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Guest Editorial Process for the Journal of Engineering Education

An important form of scholarly communication happens via guest editorials within the *Journal of Engineering Education*. This mechanism enables timely commentary on pressing issues and enables authors to communicate their expertise on a topic in a format that differs from other kinds of manuscript submissions.

Solicited guest editorials may be made by JEE's Co-Editors-in-Chief if the journal would like to bring a particular focus into a particular issue. For these kinds of submissions, authors with specific expertise on a topic are invited directly to submit or contribute to a guest editorial.

Unsolicited guest editorials are also welcome. We will be following a standard process moving forward to ensure authors from across the entire engineering education research community have equitable access to this communication mechanism:

- Submit the complete guest editorial for consideration via the Research Exchange platform—select the guest editorial manuscript type.
- Submissions will be considered on a fixed schedule and reviewed by the Editor/Deputy Editor team according to the following **submission deadlines**:
 - January 15 for the April issue
 - April 15 for the July issue
 - July 15 for the October issue
 - October 15 for the January issue
- All submissions in the system by the review date will be considered at that time. We will publish **at most** three guest editorials in a given issue and will allow one round of minor revisions. Authors will be notified by an Editor regarding a decision within about one month of the submission deadline. If more than three guest editorials are accepted at a given time, authors may be offered the opportunity for publication in a later issue.
- Final versions of accepted guest editorials must be uploaded via Research Exchange by the following **finalization of accepted guest editorial deadlines**:
 - March 1 for the April issue
 - June 1 for the July issue
 - September 1 for the October issue
 - December 1 for the January issue

Criteria used in the review of guest editorials include the following:

- Guest editorials must make compelling, timely arguments that likely will spur reflection and dialogue among the readership.
- Guest editorials must be grounded in the literature with references and not framed solely on the basis of opinion. Approximate length should be 1,500 words (excluding references).
- Authors of guest editorials must have demonstrated expertise on the topic area (e.g., prior peer-reviewed publications or dissemination activities that have led to adoption of ideas). Please include a paragraph describing alignment between the authors' expertise and the guest editorial submission (note: not included in the 1,500 words).
- More compelling guest editorials will bring together perspectives from multiple experts around a topic as co-authors. We highly encourage international co-authorship.

Note: Authors are encouraged to think very carefully about using the guest editorial mechanism to share work. This kind of submission is not intended to circumvent the peer review process. Guest editorials typically will not carry the same kind of weight as research and review articles in promotion cases.