



University of Alberta Library Journal Publishing Program  
Journal Proposal: New Journal

Date of Application:

Journal Title:

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The University of Alberta Library journal publishing program supports the publication of open access digital journals through a range of services. In order to meet our mandate of strengthening equitable and sustainable frameworks for scholarly publishing in Canada, we require that prospective journals meet some basic criteria for inclusion in our program, and have carried out some of the preliminary planning and investigation required to successfully launch a journal.

We are happy to help you complete your proposal, and ask that you request a meeting with us well in advance of the submission deadline to ensure that you have enough time to make any changes required. Please complete the following form. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at [library.publishing@ualberta.ca](mailto:library.publishing@ualberta.ca).

## A. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Open access model and licensing (all below points are required):
  - 1.1. The journal will agree to make its contents publicly available online, free of charge, immediately upon publication;
  - 1.2. The journal will ensure that content published after the date of its signed agreement with the University of Alberta Library will be licensed with one of the Creative Commons Licenses;
  - 1.3. The journal will not charge fees to authors, including page charges or article processing charges.
2. Canadian affiliation (check all that apply, must meet at least 1 of the following criteria):
  - ☐ The journal is affiliated with a Canadian scholarly, learned or professional association, or Canadian post-secondary institution;

Name of the organization or institution:

- ☐ The journal editorial board includes member(s), who is/are affiliated with a Canadian post-secondary institution (please list individuals in Part B7: Proposed Editorial Team).
- ☐ Required for student-run journals only: The journal editorial board includes members who are current students at the University of Alberta.

## B. JOURNAL INFORMATION

### 3. Frequency and schedule of publication

*For example: annual, semiannual (twice a year), biennial (every two years), quarterly. Journals also have the option of a rolling publication (publish-as-you-go model) where the journal creates an issue and adds articles one at a time as they become ready for publication.*

### 4. Scope, focus, description of content

*What disciplines and subdisciplines will be covered? What kinds of articles will be included (e.g. research articles, book reviews, editorials, etc.)?*

### 5. Target audience

*Who is the intended readership of the journal? Who will be authoring articles in the journal? How will you promote your journal both to your readership and to potential authors?*

6. Describe the intended review process

*Ensure the process addresses the following:*

- *How are submissions handled (by an editor, an editorial board, etc.)?*
- *Is the content peer reviewed, and if so, what process is followed to ensure impartiality (single anonymous, double anonymous review, etc.)?*
- *Number of editors/reviewers per article;*
- *Guidelines for editors/reviewers, including rubric for evaluation if available;*
- *Standards, criteria, and process for selecting reviewers;*
- *Process for acceptance decisions.*

*Note: If the review structure changes for different sections of the journal (e.g. if research articles are peer-reviewed, while a designated editor selects book reviews), please list each section with its corresponding review processes, below.*

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7. Proposed editorial team

7.1. Editor(s) / Editor(s)-in-Chief

*Identify the individual(s) responsible for academic content and executive management of the publication; include name, title, and organizational affiliation.*

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7.2. Other editors or staff, if any

*Identify the individual(s) involved in day-to-day management of the publication, including conducting reviews, assignment of copyediting, proofreading, layout, communication with authors, etc. For each editor/staff, provide name, title, and organizational affiliation with their corresponding role(s).*

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7.3. Editorial Board and/or Advisory Board

*Describe the role of the Editorial Board or any organization providing oversight or governance for the journal. For each Board member, list name, title, and organizational affiliation.*

7.4. Continuity

*How are new editors selected? Is there any established protocol for transition of editorship? Who will be responsible for ensuring continuity? What is the anticipated term of service for editors? How will new editorial team members be recruited, trained, and mentored on a continuing basis?*

7.5. Required for student-run journals only: Faculty, staff or librarian advisor  
Please list name, title, and contact information. What is this individual's role in your journal?

8. Anticipated costs and resources

*While University of Alberta Library's online publishing program is currently free, other aspects of open access publishing (such as copyediting, layout, proofreading, and marketing) have real monetary and time costs. What costs do you expect to incur? Do you have funding sources or staff (paid or volunteer) available to ensure the sustainable operations of your journal? Please document your cost and resourcing plan below, considering the following:*

- *Is the editorial team all volunteer-run or are there paid positions?*
- *Do you intend to use external or internal copyediting and/or layout services?*
- *Do you plan to produce print or print-on-demand editions of your issues? How will you distribute print editions?*
- *Do you have an existing funding source? Specify.*
- *Do you anticipate applying for funding sources? Specify.*
- *Do you have institutional support, such as a sponsoring institution or association?*
- *What activities do you plan to do to resource your journal?*

9. Proposed publication agreement

Please attach a copy of the journal's intended publication agreement. A template is available at: <https://tinyurl.com/mtw7pcat>. Author agreements should:

- Allow the author to retain the copyright and use of the article(s) they write;
- Provide the journal with the rights needed to publish and disseminate the article(s) in current and future formats, including migrating journals to new platforms and preserving journal content;
- Protect the journal from potential copyright claims related to third party content.

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#### 11. Timeline

What is the proposed timeline for launching the journal? Include important milestones such as your call for papers and publication of the first issue.

#### 12. Identify at least three existing journal titles of similar content or scope

13. Rationale

*Why is a new journal needed in this area? What characteristics of the proposed new journal distinguish it from existing titles?*

14. Why are you interested in the University of Alberta Library as a publisher for your journal?

C. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

15. Please list the name(s) and e-mail address(es) for correspondence about this proposal.

16. Please name the sponsoring organization or legal entity with whom the MOU will be executed.

17. Please provide the name and title of the signatory who should be named in the MOU.

Please send the completed form to [library.publishing@ualberta.ca](mailto:library.publishing@ualberta.ca).



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