

Call for Submissions – Journal of Mason Graduate Research

In March 2016, the Journal of Mason Graduate Research (JMGR) will publish the first issue of its 3rd volume. This journal, housed in GMU's Graduate and Professional Student Association (GAPSA), is a journal for *all* graduate and professional students at George Mason University, regardless of area of study.

JMGR provides George Mason University (Mason) and the broader academic community a quality, peer-reviewed, open access journal of graduate and faculty research. The 3rd volume will focus on the theme of **Addressing Complex Global Issues**.

The concept of globalization is increasingly discussed in academic circles. At Mason specifically, the university leaders have set the goal of helping “students succeed, enrich the life of our community, and contribute to solving some of the most complex global problems of our time” (<https://www2.gmu.edu/about-mason>). Papers submitted for the 3rd volume should relate to Mason's current focus on global issues.

JMGR seeks to provide all Mason graduate and professional students opportunities to be exposed to the peer review and publication processes, as well as provide opportunities for Mason faculty to perform service to the university through academic contributions and mentorships.

All graduate research is relevant, but the topic of the paper must reflect Mason's current focus on globalization.

Each manuscript must be formatted using the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th edition* (APA), the *Chicago Manual of Style, 15th edition* (CMS), or the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7th edition*. Each manuscript should contain: a title page with full title and subtitle (if any); an abstract of 150 words; and contain up to 6 keywords. Manuscripts should be between 4000-7000 words and book reviews must be at least 1500 words. Please submit all documents as a MS Word document. PDFs will not be reviewed.

Any art submissions will be accepted for original work. At this time, all art submissions for review must be emailed to jmgr@gmu.edu. Art submissions must include an attached MS Word document with a statement about the piece, minimum 200 words.

Articles must be written in English. Use a clear readable style, avoiding jargon. If technical terms or acronyms must be used, define them when first used. Use non-racist, non-sexist language. Authors should refrain from using language that is demeaning to a persons' age, gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, culture, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language or socioeconomic status. Furthermore, authors are required to adhere to George Mason University's Code of Student Ethics. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in an automatic rejection.

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The expected date of publication for the Journal is March 2016, using the Open Journal System (OJS). Please submit your work to journals.gmu.edu/jmgr by *January 22, 2016*.