

Become a Faculty Reviewer for *Explorations* Volume 8

About *Explorations*

Explorations is a student-run interdisciplinary journal guided by faculty and administrators that selects and publishes student-authored articles of general interest in any area. The journal, launched in 2009, showcases undergraduate research, scholarship and creative works. It targets prospective students, parents, regents, State officials and the general community. *Explorations* does NOT automatically publish what is submitted—far from it. We have about a 10-15% acceptance rate using two rounds of peer review by faculty and students.

What to Expect

Creative Works and Scholarly Sidebars

- Creative work submissions may include but are not limited to handmade artwork such as drawings or painting, digital artwork such as photography or design, literature, music, video, and more. All creative work submissions must be accompanied by a scholarly sidebar of at least 500 words.
- Written submissions can be a maximum of 3000 words, including the scholarly sidebar.
- Sidebars should attempt to answer why the student chose the topic, what inspirations/influences affected the piece, what studies were done to develop the piece and how the studies contribute to its persuasiveness, depth, vision and style, and how the medium expresses their overall idea.
- Review up to 5* submissions in your area.
- Provide a yes/no recommendation by specified deadlines.
- Reviews are conducted through an online system (user instructions will be provided), but PDF copies of materials are available by request.
- If a creative work submission is accepted by faculty and student reviewers, the potential student author will be invited to work with *Explorations* board members to polish their sidebar to fit our formatting and address any questions leftover from reviewers.

* You may not receive review requests if no or few proposals are submitted in your area.

Reviewing Timeline

- Friday, February 12: Submissions distributed to reviewers
- **Tuesday, February 23 @ noon: Deadline to submit creative work and sidebar reviews**

Become a Faculty Reviewer

If you are interested in becoming a faculty reviewer for *Explorations*, please enter your information and reviewing preferences at <http://tx.ag/eskgtvb> (preferred), or email us at explorations@tamu.edu, no later than Wednesday, February 10. In the registration, you will have the opportunity to tell us your areas of expertise and other preferences.

Any questions can be directed to Suma Datta at sumad@exchange.tamu.edu.

More information about *Explorations* can be found at <http://explorations.tamu.edu>.