

Student Central Asia Forum Style Guide for Articles

Thank you so much for your interest in writing for the Student Central Asia Forum! Below are some guidance and recommendations for writing for us. If you have any further questions, please contact us using the information on the 'Contact' page of our website.

For Pitches:

We accept rolling submissions throughout the year for our 'Current Articles' page. If you are interested in pitching an article for us, please use the following guidance:

- Your pitch should be no longer than 250 words, it does not have to be an exhaustive outline of the topic you wish to cover, please just include the most salient points.
- Please provide a proposed title for your article. This does not have to be final, it will merely help us understand your focus.

We have a **dedicated Google form** on our 'Contact' page where we accept pitches. Please use [this form](#).

For Articles:

We typically ask for articles with a **word count from 800-1200 words**. If you think you would require considerably more or less words than this, please let us know via email and we can arrange an accommodation.

We also ask that your articles thoroughly reference the websites and sources you consulted to gather your information. Our preference is for hyperlinks within your article itself. However, if your piece is more academic in nature, please use a formal footnotes and bibliography system according to the referencing system developed by the Modern Language Association (MLA). Please see this link for guidelines:

<https://columbiacollege-ca.libguides.com/MLA9/websites>

We do not have a preference for British or American English spelling conventions.

Images:

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