Submission Guidelines

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Style and Formatting Requirements

- **Length**
  Submissions should be no shorter than 80 pages and no longer than 175 to 200 pages, inclusive of everything (body text, references, tables and figures, etc.) In exceptional circumstances the upper limit may be modified with prior consultation with the Editor in Chief.

- **Formatting**
  Manuscripts must be double-spaced, written in 12-point Times New Roman font, with 1-inch margins on all sides.

- **APA Style**
  Monographs generally follow the style and format requirements specified by the APA; these are spelled out in detail in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th edition, 2010). Authors should study the manual carefully before submitting the final draft.

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  Appendix(ces) (if any)

  Acknowledgments: Please include the address/contact information for the corresponding author.

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