

GENERAL CALL FOR SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM ISSUES

The Journal of Muslim Philanthropy & Civil Society

The Journal of Muslim Philanthropy & Civil Society (JMPCS), is a bi-annual, peer reviewed, open access journal published by the Center on Muslim Philanthropy and Indiana University Press in partnership with the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Catholic Theological Union, International Institute of Islamic Thought, and the World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists.

JMPCS seeks original academic research examining the broad scope of Muslim philanthropy and civil society. By “Muslim” philanthropy, we mean philanthropic activity of any kind which involves self-identifying Muslim individuals, institutions, communities, and societies as key agents in shaping the context and content of this activity. Given the extent to which any construction of Muslim identity necessarily entails the influence of other faiths as well as various expressions of secular culture, the *Journal’s* scope is intentionally broad. Our definition of “philanthropy” is similarly broad and encompasses any intentional act of generosity. As such, “philanthropy” includes practices of generosity ranging from the activity of discrete individuals of all socio-economic backgrounds to that of not-for-profit organizations, social movements, and a variety of other forms of civic engagement. We seek to draw articles by researchers from across disciplines (Anthropology, Art, History, Political Science, Religious Studies, Sociology, Public Affairs, Nonprofit Management, Business, Philanthropy, etc.) in this emerging field.

The special issues can build upon academic conference panels to continue important collaborations.

Along with standard Research Papers (8,000 words) and Book Reviews (1,500 words), *JMPCS* also welcomes Commentaries (short articles commenting in a significant way on, or supplementing arguments and evidence in, a Research Article or a Review Article) of up to 2,500 words. Authors are welcome to submit original Research Papers, Book Reviews, and Commentaries dealing with themes relating to the mission of the journal.

JMPCS is seeking proposals for three separate special issues. Each special issue will consist of:

- 3-4 peer reviewed articles that have undergone double-blind peer review¹
- Editorial commentary
- 2-3 book reviews

To further this research, *JMPCS* will provide up to \$5,000 in matching funds for each special issue’s guest editor to host a research convening at their academic institution. The papers presented at this symposium are to be submitted for review for publication in the respective special issue. Funds can be used for travel, honoraria, and/or meals provided at the research symposium. Travel is not required, as the symposium may be held virtually. A small portion of the funds can be used for copy-editing for the symposium issue. The hosting academic institution must demonstrate financial commitment to be eligible to receive the matching funds. Research

¹ Should guest editors also seek to submit an article that article would undergo double blind peer review under the supervision of the Editors-in-Chief

symposiums are required to take place any time between Award notification and August 1, 2021.² Up to three grants will be awarded.

Deadline for proposals:	August 1, 2020
Award notification deadline:	September 1, 2020
Research Symposium:	January 1 – May 1, 2021

Submission instructions

A symposium may include 6-8 research scholars of which up to 2-3 may be graduate students³ on a particular topic, including a review article on that topic⁴.

Please address the following questions in your proposal for a symposium:

1. What is the topic of the symposium?
2. Why does this topic occasion/warrant a symposium in *JMPCS*? How will it advance the field?
3. Who is the sponsor of the symposium? Please provide a CV of the convenor as well as information about the hosting institution.
4. How will the symposium be funded (including a proposed budget)?
5. Who is the guest editor(s) of the symposium?
6. What audiences will be specifically interested in the symposium?
7. What is the time line for the call for papers, preparation, production, and publication of the symposium?
8. What paper topics and/or scholars may be included in the symposium?
9. What actions can/will the guest editors take to raise the distribution and impact of the special issue?

Guidelines for the symposium:

1. The guest editor(s) of the symposium is responsible for the editorial process, including issuing and publicizing a call for papers, selecting the 4-6 papers to be considered for publication in the symposium, and organizing the peer-review process.
2. The guest editor(s) will use the *JMPCS* Open Journal Systems portal (<https://scholarworks.iu.edu/iupjournals/index.php/muslimphilanthropy/about/submissions>) for the peer-review process. All manuscripts submitted for the symposium must adhere to the *JMPCS* submission guidelines and must be double blind peer-reviewed.
3. The final decision on acceptance of manuscripts for publication will be made by the *JMPCS* Editors-in-Chief in consultation with the guest editor(s).

² Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the proposal can suggest a virtual or online symposium.

³ Undergraduate students may also be included in the symposium but should be in addition to the 6-8 research scholars

⁴ All articles that successfully go through blind review will be published.

4. The guest editor(s) must make certain that the symposium has (at least) one major literature review article that is likely to be cited in the coming years when people write about this topic.

Please submit your proposals via email to the Managing Editor Rafia Khader at rkhader@iu.edu.

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