



King's College London Neuroscience Society

Neurosphere

Student Review Journal



Writer's Information Package

We're delighted that you're keen to write an article for King's College London Neuroscience Society's Neurosphere! This writer's package contains all the relevant information needed to guide you through the writing process, which will see your completed article being published in our student review journal.

Article Outline

- Before submitting an article, please send in an outline of the article you wish to write to our of our Editors (contact details below). Depending on content or topic, you may then be assigned to work with a different editor to the one you initially emailed.
- Your outline will then be assessed, with any feedback for review returned to you.
- A submission date will then be given to you for writing a draft of your article, along with an anticipated publication date.
- Using the provided feedback, you may then start to complete your article draft.
- Your completed article draft may require further revision once submitted.

Article Topic

The Journal welcomes a variety of article topics relating to the brain, or studying nervous system-related subjects. Examples of article topics may include but are not limited to:

- Neuroscience research, either discovery science or clinical application.
- Impact or relevance of neuroscience research on an aspect of society.
- An issue of over-arching interest to the neuroscience, and wider scientific community.
- A personal perspective/experience relevant to other students relating to neuroscience.

Articles to be published in the Journal will be sorted into the following categories:

- Review article (called *Reviews*)
a scientific article summarising the current understanding of a topic
- Commentary article (called *Letters*)
a commentary on systemic scientific or clinical practices/direction
- Perspectives article (called *Futures*)
advice and information for students in university and academia

Article Content

Submitted works should be written with the following in mind:

- Content complexity should be aimed towards 1st year undergraduate students; that is, assume A-level knowledge and a basic biological principles, but not the topic at hand.
- Word count is strongly recommended to be 400 words minimum, but there is no upper limit.
- At least 2 references to scientific journal articles as supporting evidence, as well as an opportunity for readers' further reading on the topic
- Citations should be in Vancouver style; there is no upper limit to the number of citations
- All abbreviations should be written in full on the first mention, with the abbreviated form then given in parentheses.

Submitting Your Article

If you would like to submit a piece to the Journal, please email one of our Editors-in-Chiefs:

Daniel Shao (Editor-in-Chief, Neurosphere Journal): Daniel.Shao@kcl.ac.uk

Hamaad Khan (Editor-in-Chief, Society Website): Hamaad.Khan@kcl.ac.uk

We ask that you include your name, year and studied course, and optionally, a photograph.

Peer Review

As Neurosphere is a student review journal, all submitted articles are subject to peer review before publication. This means that your article will be assessed by a team of student volunteers to determine the quality of your writing and **only** the factual information presented within. The feedback from the peer review team will then be passed to your assigned editor, who will then pass them to you. The goal of peer review is not to censor, but to ensure factual accuracy and increase the scope of feedback you will receive, in order to better develop your writing skills.

Publication

We will announce publications on our social media channels. Once your article is published either in the Neurosphere journal, feel free to celebrate and share it on social media!

Joining Neurosphere (Editors, Peer Reviewers, and Artists)

We will soon be looking for non-committee editors and peer reviewers to join our society for the upcoming academic year 2021/22, so keep an eye out on our social media channels! Students looking to be editors must have prior written works in established scientific publications e.g. British Neuroscience Association Bulletin, or any scientific journal. Students looking to be peer reviewers must be studying a medical or biomedical degree with an average grade above 65%. Roles in graphic design and art asset creation are open to any interested students.