

Author Guidelines

Advances in Sciences and Arts (ASA)

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Scope of the Journal

ASA welcomes submissions in, but not limited to, the following fields:

- Natural and Physical Sciences
- Engineering and Technology
- Medical and Health Sciences
- Environmental and Earth Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Humanities and Philosophy
- Fine Arts, Performing Arts, and Literature
- Digital and Media Arts
- Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Research

Manuscript Types

We accept the following types of submissions:

- **Original Research Articles** (4,000–8,000 words)
- **Review Articles** (up to 10,000 words)
- **Short Communications** (1,500–3,000 words)
- **Case Studies/Reports**
- **Book Reviews**

Submission Process

- Submissions must be made via the journal's online submission system <https://asa.must.ac.mw/login>.
- Authors must register and log in to submit manuscripts.
- All submissions must include:
 - Manuscript file (in Word format)
 - Figures and tables as separate files (if applicable)
 - Ethical statement and conflict of interest disclosure

Formatting Guidelines

General Style

- Use **Times New Roman, 12 pt, double-spaced**.
- Use **APA 7th edition**.
- Number pages consecutively.

Structure of Manuscript

- **Title Page:** Title, author(s), affiliation(s), contact information, and ORCID iD(s)
- **Abstract:** 150–250 words, followed by 3–6 keywords
- **Main Text:** Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion (for empirical work); or a clear thematic structure (for arts/humanities)
- **Acknowledgements** (if applicable)
- **References**
- **Appendices** (if applicable)

Peer Review Process

- ASA uses a **double-blind peer review** process.
- Submissions are reviewed by at least two independent experts.
- The typical review timeline is 6–8 weeks.
- Decisions include: Accept, Minor Revision, Major Revision, or Reject.

Ethical Standards

- Manuscripts must comply with ethical research standards.
- Authors must disclose any conflicts of interest.
- All research involving human subjects must have appropriate institutional ethics approval.
- Plagiarism, data fabrication, and duplicate submission are strictly prohibited.

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Citation and Reference Style

- Use **APA 7th edition**
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