

JC-ODEL EDITORIAL POLICY

1. Journal Scope and Mission

The Journal of Contemporary Issues in Open, Distance, and e-Learning (JC-ODEL) is an international, peer-reviewed, open-access scholarly journal dedicated to the dissemination of original research and critical scholarship in Open, Distance, and e-Learning (ODEL). The journal advances theoretical, empirical, and applied research, promotes innovation in digital pedagogy, supports evidence-based policy and leadership, and contributes to equity, access, accountability and lifelong learning, particularly in International contexts.

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Editorial decisions are based solely on scholarly merit and are independent of institutional, political, or commercial influence.

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All submissions are screened using plagiarism detection software. Similarity should not exceed 15% excluding references. Self-plagiarism is prohibited.

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Authors, reviewers, and editors must disclose any conflicts of interest. These are transparently managed and disclosed where necessary.

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12. Publication Frequency

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