

## **Five possible ways to contribute to the International Journal for Academic Development (IJAD)**

The International Journal for Academic Development was created as a forum for educational and academic developers to exchange ideas about the practice, research and theory of development and hopefully improve the quality of higher education internationally. It is the journal of the International Consortium for Educational Development, a network of national academic development networks. If you are not familiar with the journal, please visit: <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/1360144X.asp>.

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One of the hopes of the editors is to enrich the communication of ideas by encouraging more developers in non-English speaking countries to contribute their thoughts and practices. If a contribution is accepted for publication, the editors will help the author(s) ensure appropriate English usage. And an abstract in the first language of the author will be included in the published version.

We recognize that writing in a second language can be difficult, so you may want to consider writing with a colleague. As well, there are ways to contribute that do not involve a lot of writing. You may wish to do one of the following:

1. Become a reviewer: From time to time, you will be asked to review papers related to your field. We provide a template for this. Names and affiliations of reviewers are listed in each issue. If you would like to be a reviewer, please send your name, email address and area of expertise to [lynn.mcalpine@mcgill.ca](mailto:lynn.mcalpine@mcgill.ca).

For the following four possibilities, contributors are asked to send the editors a summary of any proposed submission – roughly 200 words. This is so the editors can provide feedback on the suitability of the contribution.

2. Submit a book review, 1000-1500 words. The journal welcomes reviews of non-English as well as English books. Reviews explore, from the reviewer's perspective, the implications of the book to the research and/or practice of academic development.

3. Submit a descriptive piece, 800-1000 words. These provide a window into academic development practice. The text can, for instance, address an issue or tension in practice, express a well-articulated personal opinion, or describe the scope of academic development in your country.

4. Submit a research note (800-1000 words). The intent is to create a window into the lived world of research. Notes examine issues and challenges in conceptualizing and conducting academic development research. Research notes are discussions of methodological dilemmas or conceptual concerns; not research results.

5. Submit a paper for peer review (up to 5000 words including the abstract and citations). Papers include: original work of a research or developmental nature, surveys of current or recent work, proposed new methods or ideas which are well elaborated and argued, relevant conceptual and theoretical issues. Papers clearly define the issue or problem being tackled, include some analysis or evaluation of the issue, and are linked to the international academic development literature.

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