

## **GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS**

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Journal of Technology and Value Addition (JTVA) features Original Research Articles, Review Articles, Short Communications and Case Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities, Natural and Applied Sciences, Engineering and Technology and other fields acceptable to the Editorial Board.

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**Research article:** A regular full-length article (less than 6000 words text), reporting results of original research with an abstract of 250 words.

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