



**JIT Editorial Panel Article Vetting Criteria –Short Form**  
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**Reviewed or Refereed Submissions:**

According to the JIT Board by-laws, "The JIT Chief Editor, in cooperation with the associate and assistant editors, shall determine whether a submitted article is of appropriate content and general format." [Section III, C.] Further, "Submitted manuscripts are judged for potential publication by the JIT Editorial Panel. The Editorial Panel bases their decision on the aim and scope of the manuscript, i.e., the extent the manuscript focuses on research and industrial technology. [Section IV, C.]

The following criteria, in question format, are used by the JIT Editorial Panel to determine whether an article is of appropriate content and format to be reviewed for potential publication in the JIT:

1. What is the category of investigation of the article submission? The categories of investigation from the JIT Review Criteria are:
  - (1) applied research;
  - (2) basic or empirical research;
  - (3) pedagogical research/issues; and,
  - (4) perspective (meta-analysis) papers (e.g., sound literature reviews to update the state-of-the-art).
2. Does the article contain the basic elements for the selected category of investigation, as listed in the JIT review criteria?
3. Does the article follow the APA/JIT recommended format?
4. Is the article written at an appropriate level [i.e., readability and quality] for a professional journal?
5. Do the author(s), either explicitly or implicitly, make the case that the submitted article "fits" the general interest of the JIT?

**Non-Refereed (NR) Submissions:**

The JIT publishes non-refereed (NR) submissions related to industrial technology. The aim and scope of NR submissions are broader than that for JIT refereed articles. The NR focuses on non-research pieces of importance to the readership. Appropriate content includes book reviews, opinion pieces, curricula, accreditation and certification information, and other topics of interest. An article not accepted for publication after the peer-referee process may be, at the discretion of the Editorial Panel, considered for publication as a non-refereed article.

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*\*Note: All vetting criteria must be satisfied to qualify an article submission for review. The vetting criteria does not guarantee acceptance, however. Once an article submission has been determined to meet the vetting criteria above, it will then be sent for review.*