General Submission Guidelines
Pittsburgh Theological Journal
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Mission Statement

The *Pittsburgh Theological Journal* publishes research articles, dissertation abstracts, book reviews, sermons, and reflections on pastoral and educational ministry. It exists for the benefit of the extended community of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary to encourage academic and theological rigor and growth.

Submission Information

General Guidelines:

Entry: Send all submissions to journal@pts.edu as an attachment using Microsoft Word file format. Attach images and graphs, charts and lists as separate .jpg or .pdf files. All work *must be submitted by March 31st*. Submissions received after this deadline will not be accepted.

Title page: Be sure to include a title page with the following information: *name, title of article, abstract* (50-100 words), *e-mail address*, and *phone number*. Give a short paragraph *autobiography* including (but not limited to) your name, academic title or position, institutional affiliation, and location.

Originality: All work must be original and not previously published.

Formatting Principles:
- Adhere to the guidelines of the Kate L. Turabian's *Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* (8th rev. ed., 2013).
- Include both footnotes and a bibliography.
- For biblical languages, use fonts provided by the Society of Biblical Literature only.
- Page format: 1 inch margins, double-spaced, Times New Roman, font size 12.
- Do not include your name anywhere other than on the title page.
- Do not exceed the maximum word count as defined below.

Selection Process:
All pieces will be judged by the editorial board. Editors may require changes before publication. No submission is guaranteed publication. Individuals may submit up to two unique pieces, but generally only one submission per person is accepted.

Pastoral Application:
Each research and reflection article must contain a pastoral application section. For example, if someone were to write a comparative analysis between a few present-day denominations, they would need to include a section on how this analysis is applicable to those currently working in a ministry context.

Types of Submissions:

Research Articles: Up to 8000 words in length. Areas of special interest include archaeology and history of antiquity, biblical studies, church history, ethics, missiology, pastoral care, and theology.

Pastoral and educational reflections: Up to 5000 words in length. Pastors and educators contemplate the theory, practice, and experience of their work.

Sermons: Up to 3500 words in length. Include the date and location where the sermon was preached.

Dissertation and Thesis Abstracts: Up to 1000 words in length. Include the name of faculty member(s) overseeing the dissertation.

Book Reviews: Up to 1000 words in length. Include the title, author, and purchase price, and ISBN.

Poetry: Up to 100 lines. Include an explanation of the poetry.

Artwork: Submitted with a summary of the background, purpose, and reason for the piece, under 200 words. Only one artwork will be accepted per Journal.