



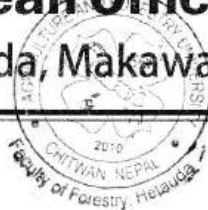
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### Call for Articles

Faculty of Forestry, Agriculture and Forestry University, Hetauda invites articles to the '**Journal of Faculty of Forestry (JOFOF)**' for its forthcoming first volume – Vol. 1. The deadline for submission of articles is 15 July, 2024.

Journal of Faculty of Forestry is a peer reviewed and official journal of Agriculture and Forestry University, Faculty of Forestry, Hetauda, Nepal. The journal publishes scientific articles related to forestry and allied subjects. The mission of the journal is to advance the profession of forestry by keeping forest management professionals informed about significant developments and ideas in the many facets of forestry. Thus the scope of the journal covers but not limited to, silviculture, soil, hydrology, watershed management, forest ecology, community-based forestry, ethnobotany, NTFPs, medicinal and aromatic plants, forest remote sensing, GIS, and modeling, forest fire, forest protection, dendrology, forest biometrics, forest entomology, forest engineering, plant physiology, forest biotechnology, wildlife ecology and management, forest products utilization, forest enterprise, forest economics and related subjects.

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Dr. Gandhiv Kafle  
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# **Journal of Faculty of Forestry**

## **Author Guidelines**

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### **About the Journal**

#### **Aims and Scope**

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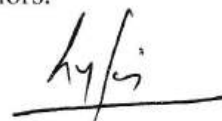
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#### **Publication Frequency**

The Journal is published annually. Special issues can be published as per need.

#### **Peer review policy**

Articles published in Journal of Faculty of Forestry undergo comprehensive double-blind peer-review. Each article is initially evaluated by an Editor, and those considered appropriate are forwarded to two external experts for review. Author information is removed from the manuscripts sent to these peer reviewers, ensuring the anonymity of all experts involved. Anonymized reports are then provided to the authors. After the peer-review process, along with the Editor's evaluation, a decision will be communicated to the authors.

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Contributions falling into the following categories will be considered for publication: Original articles, Review articles, and Short communications. Authors are requested to select the appropriate article type when making your submission. Make sure that the following items are present in the submitted manuscript.

One author has been designated as the corresponding author with contact details:

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Manuscript including:

- All figures (with relevant captions)
- All tables (including titles, description, footnotes)
- Confirm that the text correctly corresponds to the figures and tables provided.
- Supplementary files (where applicable)

### **Further considerations**

- The manuscript needs to be written in understandable English.
- All the cited references in the text need to be mentioned in the reference list, and vice versa.
- A competing interest's statement need to be provided, even if the authors have no competing interests to declare.
- Referee suggestions and contact details provided, based on journal requirements.

### **Authors Guidelines**

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The corresponding author, on behalf of author, submit the electronic copies of manuscript, including tables, figures, and supplementary files (if any) to the journal email address as: ([jofof@afu.edu.np](mailto:jofof@afu.edu.np)). The manuscript text should be prepared in English. Figures, tables and other types of content should be organized into separate files for submission.

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Original articles should be divided into sections presented in the following order:

Title page

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Materials and Methods

Results

Discussion

Conclusion

Acknowledgements

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Tables and Figures legends

Supplementary file (if applicable)

### **Title page**

The title page should state the type of article (Original Article, Review or Short communication) and provide a concise and informative full title followed by the names of all authors. Each name should be followed by an identifying superscript number (1, 2, 3 etc.) associated with the appropriate institutional address to be entered further down the page. Only one corresponding author should be indicated with an asterisk and should always be the submitting author. Titles and positions should not be mentioned. This information is followed by the e-mail address of the corresponding author.

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The second page should contain a structured Abstract not exceeding 250 words in a single paragraph without references. The Abstract should outline the essential content of the manuscript, especially the results and discussion, highlighting the relevance of main findings.

The Abstract should be followed by between three to six Keywords. Note that essential words in the title should be repeated in the key words.

### **Introduction**

Introduction should cover adequate background information needed to understand your study, and clear objectives why you conducted your research. It also contain literature review without a detailed literature survey and a summary of the results.

## **Materials and Methods**

The Materials and Methods section should provide the reader with all the details of how you conducted your study. Methods that are already published should be summarized with proper citation.

## **Results**

Results, should be presented in a clear and concise manner.

## **Discussion**

The Discussion section should avoid with the excessive repetition of the results and must conclude with some final outcomes. Alternatively, the Results and Discussion sections can be merged for a combined presentation.

## **Conclusion**

The conclusion section should summarize the main findings of your research and explain their significance.

## **Acknowledgements**

Acknowledgements, if any, be given to institutions, funding agencies, and the key person(s). Be concise: "we thank..." is preferable to "The present authors would like to express their thanks to...". Funding information should be included in this section.

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After the acknowledgments, authors should include a section specifying the contribution of each author to the work

## **Conflicts of Interest**

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All figures (photographs, maps, drawings, graphs, diagrams, etc.) and tables must be cited in the text, in ascending order. Citations of figures in the text should appear in an abbreviated, capitalized form (e.g., Fig. 1, Fig. 2A-D, Fig. 3A, Figs. 3A, 4C, Table 1).

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Scale bars, when required, should be positioned in the lower right-hand corner of the figure with unit.

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When appropriate, excess (but important) data can be submitted as Supplementary Files, which will be published online and will be made available as links. This might include additional figures, tables, or other materials that are necessary to fully document the research contained in the paper or to facilitate the readers' ability to understand the work.

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Plant/animal names must be written out in full in the abstract and again in the main text for every organism at first mention but the genus is only needed for the first species in a list within the same genus (e.g. *Dalbergia sissoo*, *D. latifolia*). The author citation for each plant names (e.g., L., Mill., Benth.) is required for first mention. Use The International Plant Names Index ([www.ipni.org](http://www.ipni.org)) for correct plants names. Authors must include in Materials and methods a reference to voucher specimen(s) and voucher number(s) of the plants, animals or other material examined.

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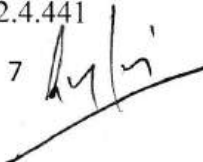
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### **Review process**

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When making revisions to your manuscript, carefully go through the comments given by the reviewers and editor. Ensure that you address each point raised clearly and in detail, and also submit the point by point response of the comments. This might involve clarifying points, incorporating new information, reorganizing sections, and correcting any errors or issues highlighted by the reviewers.

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