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#### JOURNAL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH IN SOUTH ASIA

## **An Annual Peer-Revied** Research Publication by SACTD

## Inaugural Issue (2025) – Call for papers

### **ABOUT JERSA**

The South Asian Centre for Teacher Development (SACTD) proudly launches JERSA, the Journal of Educational Research in South Asia. This annual peer-reviewed journal promotes regional research and evidence-based dialogue in education. The inaugural issue marks a milestone in fostering collaboration across South Asia. JERSA invites innovative research, bold ideas, and critical insights shaping the future of education





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Influence education policy and teacher • Published by SACTD, a leading regional institution

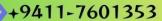
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Submission Deadline: 26.09.2025

Submission Guidelines: [code]

Review Process: Double-blind peer review









# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS JOURNAL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH IN SOUTH ASIA (JERSA)

#### 1. About the Journal

The *Journal of Educational Research in South Asia (JERSA)* is a peer-reviewed academic journal that publishes original research, theoretical discussions, and methodological studies focused on education in South Asia. The journal aims to foster a scholarly dialogue among researchers, educators, and policymakers across the region.

#### 2. Types of Submissions Accepted

- Original Research Articles (4,000–7,000 words)
- **Review Articles** (3,000–6,000 words)
- **Book Reviews** (1,000–1,500 words)
- **Policy Briefs / Commentary Articles** (up to 2,500 words)

#### 3. Submission Process

- Submissions must be made through the official **JERSA online submission portal** or by email to: academic@sactd.edu.lk
- The manuscript must be in **Microsoft Word (docx)** format along with a PDF copy of the same.
- A **cover letter** must be included, specifying the article type, title, author(s), institutional affiliations, and contact details of the corresponding author.

#### 4. Manuscript Format

#### 4.1 Language

- Submissions must be in **English**, using clear, academic language.
- American English may be used consistently throughout the paper.

#### 4.2 Title Page

- Title of the paper (concise and informative)
- Full names and institutional affiliations of all authors
- Corresponding author's contact information

#### 4.3 Abstract and Keywords

- Abstract (150–250 words): concise summary of objectives, methods, findings, and conclusions
- 4–6 keywords (alphabetically arranged, separated by commas)

#### **4.4 Main Text Structure**

A standard empirical paper should follow this structure:

- Introduction
- Literature Review
- Methodology
- Results
- Discussion
- Conclusion and Recommendations
- Acknowledgements (if applicable)
- References

#### 5. Formatting Style

- Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt
- Spacing: Double-spaced
- Margins: 1 inch (2.54 cm) on all sides
- Alignment: Left-aligned (do not justify)
- Page numbers: Bottom right

#### 6. Referencing Style

- Use **APA 7th Edition** referencing style.
- All in-text citations must be listed in the reference section and vice versa.
- Examples:

Book:

Smith, J. A. (2020). Education in South Asia. Routledge.

o Journal Article:

Khan, M. & Perera, S. (2021). Teacher training reform in Sri Lanka. *Journal of Educational Research in South Asia*, 2(1), 45–60. https://doi.org/10.xxxxx/jersa.2021.2.1.45

#### 7. Review Process

- All manuscripts undergo double-blind peer review.
- Initial editorial screening for scope, originality, and format compliance.
- Reviewed by at least **two independent reviewers**.
- Notification of acceptance/rejection within 6 weeks.

#### 8. Ethical Considerations

- All submissions must adhere to **ethical research standards** including informed consent, protection of participants, and data integrity.
- Authors must declare **conflicts of interest**.
- Plagiarism (including self-plagiarism) will result in immediate rejection.

#### 9. Copyright & Open Access

- JERSA is an open-access journal. Authors retain copyright.
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#### 10. Article Processing Charges

• JERSA currently **does not charge** article processing or publication fees.

#### 11. Contact Information

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