Special Focus Issue Guest Editor Guidelines

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Special Focus Issues

Special Focus Issues consist of a collection of articles, including commentary, review and original research content, focused around a hot topic of relevance to the scope of the journal.

The aim of Special Focus Issues is to provide readers with original content exploring the theme, expert reviews placing the research in context and forward-looking perspectives on the future of the field.

The role of the Guest Editor

The main function of the Guest Editor is to suggest article topics and potential authors, and work with the Commissioning team to finalize the content for the issue.

Once all articles have been submitted, the Guest Editor is expected to prepare a short (1500–2000 words) Foreword, discussing the topic of the Special Focus Issue and putting it into context within the field.

We are happy to work with two co-guest editors on a Special Focus Issue and offer the Guest Editor the option of suggesting someone they would like to co-guest edit with.
Guest Editor responsibilities

- Contribute a scene-setting Foreword to the issue
- Provide 25–30 suggestions for titles and authors to ensure the required volume of content is commissioned for the issue (more suggestions may be required depending on the response rate to invitations and the journal requirements)
  - The list of contributors should be sent to the journal’s Commissioning Editor before potential authors are officially invited
  - Authors can be approached by the Guest Editor or the Commissioning Editor, depending on your preference, but should be approved by the Commissioning Editor
  - Please note: The journal will also run a call for papers campaign to encourage the submission of unsolicited articles that fit the scope of the issue. Guest Editors will be given the opportunity to comment on the suitability of any papers received via this route
- Peer review articles if required and provide suggestions for suitable peer reviewers
  - Please note, acceptance of manuscripts is dependent on peer-review comments and is at the discretion of the Commissioning Editor

Deadlines

- Suggestions for topics and authors – 7 months before publication of issue
- 1st draft submission – 4 months before publication date
- Revised deadline – 7 weeks before publication date
- Foreword – 7 weeks before publication date

It is critical that the revised deadline, as set by the Commissioning Editor, is met to ensure publication in the issue.

Foreword

The Foreword is a short scene-setting article introducing the issue, discussing the topic of the Special Focus Issue and putting it into context within the field.

**Word limit:** 1500–2000

**Required sections:**
- **Title** (maximum 120 characters)
- **Running head** (maximum 50 characters)
- **Author(s) names & affiliations**
- **Tweetable abstract** (optional; ~200 characters)
- **Keywords** (5–10)
- **Body of article**
- **References:** A maximum of 20 references are permitted
- **Acknowledgements/Disclosures**
- **Please note:** No figures, tables or boxes are permitted in editorials
Article processing charges

Future Science Group publishes both fully open access and hybrid journals; different open access fees apply depending on the journal, a list of which can be found here: Pricing Guide.

For authors contributing to Special Focus Issues we are pleased to offer the following discounts to open access fees:

- Guest editors – full waiver
- Authors – 10% discount

Journal policies


Full editorial policies are available here:

Future Medicine: https://www.futuremedicine.com/authorguide/editorialpolicies

Newlands Press/Future Science: https://www.future-science.com/authorguide/editorialpolicies