

Submission Guidelines & Information for Authors

What is MURJ?

The MIT Undergraduate Research Journal is MIT's only peer-reviewed scientific journal aimed at publishing the work of the undergraduate population.

MURJ has received an enormous amount of publicity in the past several years, and we continue to enjoy strong relationships with the Alumni Association, the UROP office, and the academic departments around MIT.

How to Submit:

>> Submission Timeline

The deadline for initial submission of an article is March 23th at 11:59pm by email to murj-research@mit.edu. However, since MURJ is a peer-reviewed journal, we may require authors to make minor edits to a manuscript prior to its publication. We will notify authors of acceptance or requests for edits on a rolling basis within 7 days of initial manuscript

submission, and therefore we strongly encourage prospective authors to submit early to maximize their chances of being published.

>> Submission Categories

MURJ is currently accepting two types of submissions:

1. *UROP Summaries*: 300-1000 word summaries of research but should have at least some preliminary data/results to be discussed. Include figures as necessary (see Formatting at right).
2. *Research Report*: An original research paper of similar style and structure as articles published in professional journals. Includes Abstract, Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, References, and Figures. Must not exceed 8 pages (see Formatting at right). For

examples, please visit the MURJ archives located at murj.mit.edu.

>> Formatting

Once your work is accepted, our layout department will reformat it for journal publication. (For examples, please see recent volumes at murj.mit.edu.) Therefore, your adherence to the following guidelines is crucial.

- If your work is in LaTeX, please email murj-layout@mit.edu. Further instruction will be provided on an individual basis. Otherwise:
- Submit your work as a Microsoft Word document. Submissions consisting solely of pdfs will be rejected!! However, if you have already formatted your work for a different purpose and would like to include a supplemental pdf—in addition to a .doc or .docx file—as a guide for the Layout department, you are welcome to do so.
- Maximum length 8 pages, 12 point front, Times New Roman, double spaced, one-inch margins. (This length is counted excluding figures and the title page.)
- Tables and charts should be submitted in text format.
- All figures should be referenced in text and include legends in text format. Any axes should be clearly marked and legible.
- Please include a title page with the following: your name, class year, and department; your day-to-day supervisor's name and department; the principal investigator's name and department; your project title.
- Citations should be parenthetical (author, year) and embedded in the main text.
- References should be formatted at the end of the document as follows: Last Name, First Name. (Year). Title. Journal, Volume, Page Numbers. Retrieved on -date- from -insert website

We greatly appreciate your interest in MURJ!

Please email murj-research@mit.edu with any further questions.