

Submission Guidelines for the Texas Journal of Literacy Education (TJLE)

Outstanding literacy teaching and research happens all around our state- and our state has unique needs and fabulous talent! The editorial team of the *Texas Journal of Literacy Education* invites you to submit your literacy research and/or effective and innovative teaching strategies to the next issue of TJLE! We welcome all voices from literacy researchers, classroom teachers, and graduate students.

All original literacy related submissions that are not under consideration for publication elsewhere are welcomed and encouraged. Submissions may be sent electronically as an email attachment to talejournal@gmail.com at any time with subject line: TJLE Submission. Please prepare two files: a blinded manuscript and a cover letter. Blinded manuscripts must:

- include the title of the work;
- be written in 12-point font, double-spaced, time romans font, preferably Microsoft Word;
- follow APA (6th edition) formatting guidelines (2 spaces after sentences);
- between 3,000 and 6,000 words, including main text and all references;
- include an abstract of 100 words or less (research submissions only);
- have all references to author(s) removed by referring to your own and to coauthors’
- published work simply with “Author (year)” in text and in reference list (that is, delete; make sure everything is blinded

Guidelines for images include:

- tables should be embedded in the manuscript and figures should also be formatted as well
- photo and work sample submissions must include a completed photo/video release form.

Cover letter should include:

- the title of your submission;
- your name and affiliation (as you would have them published) and your mailing and email
- addresses and any coauthors should be listed in preferred order, with name,
- affiliation, and contact information.

Manuscripts submitted to the TJLE are first reviewed internally by the co-editors. If it is determined that a manuscript fulfills the mission of the journal, it is sent to at least two peer reviewers for review. Our current acceptance rate is approximately 45-60%. The decision-making process is 4-6 weeks from submission deadlines. Publication date of accepted manuscripts is determined primarily by the amount of material already awaiting publication.

Criteria for evaluating manuscripts are:

1. Relevance and applicability to Texas educators
2. Clarity of writing
3. Blend of theory and practice;
4. Content- accurate and well-reasoned

Next submission deadline is August 1, 2015.