



MUJDE

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Journal Guidelines 2007

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I. About MUJDE

The purpose of the McGill Undergraduate Journal of Development Economics is to recognize, promote and publish valuable research performed by undergraduate students in the field of development economics. The Journal provides access for undergraduates to a resource normally reserved for professionals and graduate students in the field, thus breeding a spirit of critical and original thinking, international and cross-cultural dialogue as well as professionalism in young aspiring economists.

The most important ideal, at the heart of this publication, is the spirit of critical thought. The Journal wishes to recognize those who, with courage and arguments, stand up for what they believe to be true. The field of development economics is loaded with important questions, questions which bear heavily on the future of mankind which in turn demand serious answers. Thus, this Journal looks for complete, well presented and supported new ideas from undergraduate students, expressed through research papers and essays.

A final point worth mentioning in this introduction to the journal is its international aspect. The Journal seeks for submissions internationally and values them equally regardless of origin. Thus not only is the spectrum of MUJDE wider than most undergraduate journals, it also promotes an attitude of international understanding and respect among university students. Finally, economic development is an international goal which demands work from all parts of the world, which is why the Journal would like to recognize this by using an international platform.

John Maynard Keynes once wrote, "Words ought to be a little wild for they are the assaults of thought on the unthinking," let us then unbound our imagination and words and sentences and unsettle the economic world through new, bright and sophisticated ideas, and above all, with style!

II. Format and Contents

The definitive format for the 2007 issue of MUJDE will be decided upon in due course. Content will depend on the amount and variety of submissions. The aim, for this issue, as a simple target, is to include research papers, essays and possibly some articles relating to current economic affairs.

Here is a preliminary format of the Journal:

1. Front matter:
 - Cover page (design/photo, issue and volume, date etc.)
 - Blank page
 - Page with title and department
 - Editors and staff
 - Table of contents

2. Main body (depending on submissions) this is where numbering the pages starts:
 - Article1
 - So on and so forth
 - Essay1
 - So on and so forth
 - Paper1
 - So on and so forth

3. Back matter:
 - Acknowledgments
 - About the Journal (including address, web-page, etc)
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III. Call for Editors

The number of editors is not fixed; it will depend on how many applicants there are and what their qualifications are.

The application for editor's position will consist of:

1. Consider whether you are qualified. That is, whether your commitment to development economics is strong enough to devote extended amount of time to it. Work will involve handling essays and papers, working on them and corresponding with their authors.
2. Send us a copy of your CV, accompanied by a paragraph saying why you would like to be an editor for MUJDE.
3. Meet the deadline: Xx January 2007 12:00 pm
Send all material via e-mail to mujde.contact@gmail.com

It is the editors' responsibility to work with the submissions and correspond with their authors in order to finalize any changes.

Prior experience is not required.

Also, people for graphic design will be requested.

Editorial Process:

- i. Submissions received.
- ii. Submissions short listed, decision of which to include and thus the length of the first issue determined. Graduate supervisor can be contacted if there is some indecision which needs to be resolved.
- iii. Editors split into groups working on different sections (articles, essays, papers) and for each of the selected pieces create an edit which consists of corrections regarding spelling, grammar, style and conceptual problems. If conceptual problems are found in the paper which that one is uncertain about, graduate supervisors will be consulted.
- iv. We will hold a meeting to confirm that the edits are complete and ready.
- v. Send back the edits and give one week or so for authors to confirm changes.
- vi. The issue is put together and then on the website.

IV. Call for Submissions

Call for Submissions

The McGill Undergraduate Journal of Development Economics is looking for papers, essays and articles on all topics in the field of economic development. Papers and essays written for classes, honors theses, based on fieldwork experience or written independently are welcome. Multiple submissions are allowed.

If the manuscripts submitted were originally written for a course, they must have received a grade of A- or better. The submissions should reflect a sharp intellect, critical thinking, perceptiveness, as well as originality and creativity.

For more information visit <http://ausmcgill.com/mujde>

Submission Checklist:

- i. Consider whether the topic of your work is relevant, the journal will only consider submissions regarding strictly development economics.
- ii. Prepare your manuscript accordingly. It is important that your submission(s) adheres to the MUJDE *style* and *format*, described on <http://mcgillaus.com/mujde/submissions.htm>
- iii. Submit via e-mail attachment to mujde.submissions@gmail.com before the deadline of 15th February 2007
- iv. Get involved during the editorial process when revisions are requested.

V. Manuscript: Format and Style

Manuscripts should be presented in a clear and consistent manner, and should adhere to the basic MUJDE guidelines as detailed below. Nonetheless, authors should feel free to exercise their creativity and discretion while keeping with these basic guidelines. Any questions regarding format and style are welcomed.

1. Format

- (i) Cover Page
 - Full name
 - Program of study
 - Name and address of university
 - E-mail

- (ii) Document
 - Length:
 - Articles (600 – 700 words)
 - Essays (1500 – 2500 words)
 - Research Paper (3000 - 4000 words)
 - The research paper should include a brief abstract (not included in the word limit)
 - Only in exceptional circumstances will the editors consider manuscripts exceeding this range.
 - Margins and Paper size: 1” for all margins, on A4 Paper
 - Fonts: Time New Roman, 12-point font, 1.5 line spacing
 - Charts and Tables:
 - Charts and tables should be illustrative rather than just mere data
 - Add titles, labels, and units where applicable
 - Captions to begin with **Table/Chart #**, capitalized and in bold
 - Caption font in Times New Roman, 10-point font, single-spacing
 - Sources for tables should cited below each table
 - Articles and Essays: Maximum of 6 charts and tables
 - Research Paper: No limitations

2. Style Rules

- (i) General
 - Canadian spelling
 - Acronyms are to be spelt out in first instance, after which abbreviations can be used
 - Spell out ‘percent’ in the text; the use of ‘ % ’ is acceptable in tables
 - Limit usage of passive voice

- (ii) Citations

- Modern Language Association (MLA) citations for humanities
<http://www.liu.edu/CWIS/CWP/library/workshop/citmla.htm>

VI. Projected Timeline

<u>Event</u>	<u>Job</u>	<u>Date:</u>
Call for Editors		12 th Jan. Friday
Deadline for editor applications		22 nd Jan. Monday
First editorial meeting	-Fix guidelines/call for submissions-	26 th Jan.
Send out call for submissions		27 th Jan.
Deadline for submissions (~2.5 weeks?)		15 th Feb.
Felicity/Stefan sort submissions, send out to editors with instructions and criteria		16 th Feb.
Editors read through submissions, grade them based on criteria, shortlist		Feb 16th - 27th
Editorial meeting	-finalize accepted submissions/allocate write up of edits- (pending on editors' availability)	28 th Feb.
Editors write edits/contact authors for confirmations/receive confirmations		Feb 28th - Mar 12 th
Put together issue		by end of March