

SPJ Proposal Form

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This form is to help potential partner journals outline each journal idea and to provide a framework for conceptualizing a new title. Please return the form to spj@aaas.org.

Title

[INSERT SUGGESTED JOURNAL TITLE HERE]

Subject Area

[DESCRIBE THE SUBJECT AREA FOR THE JOURNAL HERE]

Partner Organization

[DESCRIBE THE PARTNER ORGANIZATION, WHY THIS PARTNER IS A GOOD FIT TO SPONSOR THIS JOURNAL, AND WHY YOUR ORGANIZATION WILL BE A GOOD PARTNER IN THE SPJ PROGRAM]

Motivation

[WHY IS THIS JOURNAL NEEDED, WHAT WILL MAKE IT DIFFERENT TO OTHER JOURNALS IN THE FIELD, AND WHAT WILL ITS UNIQUE SELLING POINTS BE?]

Mission, Aims and Scope

[DESCRIBE THE MISSION, AIMS AND SCOPE OF THE JOURNAL HERE]

Audience

[DESCRIBE THE AUDIENCE FOR THE JOURNAL, INCLUDING BOTH READERS AND AUTHORS]

Competition

[DESCRIBE AT LEAST 3 COMPETING JOURNALS IN THIS FIELD, INCLUDING THEIR CURRENT PUBLISHER, LOCATION, PUBLISHING MODEL, AND, IF APPROPRIATE, ARTICLE PROCESSING CHARGES]

Proposed Editorial Structure and Editors

[LIST THE EDITORIAL STRUCTURE FOR THE JOURNAL HERE (FOR EXAMPLE, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, DEPUTY EDITORS, ASSOCIATE EDITORS, EDITORIAL BOARD) AND THE NAMES AND MINI BIOGRAPHIES FOR THE KEY POSITIONS]

Related Papers and Meetings

[LIST SOME EXAMPLES OF PAPERS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE PUBLISHED IN THIS JOURNAL AND IMPORTANT CONFERENCES IN THIS SUBJECT FIELD]