

## **Guidelines for Special Issue Proposals in Innovation and Development**

**Introduction:** Innovation and Development is dedicated to the publication of Special Issues, especially when focusing on topics that are relevant to current priority themes (see aims and scope). Given our **quarterly publication frequency**, our editorial strategy allows for the acceptance of one Special Issue, consisting of approximately 10 papers, per year. To maintain the high standards of our journal, we adopt a selective approach, emphasizing the importance, timeliness, and quality of contributions to the field.

**Submission Schedule:** The Editors-in-Chiefs conduct biannual reviews of proposals in March and September. Submissions for consideration must be made by the 1st day of these respective months.

**Proposal Structure:** To facilitate a comprehensive review, please adhere to the following structure when submitting a 3–5-page proposal:

### **1. Basic Information:**

- Provisional title
- Proposed Guest Editors

### **2. Overview:**

- Proposed topic with an outline of scope and structure
- Academic rationale, emphasizing the contribution to field development
- Special circumstances (e.g., conferences, major research projects)
- Justification for a Special Issue over regular journal submissions

### **3. Possible Contributors:**

- If known, provide a list of potential authors and their proposed topics
- If not known, outline the steps for identifying and inviting contributors

### **4. Review Process:**

- Outline the stages of submission, review, and decision-making
- Specify the role of workshops, meetings, or other components in the process
- Briefly describe the editorial experience of proposed Guest Editors

### **5. Schedule:**

- Provide a timeline for key steps in the process
- Indicate the expected date for submission to the publishers