

CALL FOR PROPOSALS SPECIAL SECTION 2022



IJSaP invites proposals to guest edit a theme/topic for our May 2022 issue.

Special sections in *IJSaP* are a curated collection of works (articles, reflections, case studies, and opinion pieces) that delve deeper into an overarching theme or explore emerging issues important for the field of Students as Partners to offer new scholarly and practical insights that advance existing, or provoke new, debates in the field. We welcome ideas for the focus from potential Special Section Editors. Examples of possible foci include: 'How Online Teaching and Learning Clarifies What Matters in Students-as-Partners Work'; 'Different Perspectives on What Partnership Means'; and 'Critical Perspectives on Partnership'.

Proposals are welcome from prospective guest editors who have interest and expertise in the topic proposed, which should clearly fit into *IJSaP*'s focus on Students as Partners. Guest editorial teams should include both students and staff/faculty – a team of only staff/faculty or students may apply and add co-editors once accepted to meet this criteria. As an international journal we welcome proposals from international teams. Members of the journal's editorial board and international advisory panel are eligible to propose topics.

Guest Editors Role

Guest editors will have responsibility for managing the call for contributions for the special section and producing an editorial for the special section. Members of the editorial board will oversee the review process and will coordinate responses/decisions with the guest editors. All reviews must be conducted through the journal system and guest editors can suggest reviewers, including students, from a range of different countries. *IJSaP*'s editorial manager will provide support in using the journal system and will be the first point of contact for the guest editors. The editorial board for *IJSaP* retains overall responsibility for the quality of work published in the journal. The ethos of the journal will guide the process for special sections in that editors, reviewers and authors are supported throughout.

Criteria

Proposals for special sections should meet the following criteria and should be submitted to ijsap@mcmaster.ca by **21 September 2020**.

- Provide a clear rationale for focusing on the suggested topic, including the timeliness of doing so, and demonstrates a 'fit' with the purposes of *IJSaP* – see <https://mulpress.mcmaster.ca/ijsap> (max 1000 words);
- Identify how a focus on the topic advances the field of research;
- Is inclusive of a range of writing genres, in line with the current criteria of *IJSaP*;
- Includes statements of experience of guest editors (max one side per editor);
- Confirmation that guest editors are available to manage the process in specified timeline for publication in May 2022.

Selection Process

All proposals will be considered by a sub-group of the journal's editorial board and international advisory group (IAG) who will make recommendations to the editorial board.

Timeframe

Announce call for proposals for special section guest editors/topic	Mid-July 2020
Deadline for proposals for special section guest editors/topic	21 September 2020
Notification of decision on special section guest editors/topic	W/b 26 October 2020
Initial call for proposal submissions	Early December 2020
Deadline for proposal submissions	1 February 2021
Notify authors whether or not invited to submit.	End Feb 2021
Author submission date	16 August 2021

Review process, revise, resubmit	Mid August 2021 – Jan 2022
Accepted submissions sent for copy-edit	1 February 2022
Publication	May 2022

Applications and any queries should be directed to ijsap@mcmaster.ca