

The Education Forum: Guidelines for Authors

The Education Forum in SCIENCE welcomes discussion of any aspect of education, whether science education, the science of education, or the scientific output from an educational project. Material must represent content not previously published. Education pages may contain new data.

These SCIENCE Education Forum papers are limited to 2 printed pages in the journal (about 2000 words). Appropriate references should be included (generally no more than 25). One or two figures or tables are welcome. Additional supporting data can be included at Science online (limit 6MB, see http://www.sciencemag.org/about/authors/prep/prep_online.dtl). The Abstract (which will only be used online) must be less than 100 words.

Authors are encouraged to present clearly and write for a broad audience. The ideal Education Forum begins with an introductory paragraph that captures the reader's interest and briefly states your main argument and focus. Your opening should be general enough to orient the reader not familiar with the specifics of your field. Avoid jargon and special terms of your field, and keep the use of acronyms to a minimum. The body of the Education essay should develop your discussion in a lively manner. By "lively" we do not mean hype and oversimplification. Rather, the editors seek clear, declarative writing that avoids the passive voice, tangled constructions, and needless detail. The final paragraph should draw the piece to a concise conclusion, without restating the text. It should be a conclusion and not a summary.

A modest and selective reference list is helpful. Avoid lengthy notes, details, or asides that interrupt the flow of the text.

We expect that authors will do their best to meet our criteria for a good Education paper, but you should be prepared for extensive editing if the editors feel it necessary. Articles will be peer-reviewed as necessary. Authors will have a chance to check galley proofs before publication.

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