AEJMC 2024 Conference Paper Competition
Philadelphia, PA

UNIFORM PAPER CALL

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The programming groups within the Council of Divisions of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication invite submission of original, non-published, research papers to be considered for presentation at the AEJMC Conference, August 7 to 11, 2024, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Specific requirements for each competition — including limits on paper length — are spelled out in the listing of groups and research chairs that appear below. Submissions are to be in English only.

All research submissions must be uploaded through an online server to the group appropriate to the submission’s topic via a link on the AEJMC website: www.AEJMC.org. The following uniform call will apply to ALL AEJMC group competitions. Additional information specific to an individual group’s call is available at the end of the uniform call information.

1. Submit via the AEJMC website link (https://community.aejmc.org/conference/paper-competition/papercall) to the AEJMC group appropriate to the submission’s topic. Format should be Word, WordPerfect, or a PDF. PDF format is strongly encouraged. To submit an extended abstract, see https://community.aejmc.org/conference/paper-competition/papercall

2. The submission must be uploaded to the server no later than 11:59 P.M. (Central Daylight Time) Monday, April 1, 2024.

3. Also upload an abstract of no more than 75 words.

4. Completely fill out the online submission form with author(s) name, affiliation, mailing address, telephone number, and email address. The title should be printed on the first page of the text and on running heads on each page of text, as well as on the title page. Do NOT include author’s name on running heads or title page.

5. Papers should adhere to the best practices of diversity and inclusion in scholarly research.

6. Submissions uploaded with author’s identifying information WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR REVIEW AND WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE COMPETITION. ALL AEJMC DIVISIONS, INTEREST GROUPS AND COMMISSION SUBMISSIONS WILL ABIDE BY THIS RULE WITHOUT EXCEPTION. Reviewers and research chairs are not to search document properties or anywhere else beyond the text of the paper for identifying information.

7. Submissions are accepted for peer review on the understanding that they are not already under review for other conferences and that they have been submitted to only ONE AEJMC group for evaluation. Submissions accepted for the AEJMC Conference should not have been presented to other conferences, with the exception of AEJMC regional conferences, and cannot be published or appear online prior to the paper and abstract competition deadline.

8. Student submissions compete on an equal footing in open paper competitions unless otherwise specified by the individual division or interest group. Individual group specifications are appended to this uniform call.

9. Research submitted with both faculty and student authors will be considered faculty submissions and are not eligible for student competitions.

10. If a submission is accepted, and the author does not present at the conference, or plan for the submission to be presented by another, then the acceptance status is revoked. It may not be included on a vita.

11. Authors will be advised whether their submission has been accepted by May 20 and may access a copy of reviewers’ comments from the online server. Contact the research chair if you are not notified or have questions about submission acceptance.

Special note: Authors who have submitted research and have not been notified by May 20 MUST contact the division or interest group research chair for acceptance information. The AEJMC Central Office may not have this information available.

12. Authors of accepted submissions retain copyright of their papers and are free to submit them for publication after receiving paper reviewers’ comments.

Important Submission Information
• Upload submissions for the AEJMC 2024 Philadelphia, PA conference beginning January 15, 2024. Submitters should follow instructions on the front page of the submission site to create your account and complete the information required.
• Deadline for submissions is April 1, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. CDT. Any submissions after this time will not be accepted.
• Before submitting your research, please make certain that all author-identifying information has been removed and that all instructions have been followed per the AEJMC uniform call. Take every precaution to ensure that your self-citations do not in any way reveal your identity. There are three solutions to issues of self-citation: Remove language
that signals the author of the published work is also the au-
thor of the current paper. For example, the author may
simply use “in a previous study, researchers...” rather than “in
a previously published pilot study, I...” or “As I argued in...”
This is not always possible since authors may desire to build
on their previous works, but wording can be rewritten to
avoid obvious self-citation in many cases.

Eliminating the citations altogether is another option and
helps remove the awkward inclusion of “Author, Date” self-ci-
tations in the reference list. This may risk having the authors
seem unknowledgeable by failing to refer to work that re-
viewers may commonly know. But often there is no problem
by using another citation in its place.

Ultimately, combining the two strategies described above may
be the best solution. Authors are encouraged to remove per-
sonal pronouns and other descriptive language surrounding
their work that might reveal a redacted name or pinpoint the
source of an existing work. It may be best to cite your work
sparingly without any signal of authorship.

By carefully considering the wording surrounding citing your
own work, it is often possible to eliminate issues that have
caused conference submission disqualifications in the past
simply by revising wording around the self-cited works.
Simply put, cite your own work as if it were being cited by
another author—not yourself.

• A COVER SHEET or a sheet with the 75-word required AB-
STRACT that is included with a paper upload should be EX-
CLUDED from the page number limits set by all AEJMC
Groups.

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TION. All AEJMC Divisions, Interest Groups and Commission
will abide by the rules below WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

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