

Apertum

Journal of Boundary-Crossing Research



Author Guidelines

Apertum welcomes submissions from a wide range of disciplines and fields, including but not limited to:

- Education, critical pedagogy, comparative didactics
- Humanities and social sciences
- Cultural studies, Indigenous studies, post/decolonial studies
- Health, ethics, epistemology of science
- Digital humanities and open innovation

Special thematic issues will be published regularly, addressing pressing global concerns (e.g. decolonizing knowledge, ethics of AI, crisis pedagogy, planetary health). Apertum is affiliated with the Canadian Institute for Open Knowledge.

Languages

Articles are accepted in English and/or French, with abstracts available in both languages.

Peer Review

All submissions undergo double-blind peer review by experts in the field. Review criteria emphasize rigor, originality, equity, and editorial care. The process is fully documented and designed to support authors through constructive feedback.

Indexing and Visibility

Apertum aspires to be indexed in major scholarly databases (DOAJ, Scopus, ERIC, MLA, Google Scholar) and distributed through an open access platform. Articles will be assigned DOIs and archived in institutional and public repositories.

Two types of contributions

- **Original Research** (5-12 pages) Articles should describe important, significant new results or methods that will advance any discipline(s).
- **Review Articles** (1-5 pages) should provide a thorough review of the current state-of-the-art of an important subject in your field, by providing insights and perspectives on the trends, with a synthesis of previous work beyond literature compilation or bibliometric studies.

Presentation of Manuscripts

Manuscripts submitted to *Apertum* must be original, unpublished, and not under review elsewhere. Preprints (e.g., deposited on platforms like arXiv, bioRxiv, etc.) are acceptable. The corresponding author must provide a verifiable institutional email address. Manuscripts without this requirement will not be considered.

Submission Requirements

TITLE PAGE: Include the full title (max 150 characters), a running title (max 60 characters), full names and institutional affiliations of all authors, and the email and ORCID iD of each (if available). Clearly identify the corresponding author.

Affiliations: Add affiliation addresses referring to where the work was carried out, below the author names. Provide the full postal address of each affiliation, including the country name and, if available, the email address of each author. If no affiliation is available, use the expression “Independent researcher.”

Abstract

Abstracts (max 300 words) must be structured for original articles under the following headings: Background/Objectives, Materials and Methods, Results, and Conclusions.

Main text

Organize the article using standard sections: Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, and Conclusions. Tables and figures should be cited appropriately in the text and numbered consecutively.

References

References must follow the APA (American Psychological Association) 7th edition style. Citations should appear in-text as author-date references (e.g., Smith, 2023), and the full reference list should be alphabetized by the last name of the first author. Examples:

Journal article:

Garcia-Contreras, M., Brooks, R. W., Robbins, P. D., & Ricordi, C. (2017). Exosomes as biomarkers and therapeutic tools for type 1 diabetes mellitus. *European Review for Medical and Pharmacological Sciences*, 21, 2940–2956.

Book:

Doe, J. (2020). *Introduction to interdisciplinary research*. Open Knowledge Press.

Book chapter:

Smith, A. (2019). Learning across boundaries. In B. Jones (Ed.), *Global perspectives in pedagogy* (pp. 45–62). Routledge.

Website:

World Health Organization. (2021). Vaccination and COVID-19.
<https://www.who.int/news-room>

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Document Format

Submit as a single Word document (.doc or .docx) including all sections, with continuous line numbers and page numbers. **Figures must be embed in the main text.** Use Times New Roman or Garamond 12-point font, simple spacing.

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Authors must disclose the use of AI tools for editing or proofreading in a statement at the end of the manuscript.

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- Human Research: Must comply with ethical standards, including informed consent and IRB approval.
- Animal Research: Follow ARRIVE guidelines; justify use of one sex if applicable.
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Figures must be embed in the main text. Figures must include legends in the manuscript and be clearly numbered.

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Submit tables in editable format (Word). Do not submit as images. Number tables using Roman numerals and include legends. Define all abbreviations in footnotes.

Declarations

- Conflict of Interest: Disclose all commercial or financial relationships.
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- Author Contributions: Use CRediT taxonomy to define individual roles.
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Copyright Transfer

All accepted manuscripts require a signed Copyright Transfer Agreement. **The form will be provided and must be signed by the corresponding author prior to publication.**

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Authors are encouraged, though not required, to suggest potential peer reviewers with relevant expertise.

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- ☐ Copyright transfer agreement
- ☐ Title page with all required elements
- ☐ Abstract and keywords
- ☐ Main text
- ☐ References
- ☐ Figures and figure legends
- ☐ Tables and table legends
- ☐ Declarations
- ☐ (Optional) Reviewer Suggestions