

# Periodicals of Social Sciences

## Policy Documents

### **1. Frequency of journal**

Periodicals of Social Sciences is a Biannual Research Journal. It Published two issue per year.

### **2. Guidelines for submission of research articles**

1. Authors are requested to upload manuscript that does not carry any author's and his institution Information or any information that can reveal author's identity.
2. The title page that carries details of authors and their institution, acknowledgment, details of conflict of interest, disclosures, and details of contribution of each author must be submitted separately.
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10. The manuscript must include the following sections: introduction, literature review, methodology, results, and discussion & conclusion.
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### **4. Plagiarism Policy**

Our anti-plagiarism tool (Turnitin) scans all articles at the time of submission and during the review process, and the resulting report is thoroughly scrutinized by the Editorial Team. The writers are alerted and requested to make modifications to their article if the percentage of plagiarized material is more than 19%. If there is significant plagiarism in the article content or a

portion of it, the work is immediately rejected based on the POSS and COPE (Committee on Publication Ethics) standards.

## **5. Manuscript Submission**

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## **6. Ethical guidelines**

### **a. Authorship**

Authorship credit should be based on meeting the following criteria:

1. Substantial contribution to paper concept or design, acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data.
2. drafting the article or reviewing and introducing fundamental changes in it.
3. final approval of the version to be published.

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## **12 Deadlines of all processes**

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## **13 Reviewing and Editing**

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#### **15 Timelines of publication of issues**

The Journal release two issues per year. The first issue release on 30<sup>th</sup> June of every year and Second issue release on 31<sup>st</sup> of every December. The Journal take at least one month/ 4 weeks to complete review process after the date of submission. The Journal publish all research article in the next issue which are being received in less than 4-week time before the release of current issue.

#### **16 Steps involved from date of receipt of research article till the publication of article**

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## **19 Correction and retraction of research articles**

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## **20 Contribution and consents of each author and any other information**

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