



AJRSA

American Journal of Rising Scholar Activities

A Purdue University, peer and editor reviewed, undergraduate STEM research and activities journal

Frequently Asked Questions

1) Are you an open journal?

No. *AJRSA* is a restricted source journal, currently only open to Rising Scholars at Purdue University.

2) What's a Rising Scholar?

That's a great question! Rising Scholar is a term applied to a category of students in higher education that come from low socioeconomic backgrounds that qualify for admission into rigorous, typically STEM-oriented fields that have little or no family background of experience with higher education.

3) Do you accept submissions from Rising Scholars at institutions other than Purdue University?

While we eventually hope to become a broader, national journal and accept manuscripts from Rising Scholars across the United States, at this time we are restricting submissions to Purdue undergraduates that are members of the National Science Foundation funded Rising Scholars program.

4) I'm a former Purdue Rising Scholar, and I'd like to publish a special article of interest to current Rising Scholars. Can I still submit to the *AJRSA*?

Yes, we'd love to consider your submission. Please contact the editor at ajrsa@ecn.purdue.edu with your abstract before spending significant time on an article. If the interest factor to Rising Scholars exists, we'd love to discuss your manuscript.

5) Do you publish literature reviews, fiction, or opinion pieces?

No. All submissions are limited to reports on participation in faculty-directed lab work, self-directed research projects, and professional assignment work reports. Again, it is possible that in the future we might broaden the scope of submissions, but not at this time.

6) What is the *AJRSA*'s confidentiality policy?

No one at *AJRSA* will ever reveal any personal information about an author or share anything about your submission prior to publication.

7) How much work do I have to put into my paper before submitting it?

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manuscript is the **best possible quality** that you can produce. An editor will force you to correct certain stylistic and fundamental errors, but the base product is the author's, not the editor's. You will receive a proof copy before publication. This will be your last chance to make corrections. You will be forced to accept whatever errors are in your manuscript after that process.

8) What is the *AJRSA*'s ranking and impact factor?

AJRSA is a new, specialized journal without a track record. We have no measured impact factor and are not ranked like older journals with larger circulations and more sustained histories.

9) Are there page limits, word limits, or topic limitations on my submission?

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10) Are there page charges, processing costs, or publication charges for my submission?

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11) Does *AJRSA* pay for published submissions?

No.

12) What about the copyright for my submission?

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