

The Voltas Journal

Submission Guidelines & Author Instructions

The Voltas Journal publishes original writing and research exploring design, digital practice, technology, and cultural inquiry. Whether you are writing a rigorous academic paper or an industry op-ed, we have a clear route for you.

At a Glance

- **Typical Timeline:** 8–12 weeks from submission to publication (varies by article type).
- **Review Routes:**
 - **Research:** Independent peer review.
 - **Industry:** Rigorous editorial review.
 - **Invited:** Solicited contributions.
- **Submission Checklist:**
 - Complete Manuscript (PDF or Word)
 - Abstract (150–300 words)
 - 4–6 Keywords
 - Short Author Biography

How the Process Works

1. Submit your proposal

Upload your manuscript and complete the submission form (abstract, keywords, author details). You must confirm the work is original and unpublished.

2. Editorial assessment

The editorial team checks relevance, clarity, and suitability for the journal's scope.

3. Review route

Research articles undergo independent peer review. Industry insights and op-eds undergo rigorous editorial review. The final publication will clearly indicate the review status.

4. Decision and feedback

We will Accept, Accept with Revisions, or Decline. If revisions are required, we provide clear, actionable feedback.

5. Revision and final review

Your revised submission is checked against the feedback provided to ensure all points were addressed.

6. Acceptance and publication

Publication terms are issued, and the article is prepared for digital publication.

Writing Requirements

Article Types

Industry Insight / Op-Ed: Critical discussion of a trend, software, or workflow. Ideal for professionals sharing practical knowledge.

Research Article: Original empirical or theoretical research. Requires methodology and results sections. Peer reviewed.

Invited Contribution: Solicited pieces from industry leaders.

Structure Guidance

Manuscripts should generally follow this structure:

- Title
- Abstract & Keywords
- Introduction
- Methodology/Process (where relevant)
- Results/Insights
- Discussion & Conclusion
- References

Reference Style

Citations must be numbered in square brackets **[1]** in order of appearance. The reference list must be numbered to match.

Examples (IEEE Style)

Journal Article:

[1] A. Author, "Title of article," *Abbrev. Title of J.*, vol. x, no. x, pp. xxx-xxx, Abbrev. Month, Year.

Book:

[2] A. Author, *Title of Book*. City of Publisher, Country: Publisher, Year.

Website:

[3] "Title of Web Page," Website Name. [Online]. Available: <http://url>. [Accessed: Mon. Year].

Figures & Media

- Include captions and credits for all images.
- Confirm you have permission for third-party images.

- Submit images as JPG/PNG. Short embedded media links are accepted.

Ethics and Authorship

- **Originality:** We only accept original work that has not been published elsewhere. Simultaneous submission to other journals is not permitted.
- **Author Agreement:** All listed authors must have significantly contributed to the work. All contributors must be credited.
- **Conflicts of Interest:** Please disclose any financial or personal relationships that may influence the work.
- **Sensitive Data:** If your research involves human participants, please ensure ethical standards of consent and anonymity were followed.