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Author Submission Guidelines

Welcome to the IJK. To ensure a smooth peer-review and publication process, all authors must strictly adhere to the following guidelines. Manuscripts that do not conform to these specifications will be subject to immediate desk rejection.

1. Editorial Workflow & Process

All submissions follow the structured nine-step workflow outlined below:

Step	Stage	Description
Step 1	Submit Research Paper	Online submission via portal.
Step 2	Plagiarism Check	Manuscript undergoes rigorous similarity screening.
Step 3	Project Objectives Review	Verification of scope and research goals.
Step 4	Editorial Review	Expert peer-review and content evaluation.
Step 5	Decision (Approved?)	Yes (Proceed) / No (Major/Minor Changes Required).
Step 6	Author Notification	Formal acceptance or revision notification.
Step 7	Processing Fee Payment	Payment of publication charges.
Step 8	Final Review & Drafting	Formatting and final proofreading.
Step 9	Publishing	Final publication in the journal.

2. Manuscript Formatting Details

A. Page Layout & Typography

- Paper Size:** A4 (21 cm x 29.7 cm).
- Margins:** Exactly 1 inch (2.54 cm) on all sides.
- Columns:** Two-column layout. Width: 3.15" (8 cm). Spacing: 0.2" (0.5 cm).
- Font:** Times New Roman (Primary).
- Line Spacing:** Single-spaced.

B. Title and Author Details

- Paper Title:** 16 pt, Centered, Title Case.
- Author Names:** 11 pt, Centered (First Name Last Name).
- Affiliations:** 10 pt, Centered, Italicized.
- Corresponding Email:** 9 pt, Centered.
- Abstract:** 11 pt, Bold. Max 250 words, single paragraph.
- Keywords:** 11 pt, Bold. 4-6 keywords separated by commas.

C. Headings Hierarchy

Level	Style	Numbering
Primary (Level 1)	11 pt, Uppercase, Centered	Roman (I. INTRODUCTION)
Secondary (Level 2)	11 pt, Italicized, Left-aligned	Alphabetical (A. Methodology)
Tertiary (Level 3)	11 pt, Italicized, Left-aligned	Arabic (1) Data Sampling)

3. Visual Elements & Equations

Figures

Positioned at the top or bottom of columns. High resolution (min 300 DPI). Captions: 8 pt, Centered, placed below the figure (e.g., Fig. 1. Architecture).

Tables

Minimal horizontal lines, no vertical lines. Captions: 8 pt, Uppercase, Centered, placed above the table (e.g., TABLE I. RESULTS).

Equations

Numbered consecutively in parentheses, flush right. Use MS Word Equation Editor. (e.g., (1))

4. Manuscript Categories

Category	Word Limit	Page Limit	Focus
Original Research	4,000 – 8,000	6 – 15	Novel empirical data (IMRaD)
Review Articles	5,000 – 10,000	10 – 20	Synthesis of existing literature
Case Studies	3,000 – 5,000	5 – 10	Practical, actionable insights
Thesis Extracts	4,000 – 6,000	6 – 12	Condensed academic research

5. The IMRaD Framework

Submissions must follow this logical flow:

- **I. Introduction:** Problem context and objectives.
- **II. Literature Review:** Critical analysis of related work.
- **III. Methodology:** Research design and algorithms.
- **IV. Results:** Objective presentation of findings.
- **V. Discussion:** Interpretation and implications.
- **VI. Conclusion:** Limitations and takeaways.

6. Citation Paradigms

The References section must be in 8 pt font. Use the style appropriate for your discipline:

- **Engineering:** IEEE (Sequential numerical [1]).
- **Management:** APA (Author-Date, e.g., Smith, 2023).
- **Multidisciplinary:** Chicago Style.
- **General Research:** Harvard System.