

# The IDEA Journal of Applied Research

## Guidelines for the authors

The IDEA Journal of Applied Research (IDEA JAR) is a multidisciplinary, international, peer-reviewed, open-access scientific journal (ISSN 2958-3691), issued in both printed and online versions. It publishes original research papers across a broad spectrum of knowledge fields. The objective of IDEA JAR is to facilitate the advancement and dissemination of significant research findings, thereby supporting a high standard of science and fostering interaction between academia and practical application for human progress. As a scientific academic publication, IDEA JAR ensures that all papers undergo a rigorous double-blind peer review process and are assessed by the editorial board for originality, scientific merit, depth of analysis, structure, and contribution to the respective field of study.

## Scope

The scope of the IDEA JAR embraces research in the fields of Education, Economy, Management, Finance, Digital Technologies, Health, Engineering, Information Sciences, Earth Sciences and Environment, Social and Humanitarian Sciences. The journal is dedicated to the extension of interdisciplinary research and practices across these fields and beyond.

The Journal focuses on application-oriented works in sustainability, use of emerging technologies, innovation, and social responsibility and human values, to provide research collaboration and spread scientific information that might create new knowledge, support practices and strategic decisions.

## Types of Articles

The Journal publishes original scientific articles, encompassing theoretical, practical, analytical, and empirical studies. The length of the text should not exceed 5,000 words, inclusive of a maximum of 4 tables and 4 figures; the number of references should be no more than 50.

## Submissions

The IDEA Journal of Applied Research (IDEA JAR) is committed to maintaining high standards of quality, reliability, and credibility in its publications. The following guidelines ensure the integrity of our publication process:

- **Eligibility for Publication:** We accept scientific articles that align with the IDEA JAR's focus, showcasing the results of the authors' theoretical and experimental research.

- **Authorship Criteria:** Authorship should be attributed only to individuals who have made significant contributions to the conception, design, execution, or interpretation of the presented study.
- **Originality:** Articles must be original and not previously published or under consideration by other journals.
- **Language:** Submissions must be in English, with British usage recommended.
- **Content Requirements:** Articles should address specific problems or tasks, delineating their essence, proposing solutions, and outlining methods. Each submission should demonstrate relevance to the scientific community, present scientific perspectives on the issue, and introduce novel findings. Descriptive articles may be published at the discretion of the editorial board.
- **Plagiarism Check:** All articles undergo a plagiarism verification process. Submissions with less than 80% originality will be rejected.
- **Conflict of Interest:** Authors must disclose any potential conflicts of interest.
- **Ethical Considerations:** Submissions must be accompanied by a signed Ethical Statement. Studies involving human or animal subjects require documented informed consent. Authors must also declare any hazards associated with their research and outline protective measures.
- **Acknowledgments:** Contributions from others, including academic, professional, technical, or financial support, must be duly acknowledged.
- **Submission Process:** Papers can be submitted via the official IDEA Academy website or emailed to [research@ideamalta.com](mailto:research@ideamalta.com). The submission should be named with the author's initials, surname, and date (e.g., J\_Doe\_21.06.2024). Authors will receive an automatic confirmation upon submission and a tracking link within 10 working days to monitor their publication status.
- **Review Process:** Submissions undergo an initial check for completeness and adherence to formatting guidelines, followed by a plagiarism check. All articles are then subjected to a double-blind peer review by qualified reviewers. Publication is contingent upon approval by the editorial board.
- **Publication Confirmation:** Authors will be notified of their manuscript's acceptance and can track the publication status through a provided link.

These guidelines ensure that IDEA JAR publications are of the highest academic and ethical standards, contributing valuable knowledge to the broader scientific community.

## Peer Review

The peer review process is integral to upholding the scientific and theoretical standards of our publications. This process is conducted concurrently with the article's evaluation by the Editorial Board and is characterized by a double-blind review system. In this system, the identities of both the author(s) and the reviewer(s) remain confidential, ensuring impartiality and fairness. Reviewers are selected from among the Editorial Board's Doctorate holders or from a pool of highly qualified experts, including IDEA lecturers and academic partners.

Upon completing the evaluation, a reviewer may:

- Endorse the article for publication as is,
- Suggest publication contingent on specific revisions being made in response to their comments,
- Advise against the publication of the article.

The Editorial Board meticulously considers all feedback, particularly for articles necessitating minor or major revisions, or those facing rejection, and communicates this to the authors accordingly.

In instances where reviews are mixed—one positive and one negative—the Editorial Board assumes the responsibility of making the final decision regarding the article's publication.

## Article Structure

The manuscript must adhere to the journal's editorial guidelines and include the following sections:

- **Title:** Should not exceed 15 words, avoiding uncommon abbreviations and formulas. It must succinctly reflect the paper's content.
- **Author/s:** Include names and ORCID IDs. The sequence should reflect the extent of each author's contribution.
- **Corresponding Author:** Provide the full name and email address.
- **Abstract:** A concise summary of 150-200 words covering the topic's relevance, research objectives, methodology, results, and principal conclusions. It should not contain references or images/tables.
- **Graphical Abstract** (Optional): Authors may include a graphical abstract, such as an infographic, chart, or image, summarising the main findings. While not mandatory, it is encouraged for students and early-career researchers to visually represent the core ideas of their work.
- **Keywords:** 8-10 words or phrases that encapsulate the article's main themes, separated by semicolons.
- **Main Text:** Should consist of Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, and Conclusion. Variations in structure, such as merging or dividing sections, are permissible to maintain logical coherence. Subsections may be used as needed.
  - **Introduction:** Background information, research justification, literature review, research problem statement, and study objectives.
  - **Materials and Methods:** Detailed account of study design, research methods, data collection and analysis procedures, and result verification. Should detail both general and specific methodologies applied.
  - **Results:** Presentation of the study's findings and solutions to the research problem, supported by text, tables, graphs, diagrams, equations, photographs, and drawings as necessary. Results and Discussion sections may be combined or separate.

- **Discussion:** Interpretation of findings, comparison to the initial hypothesis, study limitations, practical implications, and future research directions.
- **Conclusion:** Concise summary of the paper's key points without reiterating previous sections.
- **References:** Use the Harvard reference style for citations and reference lists. Guidelines are available upon request.
- **Highlights:** 3-5 bullet points underscoring the research's significance, innovative methodologies, primary outcomes, scientific contributions, and practical applications.

For every co-author, the following information is required:

- Name and Surname
- Affiliation (Full name of the organisation, division of the organisation, position, title, academic degree and address)
- E-mail address

These elements are essential to ensure that submissions are comprehensive, coherent, and conducive to scholarly discourse.