

British Journal of Educational Studies

Guidelines for Special Issue Proposals

The *British Journal of Educational Studies* welcomes proposals for special issues comprising a collection of articles (typically 6 or 7) on a clear and significant theme relevant to the aims and scope of the *Journal*. Special issues are produced by Guest Editors who work closely with the editor of the *Journal* to ensure special issues follow the *Journal's* rigorous peer-review process and are produced in a timely manner.



Proposals for special issues in the *British Journal of Educational Studies* are expected to:

- Connect with the aims and scope of the *Journal* (<https://www.tandfonline.com/action/journalInformation?show=aimsScope&journalCode=bje20>)
- Examine, and offer new insights into, a significant theme within educational studies, extending current thinking and research in the field
- Build on research already published in the *Journal*
- Be of international interest and quality, while also being rooted in the British base of the *Journal*.

The *Journal* has a two stage process for special issue proposals.

Stage 1: A **short proposal** of no more than two pages to be sent to the *Journal* editor setting out the following:

- The title of the proposed special issue
- A short rationale
- A suggested plan for securing submissions for the special issue, clearly stating those contributors who have already agreed to submit a paper for consideration if the proposal is successful
- An indicative timeline for the special issue
- Brief biographic information about the proposed guest editors

At this stage a decision will be made by the editor on whether to progress the proposal to Stage 2.

Stage 2: A **full proposal** of no more than 8 pages to be sent to the *Journal* editor setting out the following:

- The title of the proposal special issue

- A full rationale of approximately 1 A4 page
- A table of contents (including abstracts) for all committed submissions
- A timeline for the special issue from agreement of proposal to publication
- Biographic information about the proposed guest editors and all authors who have agreed to submit a paper for the special issue, along with CVs for all guest editors

Full proposals will be sent to the *Journal's* full Editorial Board for comment, with the final decision resting with the *Journal's* editor(s). Guest Editors for successful proposals would then work closely with the *Journal's* editor(s) at each stage of the review to publication process.

More detailed guidance for authors regarding the structure and formatting of papers submitted to BJES can be found on the Journal's website:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?show=instructions&journalCode=rbye20>.