



Editorial Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the *Journal of Science Policy & Governance*?

The *Journal of Science Policy & Governance* (JSPG) is a 501-c3 non-profit organization based in the United States and an internationally recognized, open-access peer review publication that serves as a vehicle for students, post-docs, policy fellows, early career professionals, and young scholars of all academic backgrounds to publish on topics addressing the widest range of issues at the intersection of science, technology, innovation, public policy and governance.

The Journal publishes high quality articles on an accelerated timeline and serves as an independent platform for the next generation of STEM and policy leaders to bolster their research and writing credentials while contributing to current debate around science and technology policy and management.

Established in 2011 by senior leaders and young scholars in S&T policy, JSPG's mission is to help catalyze and promote the substantive engagement of students and early career trainees in science policy and governance debate through writing for policy, public and academic audiences. Through dedicated outreach organized by our [staff](#) and our [advisory and governing boards](#), JSPG seeks to validate and elevate the voices of young scholars in S&T policy debate.

Who can publish at JSPG?

- Current students (undergraduate or graduate)
- Current policy fellows
- Postdoctoral associates
- Early career professionals (those under the age of 30 at time of submission)
- Recent graduates within five years of earning a degree (bachelor's, master's, or doctoral) are eligible to submit.

Authors only need to meet one of the eligibility criteria above. The Journal encourages submissions from all disciplines and professional backgrounds. Senior individuals may co-author submissions with eligible individuals providing the students or early-career researchers are the primary authors. **Note: JSPG staff and editors are not permitted to submit to JSPG.**

What publication formats are accepted?

JSPG publishes articles in a range of formats. When submitting an article, authors should decide which format to use. Guidance on our various formats is detailed below:

Policy Memo	A policy memo is a document that provides analysis and recommendations for a particular audience regarding a particular situation or problem. A well-written policy memo reflects attention to purpose; it is	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maximum of four pages or 2000 words ● One paragraph executive summary ● Must be directed to an individual or organization
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	well organized; and it has a clear, concise style.	Click here for example Policy Memo
Policy Analysis	Policy Analysis is a used to examine and evaluate the available options to implement the goals of laws and elected officials. A policy analysis could be an analysis of existing policy, which is analytical and descriptive – it attempts to explain policies and their development. Alternatively, it could be an analysis for new policy, which is prescriptive – it is involved with formulating policies and proposals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Analyses must be 30 pages in length or less • Must include a one page executive summary • Must include policy recommendations Click here for example Policy Analysis
Technology Assessment	Technology is generally defined as "science or knowledge applied to a definite purpose." Technology assessments are a form of policy research that examines short- and long-term consequences (for example, societal, economic, cultural, ethical, legal) of the application of technology.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology Assessments must be 35 pages in length or less • Must include a one page executive summary • Must examine the policy and governance implications of technology in question • May include policy recommendations Click here for example Technology Assessment
Op-Ed	An op-ed (originally short for "opposite the editorial page" although often taken to stand for "opinion editorial") is a written prose piece which expresses the opinion of the author.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Op-Eds must be 2000 words in length or less • Must include policy or governance implications Click here for example Op-Ed
Workshop Report	A workshop report will describe the discussions, findings and recommendations made at a particular workshop. This structured report will summarise the key discussion points in each of the sessions and will make recommendations for the sector going forward. Note: Recommendations may not necessarily be addressed to local, state, federal or international policymakers. Recommendations may be directed to the primary audience of the report including institutions, organizations, individuals, or industry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop Reports should be approximately 5-35 pages in length • Must include a one page executive summary • Must include policy recommendations and key findings of the workshop • May include recommendations for future workshops Click here for example Workshop Report

Book Review	A book review is a form of literary criticism in which a book is analyzed based on content, style, and merit. It may evaluate the book on the basis of personal taste. Reviewers may use the book review for an extended essay that can be closely or loosely related to the subject of the book, or to promulgate their own ideas on the topic the book.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of 2500 words in length or less <p>Click here for example book review</p>
Other	Other styles of articles are also welcome and may be considered for publication, for example white papers, consensus studies, and other such reports. Please include an explanation of your manuscript in your submission email if it is written in another form and we will consider this on a case-by-case basis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider other publication formats that would best help you communicate your policy or governance perspective to policy, public or academic audiences.

What topics must submissions cover?

Submissions on all topics are welcome as long as they relate to the theme of science, technology, and innovation policy or the governance of science and technology. The Journal publishes articles covering a variety of policy areas including, but not limited to:

Advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence, bio-medicine and drug development, cybersecurity, data science, engineering, energy and nuclear policy, food science, geoscience, government-university-industry interfaces, health, innovation, international science diplomacy, science for national security, scientific research policy, the management of science and technology, the environment and climate change, the application of technology in developing countries, technology and Internet policy, technology transfer and commercialization, STEM education and workforce, space policy, sociological study of science communication or science communication as it relates to public policy.

What are requirements for article images?

Images will be submitted to JSPG through the regular submission form at the time of article submission. They should be high resolution and copyright free. Pixabay is a useful site for such images. If you have an image that you want to use from a different site, please check these guidelines from [Georgetown University library](#) for helpful instructions as related to resolution, copyright permissions, as well as privacy and publicity rights that may need to be addressed. If you have any questions about images, please email EIC@sciencepolicyjournal.org.

How will my article be shared on social media?

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How will my article be shared with media or policy audiences?

Beginning in 2020, JSPG editors, governing and advisory board members along with its partner and supporting organizations, will actively pitch and promote published pieces to relevant media outlet, science organizations, individuals or audiences. The objective of this outreach is to help elevate the profile of published work with public and policy audiences.

What is the process from submission to publication?

We operate on an accelerated publication time scale whereby the process from submission deadline to final publication is around 3 months. During this time articles are thoroughly reviewed and will go through at least two rounds of editing.

JSPG Publication Follow-chart:



What is the publication agreement between authors and *The Journal of Science Policy and Governance*?

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How do I submit to JSPG?

Articles should be submitted to the editorial board using [this submission form](#). The form ensures that all required information is provided. Questions may be directed to editors@sciencepolicyjournal.org.

When you are submitting an article for review, please note the following:

- You should include all authors and institutional affiliations as well as which eligibility criteria the author(s) fall under as described above (Please clearly state in the body of the email). You should also specify in email the type of submission (policy memo, policy analysis, technology assessment, op-ed, workshop report, book review or other format).
- All writing must be the original work of the author(s), and all included figures must be original or have copyright permissions included with submission.
- Submissions should be in Microsoft Word or Microsoft Word compatible format. PDFs are not accepted.
- Submissions should be in 12 point Times New Roman font, 1" margins, and include page numbers.
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