



AJRSA

American Journal of Rising Scholar Activities

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Submissions

Rising Scholar Authors:

American Journal of Rising Scholar Activities (AJRSA) accepts submissions from undergraduate students that qualify as Rising Scholars. Please thoroughly read the following submission and review process guide before submitting your work. If you have questions, please consult the [FAQ](#) section.

We accept original work from Rising Scholars covering three activities: work in a faculty member's research lab under the supervision of a graduate student or faculty member; work on a self-directed research project mentored by a faculty member; and work in a professional situation with an employer that hires graduates within your major. Please follow the guidelines in the expectation guides for each type of activity:

- [Faculty-Directed Lab Work](#)
- [Self-Directed Research Project](#)
- [Professional Assignment Work Report](#)

There are no word limits on submissions to AJRSA, but authors should try to follow the general length ranges specified within the guideline documents. The submission deadline for the annual issue, which typically publishes in December of each year, is October 1st. There are no submission charges, processing costs, or page charges to publish in AJRSA. Your article must be an original work and cannot have been published anywhere else.

General Guidelines

- 1) Submit your article (in MSWord) as an attachment to ajrsa@ecn.purdue.edu. Please include the following information in the transmittal email:
 - a) Your name and contact information;

- b) Your academic department;
 - c) The type of paper you are submitting;
 - d) Your faculty lab director, project mentor, or employment supervisor (indicate which) and their contact information;
 - e) The names of the student reviewers that have examined your work in class; and
 - f) A statement verifying that the submitted work is your own and not someone else's.
- 2) Follow the expectation guides for the type of paper that you are submitting and use the [AJRSA Template](#) for submitting your work. The template provides figure, table, equation, reference, and style guides for your work.
 - 3) Complete the editors' reviewing comments and suggestions promptly. You will receive an itemized list of corrections needed to your work. You will need to address the issues in your document and create a clean new copy of your work, along with a separate sheet discussing each of your changes.

AJRSA Publication Process

The typical workflow for *AJRSA* papers should follow the following general process:

- 1) Complete the assigned work. Make sure your supervisor understands your requirement to publish a paper about your experience. If they request pre-publication approval, it is the student's responsibility to do whatever is necessary within the report to receive that approval. You must identify for the editors whether or not that approval was required.
- 2) Draft your paper. This is always best done as close to the actual experience as possible. If your assignment requires a report at its closing, that can be an outstanding beginning of your paper. The level of detail required for submission to *AJRSA* will generally be more than that of a final report.
- 3) Process your paper through your peers in the appropriate Rising Scholar Seminar course. You must keep track of the classmates' criticisms and respond appropriately. This process will be iterative and generally run through the first portion of the semester.
- 4) Process your paper through the Rising Scholars Seminar Instructors. They will give you additional corrections on your submission, along with a grade in the course. You will need to modify your document as per those suggestions.
- 5) Convert the document to the [AJRSA Template](#) format. When the instructors' suggestions have been incorporated, you will need to convert your paper to the *AJRSA* journal format. This

includes line numbers and specifies the style of how certain elements of the document are to be handled.

- 6) Submit your document and cover letter electronically to the editor-in-chief at ajrsa@ecn.purdue.edu. You will receive a confirmation of receipt.
- 7) Respond to the editors' comments. You will need to correct your paper one final time (hopefully) and resubmit it. You will need to be thorough and fix all of the identified issues to avoid repeating the review process.
- 8) Enjoy your status as a published author! When the specific issue of *AJRSA* with your paper in it becomes available, you will be notified. Your document will be in a journal registered with the Library of Congress, and it will have a specific identifying ID. Congratulations! You will be able to use this document on your resume for the rest of your life.