are reviewed and edited for length, but not for core content.
- **Journal Clubs:** *750 word limit.* At the QHSJ, we believe in the importance of critically reviewing peer-reviewed, published papers. Many students participate in lab or department specific journal clubs to develop these critical reading and evaluation skills. Beginning in our next issue, groups of students may submit critical reviews of recently (within the past 6 months) published paper that addresses a current topic in health sciences. Proposals must be submitted to the manuscript editor (manuscript@qhsj.org).

For more information on the QHSJ guidelines for submission or to review archived editions, please visit our website (<http://www.qhsj.org>). Manuscripts, reviews, and questions should be directed to the submissions editor (submissions@qhsj.org).

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