



Adherence to Community Standards

Commitment to Community and Scholarly Standards

The Axis Community Research Journal (ACRJ) is fundamentally dedicated to advancing knowledge through a framework of the highest scholarly integrity, ethical rigor, and responsible community partnership. Our operations are guided by a steadfast commitment to standards that ensure trust, transparency, equity, and meaningful impact. This document articulates our core commitments to the academic and community stakeholders we serve.

Integrity and Authenticity of Scholarship

ACRJ mandates that all published work is authentic, original, and accurately represents the research conducted. We maintain a zero-tolerance policy towards academic misconduct, including plagiarism, data fabrication or falsification, and unethical authorship practices. Upholding the integrity of the scholarly record is our paramount responsibility.

Ethical Research and Community Partnership

Research published in ACRJ must demonstrate the highest ethical standards. This includes, but is not limited to, formal ethical approval for studies involving human participants or animals, documented informed consent, and the protection of participant confidentiality. Crucially, for our community-engaged focus, we require transparent description of ethical partnership practices, ensuring collaboration is respectful, equitable, and mutually beneficial.

Rigorous and Impartial Peer Review

We are committed to a fair, rigorous, and constructive double-blind peer-review process. Manuscripts are evaluated solely on their intellectual merit, methodological soundness, clarity, relevance to the journal's scope, and demonstrated community impact or engagement. This process is designed to uphold quality and provide authors with valuable feedback to strengthen their work.

Transparency and Open Science Practices

ACRJ champions transparency to foster reproducibility, collaboration, and trust. We encourage authors to disclose funding sources, share research data in appropriate repositories where feasible, and provide detailed methodological descriptions. Our open-access policy ensures all research is freely available, removing barriers to knowledge and application.

Proactive Management of Conflicts of Interest

Transparency in potential conflicts of interest is required from all contributors—authors, reviewers, and editors. Full disclosure allows for the proper management of any financial, personal, professional, or institutional relationships that could be perceived as biasing the work. These disclosures are published to provide necessary context to our readers.

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Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ)

ACRJ actively promotes an inclusive scholarly environment. We recognize that diverse perspectives—spanning geography, discipline, career stage, gender, ethnicity, and background—are essential for innovative and equitable community-engaged research. We strive to minimize bias in our editorial processes and welcome submissions that address issues of equity and social justice.

Accountability and Continuous Engagement

We view our adherence to these standards as a dynamic, ongoing commitment. ACRJ is dedicated to the continuous evaluation and improvement of our policies and practices. We actively engage with and welcome feedback from our community of authors, reviewers, readers, and partner organizations to ensure our journal remains a responsive, ethical, and impactful forum for interdisciplinary research.

ACRJ's unwavering commitment to these community and scholarly standards is the cornerstone of our mission. It ensures the credibility, relevance, and practical value of the research we publish, ultimately fostering a trustworthy and transformative dialogue between academia and the communities it seeks to serve.

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