

## Insider Tips on Getting Published: Editors' Roundtable

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Researchers are invited to submit their manuscripts to the Family & Consumer Sciences Research Journal. FCSRJ is published quarterly in March, June, September, and December of each year. The American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) is the sponsoring organization and John Wiley & Sons is the publisher. The focus of the journal is the well-being of individuals and families. Topics that are appropriate for the journal include personal finance and consumer economics; housing and interior design; apparel, textiles, and merchandising; foods and nutrition; family and consumer science education; and family studies/human development. International studies are welcome. The journal publishes both qualitative and quantitative research papers.

Manuscript submission guidelines are published online at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com> and inside the back cover of every issue of the journal. All manuscripts must be submitted online to <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/fcsrj>. Authors should follow the manuscript submission guidelines and refer to the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, (2010) for additional guidelines. Manuscripts are blind reviewed by two reviewers and one of the Associate Editors. The Editor makes the final decision based on the three reviews.

Authors should make an effort to submit their manuscripts to the journal that is the 'best fit' for their topic. The purpose of the research should be stated near the beginning of the manuscript. The manuscript should make a *new or significant contribution* to a particular literature. Qualitative papers should include a set of research questions and quantitative papers should include hypotheses. The methodology should be clearly described so that another author could duplicate the study or design a study to expand on the results of the current study.

The December issue of FCSRJ includes a list of titles of theses and dissertations completed during the previous year and a corresponding article describing trends in graduate productivity. Occasionally invited papers are published in FCSRJ. For example, Lessons from the Housing Crisis was published in September 2011 and Online Education in Family and Consumer Science University Programs and Four Models for Teaching Online was published in March 2013. If an author has a special interest in a topic and would like to write a conceptual paper with a review of literature, he or she should contact the Editor to explain the idea. About once a year FCSRJ publishes a special issue. For example, the December 2012 issue was about multicultural diversity and the December 2011 issue was about the influence of technology on individuals and families. In 2014, a special issue on communities will be published.

An award program for the Best Papers published during the previous year was started in 2009. In 2010, the Emerging Scholar Award program was started. This award honors a tenure track assistant professor who is the first author of an outstanding paper published during the previous year. The Best Paper awards and the Emerging Scholar Award are presented in June at the annual conference of AAFCS.

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