



INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

Article Types

The Q publishes a wide range of articles that contribute to an understanding of psychology. Submissions may correspond to the following article types:

Featured Articles and Discussion Papers: Articles can cover a wide range of topics. Articles may describe a piece of original research; provide an overview of a theory, area or issue.

Research in Brief: A short report of original research, often preliminary findings.

Big Interviews: An interview with anyone connected with Psychology, usually written in a question and answer format.

Conference Reviews: Provide an overview of a conference, outlining the main themes of the conference.

Departmental Reviews: An overview of a department as well as research interests of the postgraduates.

Book and Software Reviews: A review of books or software relevant to psychologists.

Hints and Tips: Hints and tips that will be useful to postgraduates. For example, how to apply for funding.

Postgraduate Research in Brief: This is a reference list of research that has recently been published by postgraduates within a particular area or department.

Guest Author: Articles written by those with a PhD and that would be of interest to psychology postgraduates. This can be any one of the other types of articles we accept e.g. hints & tips, discussion paper etc.

Article Preparation

1. Articles should be between 500-2000 words excluding references. Typically, discussion papers and longer interviews will require the maximum word limit whereas conference and book reviews will be shorter. The maximum word limit is flexible for in depth discussion papers, longer interviews, or hints and tips. The word count will differ depending on the type of article; for example, conference and book reviews should be shorter than featured articles. Authors wishing to exceed this limit should contact the editors before manuscript submission with a request and justification for a greater manuscript length.
2. The Q is a scholarly publication and articles should conform to academic language and style.
3. An abstract is required with a maximum word limit of 100 words.

4. Articles should have a maximum of 15 references. Articles that do not adhere to these guidelines will be sent back to the author.
5. Please state in your submission e-mail if your manuscript is attached to a PsyPAG bursary.

Formatting Requirements

1. Please submit all articles in Microsoft Word (or Open Office for Mac, etc.).
2. You should use the running head (i.e., an informative shortened version of your title) as the file name, for example EpisodicMemoryConsolidation.doc.
3. The content, including tables, figures and references should all comply with BPS house style, available here: http://www.bps.org.uk/sites/default/files/images/bps_style_guide.pdf
4. Figures should have legends/captions. Captions should have a brief title and a description of the illustration.
5. Tables should be captioned. Number tables consecutively in order of appearance in the text. Any table notes should be placed below the table body.
6. Images should be in .jpg or .jpeg format, with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi.
7. Articles should be double spaced, in a font size of 12.
8. Single spaces should be used to begin a new sentence.
9. You should also include your contact details (authors name, affiliation and e-mail address) at the end of each article in the format of:

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