

Submission Guidelines

Princeton Undergraduate Research Journal

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Formatting Requirements

All research papers must include:

1. Background Information (Title, Student Name, Department, Professor(s)/others who advised research etc)
2. Abstract (approximately 100-200 words)
3. Acknowledgments
4. Works Cited

Layout

Including all components (abstract, works cited etc), each submission should be no more than 10 pages, double-spaced. However, we will accept longer submissions on a case-by-case basis. Please use 12pt Times New Roman font and keep margins at one inch (1") on all sides. All figures, graphs, drawings and other visuals should be numbered and captioned underneath. Please obtain consent (e-mail etc) if you take visuals published works. This excludes graphs, charts etc taken from public or government websites.

Abstract

The abstract provides a short overview of the research to the reader. It spotlights main points and conclusions reached. It is also very useful in explaining the research process from purpose to methods. It is a single-spaced paragraph of 100-200 words that uses language accessible to multidisciplinary readers.

Acknowledgments

This section recognizes the people who have supported, guided or sponsored your research (150 words max)

References

Manuscript/Research Paper

The body should be organized into clear sections and paragraphs. The introduction of the paper contextualizes the research, providing background information and defining key terms that may be unfamiliar to readers who are not experts in field. Subsequent body paragraphs present in depth methods, results and discuss the conclusions reached. PURJ does not have strict guidelines on structure due to the multidisciplinary nature of this journal.

Style Tips/Guidelines

Audience and Tone

PURJ publishes articles and research from a variety of fields. As such, our audience is multi-disciplinary. To cater to a broad range of readers, please keep in mind that technical terms can often be confusing and/or disorienting.

Organization

The most engaging papers have clear structures. Easily identifiable themes and topic sentences help guide the audience and direct flow. Catchy section titles (while not necessary) also help engage the audience and can give an article more flavor.

Submission of Research

Please send your submission in the form of a Word document (.doc or .docx) to PURJSubmissions@gmail.com. If you plan to use images in your paper, please attach those files separately.

Selection Process

All submissions are reviewed by members of the relevant Academic Review Board (divided into Natural Sciences, Engineering and Applied Sciences as well as Social Sciences) who will be in contact shortly with authors. With the assistance of Princeton faculty members and other experienced researchers, the ARB and the editorial team will work with the authors to make changes to the manuscript.