



# Journal Fit Worksheet

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Use this worksheet to evaluate how well your article aligns with a target journal. This tool supports SOAR Writing Circle participants as they identify the best fit for peer-reviewed academic publication.

## QUICK SCAN (If it looks like a good fit after the quick scan, move to detailed review)

Journal Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Field or Subfield: \_\_\_\_\_

Peer Reviewed: ☐ Yes ☐ No      Type: ☐ Field ☐ Interdisciplinary ☐ Disciplinary

US-Based Editorial Office: ☐ Yes ☐ No      Reputable Publisher: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Fits My Article Topic: ☐ Yes ☐ With Adjustments ☐ No

Reputation Level: ☐ Highly Respected ☐ Mid-Level ☐ Niche/New

Publication Frequency: ☐ 1–2 issues/year ☐ 3–4 ☐ 5+

Review Timeline: ☐ Under 3 Months ☐ 3–6 Months ☐ Unknown

## DETAILED REVIEW

### 1. Journal Basics

Journal Website: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Indexing & Impact (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Scope & Audience

Journal regularly publishes on my topic/discipline

My article addresses the journal's typical audience

My article aligns with journal's methodological or regional focus

Notes:

### 3. Structure & Format

Required Word Count

Current Article Length (est.)

My article follows its expected section structure

Journal includes visuals (tables/figures)

Citation style required: \_\_\_\_\_

- Notes:

### 4. Style & Voice

- Style of journal matches my article's tone (academic, practitioner, interdisciplinary)
- Style of my article aligns with sample articles
- Notes:

### 5. Submission/Review Requirements

- Peer-reviewed
- Double-blind or anonymized
- Electronic submission accepted
- Formatting/style guide required provided on this site: \_\_\_\_\_
- Notes:

## 6. Journal Type & Prestige

- Regional      Newer (3–7 years)      Interdisciplinary      Field-specific      Disciplinary/Flagship
- Reputation:      Highly respected      Niche but known      Unknown or new

## 7. Fit with Content

- My article aligns with journal's current focus
- My article complements or updates existing work in journal
- My article is suited for special/theme issue
- Add notes on alignment or adjustments needed:

## 8. Logistics & Stability

US-based editorial office

Published by reputable university press or association

>3 years in print

Publishes regularly (no backlogs)

Available in online databases

Indexed by JSTOR/Project Muse/etc.

Notes:

## 9. Timeline & Turnaround

Review time under 3 months

Publication within 12 months of acceptance

No reported backlog

Acceptance sufficient for CV use

## 10. Strategic Considerations

Do you know anyone on the editorial board?

Would publication in this journal help with hiring/tenure/promotion?    Yes    No

Would you submit a revised version here if rejected elsewhere?    Yes    No