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## JMER Description

*JMER* embraces a variety of cross-disciplinary interests, both theoretical and practical, to reach a broader scholarship and readership. As such, its peer reviewed publications represent an array of themes and topics including:

- Psychology, sociology, and politics of language learning and teaching,
- Issues in research and research methodology,
- Assessment and evaluation,
- Professional preparation,
- Curriculum design and development,
- Instructional methods, practices, materials, resources, and technology and media,
- Language planning, language policy and language learning,
- Professional standards and ethics.

*JMER* seeks to address the implications and applications of research in a variety of fields of knowledge, including:

- Anthropology ,Applied and theoretical linguistics
- Bilingual education, including bi-literacy,
- Communication,
- Education,
- First- and second-language acquisition,
- Psycholinguistics and sociolinguistics,
- School psychology, sociology, political science.

### Main Sections:

1. **Research Manuscripts:** full-length articles of 8,500 words, excluding references, that discuss empirical research and analyze original data that the author has obtained using sound research methods, including quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods studies. Articles may also review current knowledge in an important area of multilingual education and discuss new directions for research. Manuscripts should be sent to: Dr. Aida A. Nevárez-La Torre, Senior Editor, *Journal of Multilingual Education Research*.

2. **Practice-Oriented Manuscripts:** full length manuscripts of 8,500 words, excluding references, that focus on best practices including innovative instructional interventions, practitioner inquiry, and collaborative projects leading to meaningful changes in educational policy and practice. Proceedings of a major-impact conference in the area of multilingualism will be considered. Manuscripts should be sent to: Dr. Aida A. Nevárez-La Torre, Senior Editor, *Journal of Multilingual Education Research*.

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### Special Issues

Topics for special issues will be considered. Topics are approved by *JMER* Editorial Advisory Board. Those wishing to suggest topics or serve as guest editors should contact the editor for special issue guidelines. Issues will generally contain both invited articles designed to provide state-of-the-art reviews of the literature and directions of future research and practice as well as articles solicited through a call for papers. On occasion, the issue may include invited papers from conferences or series of mini-symposia.

## Guidelines for Submission

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The manuscript must

Be no longer than 8,500 words (excluding references, notes, and tables) typed, double-spaced for manuscripts.

If a review, should comprise between 750 to 1,500 words (excluding references) for a review of a single book.

Have an abstract no longer than 200 words on a separate sheet, typed/word processed, one-inch margins all around, and double-spaced in each copy.

Follow the *Publication Manual of the APA* (6th edition) standards and procedures for publication.

Have a title page, without the author's name, address, or institutional affiliation.

Be accompanied by a cover letter that includes the name of author(s), a full mailing address, and e-mail address, both a day and evening phone number, and fax number.

Include the author's name on the cover letter only.

Include no more than two half-page size illustrations, tables, or figures or one full-page size illustration, table, or figure.

Papers accepted for publication will need to incorporate the reviewers' feedback. They must be submitted and reviewed in Microsoft Word format, preferably in .docx or .doc format.

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### **Submission Process**

*JMER* will be published twice a year. For the Spring publication the deadline is August 31st and for the Fall publication the deadline is March 31st.

Manuscripts of articles and book reviews and abstracts should be sent electronically to the respective editor at: [jmer@fordham.edu](mailto:jmer@fordham.edu). Authors should send a cover letter with their submission. The name(s) of the author(s) should appear only in the cover letter, not on the title page or manuscript. This letter should also specify the mailing address, daytime and evening telephone, and an electronic mail address and fax number of the author(s).

*JMER* uses a double-blind review process; therefore author(s) must exclude their names, institutions, and clues to their identities that exist within the manuscript. The presence of such information may compromise the blind review process. If you have self-citations please use the convention of (Author, Year) in the text and also in the references, leaving out the publication information. Do not use running heads.

All submissions should adhere to the format and length guidelines of *JMER*. Please indicate the number of words at the end of the manuscript or book review. It is understood that the manuscripts submitted to *JMER* have not been previously published and are not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

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