



JMFT Core Ideology

Core Purpose

To be a premier scholarly journal in marriage and family therapy – promoting the scientific understanding of relationally-focused prevention and treatment and advancing the practice and profession of marriage and family therapy.

Core Values

- Excellence in the dissemination of rigorous research that advances relationally-focused clinical research.
- Promotion of social justice through scholarship elucidating effective practices for minoritized populations.
- Integrity as evidenced by a fair, timely, and rigorous review process.
- Promotion of widespread access to journal content.
- Partnership with AAMFT to promote and increase access to the journal.

Envisioned Future **The Next Ten Years**

Overarching Goals

1. JMFT will be the most prominent journal in marriage and family therapy.
2. JMFT will promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in all activities.
3. JMFT will prioritize relevant content that will advance the practice and profession of marriage and family therapy.
4. JMFT content will be widely accessible.
5. JMFT will demonstrate exceptional integrity in the review process.

Vivid Description of Success **The Next 3-5 Years**

Prominence

Increase Citation Metrics

- JMFT will prioritize the publication of high-quality empirical studies with methodological and theoretical rigor.
- JMFT will continue to publish evidence-based practice recommendations (i.e., the effectiveness issue), which has a history of high citation rates.

- JMFT will improve the visibility of journal content through social media, partnership with AAMFT and the Intervention Research in Systemic Family Therapy TIN, and other initiatives.

Attract Editors who are Distinguished Researchers

- JMFT will attract the brightest and most successful researchers to serve as editor.
- AAMFT must provide increased incentives and other resources to attract top applicants as editors for JMFT.
- AAMFT must develop an editor succession pipeline to ensure the strength of future JMFT leadership.

Elevate Awards

- JMFT will partner with AAMFT to better recognize the excellent contributions of authors and reviewers by both elevating the visibility of its awards program and offering financial recognition, such as open access for the award-winning article.
- JMFT will expand the award categories and align them with JMFT goals, such as awards for contributions to clinical research and social justice.

Author Outreach and Development

- JMFT will engage in outreach activities to attract scholars in relevant disciplines who are conducting high-quality research that aligns with JMFT priorities.
- JMFT will provide opportunities for author development through the reviewer apprentice program, presentations, or other programs.

Equity

Promote diversity, equity, and inclusion

- JMFT will prioritize the publication of high-quality content that promotes social justice and reduces disparities.
- AAMFT will select editors who are committed to DEI.
- JMFT will engage diverse editorial board members and reviewers.
- JMFT will be responsive to current social events and contexts that contribute to disparities (e.g., special issue that proactively attracts submissions from high-impact DEI researchers).

Relevance

Advance Practice and Profession

- JMFT will prioritize the publication of relevant content that advances the practice and profession of marriage and family therapy over family studies and other non-clinical research.

Accessibility

Expand Access

- JMFT will partner with AAMFT, the Research and Education Foundation, or other entities to develop opportunities for authors to publish content with open access.
- JMFT will engage in international sharing agreements with strong potential to expand access in other geographic regions.

Integrity

Fair Review Process

- JMFT will ensure a fair, timely, and rigorous review process.
- JMFT will actively attract reviewers with strong research skills and statistics reviewers.
- JMFT will educate reviewers on expectations for excellence in peer review.