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The *Queen's Science Undergraduate Research Journal* (QSURJ) is a peer- and faculty-reviewed undergraduate research journal within the *Arts & Science Undergraduate Society* (ASUS). We are a student-run initiative with the purpose of providing undergraduate students opportunities to publish research in a professional academic setting. We encourage students to actively engage in the research field while at Queen's University and provide opportunities for students to gain experience in submitting and publishing a manuscript while improving their academic research profile.

We accept a range of academic work including original research as well as review articles. Each submitted manuscript will undergo a two-tier review process. Tier 1 will involve review by two undergraduate peer reviewers, and Tier 2 will consist of review by at least one Queen's faculty member. Both parties operate independently of each other and of the student submitting the article, ensuring an unbiased critical review of the manuscript. The final decision to publish the manuscript will be made by the Editors-in-Chief based on the comments of the editorial and faculty review board.

All undergraduate students are eligible to submit a manuscript. ***All first authors must be Queen's undergraduate students.*** However, co-authors can be faculty or students at Queen's University or other academic institutions. Original research and reviews will be accepted. We encourage students conducting summer research and 49X/59X research projects to submit manuscripts.

If you wish to discuss an idea for a paper, reach out to our editorial team at qsurj@asus.queensu.ca.

The submission deadline for volume 9 is **Sunday, February 1, 2026.**

Follow [this link](#) to upload your submissions. We look forward to reading what you have been working on!

Accepted Articles

Brief Communication — Short, scientific essays

- Short essays that provide an analysis of a current topic within the scope of QSURJ, highlight a personal viewpoint, and draw a logical conclusion.
- Articles must be engaging by creating sound arguments and logical progression throughout the essay.
- The article must not exceed 12 pages.
- All necessary or relevant figures, tables, or images should be included and adhere to the formatting requirements outlined in “Formatting Requirements.”

Scientific Article — Original research that describes new experimental findings

- The article must consist of no more than 16 pages. Exceptions may be made on an individual basis.
- An original article should have an abstract, introduction, methods, results, discussions, and conclusion.
- All necessary or relevant figures, tables, or images should be included and adhere to the formatting requirements outlined in “Formatting Requirements”

Review — Articles should provide insight into an area within the scope of QSURJ.

- The article must consist of no more than 16 pages. Exceptions may be made on an individual basis.
- A review article should include an abstract, introduction, discussion of known research, and implications of the current work.
- The article should critique current work and analyze both the pros and cons of the articles being examined.
- All necessary or relevant figures, tables, or images should be included and adhere to the formatting requirements outlined in “Formatting Requirements.”

Formatting Requirements

1. The article, including all figures, references, and abstracts, must be compiled in a single file.
2. 1-inch margins must be present on all sides of the submitted document.
3. 8.5” x 11” paper size is required.
4. Double-space the work. Exceptions to paragraph spacing include long quotes, theorems and important notes, or remarks.

5. Calibri 12-pt font must be used for the main body, while Calibri 9-pt font must be used for footnotes and references.
6. Do not begin new paragraphs at the bottom of a page, in such a way that the next page begins midway through a paragraph.
7. The voices used in the submission must be active, past passive, and past for the introduction, methods, and results sections, respectively.
8. Italics should be used for titles, as well as to emphasize important words. The italics should be used in place of bold, or coloured text, in the latter case.
9. All figures must have an appropriate caption and should be included in an Appendix at the end of the text. Figures should not be included within the text.
10. Use of colour within figures should be limited. Authors should note that not all figures will be printed in colour in the print edition of the journal.
11. All numbers must be presented in the metric system.
12. All articles are to be written in English, unless a specific word or phrase is significant in its original language.

References & Citations

Articles must include citations following the *American Medical Association* (AMA) referencing guidelines. Each referenced piece should be cited in the text using superscript numerals linked to a reference page at the end of your document. Please refer to [this resource](#) for the latest style guidelines on how to best execute the AMA style. We recommend you utilize citation management software such as EndNote, Zotero, Mendeley, among others, to efficiently organize your bibliography. Queen's University generously provides [free student licenses](#) to some of these paid software.

Questions & Support

The QSURJ team is dedicated to supporting your research goals and answering your questions. We wholeheartedly understand the innate complexities behind the research process from start to finish; please reach us at gsurj@asus.queensu.ca or [@gsurj_queens](https://www.instagram.com/gsurj_queens) on Instagram with your questions, concerns, or suggestions.