🧭 Journal Fit Worksheet

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  ☐ Usure

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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

## 2. 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