

IJUDA – Author Submission Guidelines

1. About the Journal

The International Journal of *Underwater Domain Awareness (IJUDA)* is a peer-reviewed, **interdisciplinary scholarly platform** dedicated to advancing knowledge, innovation, and integrated solutions specifically within the domain of underwater domain awareness (UDA). The journal recognizes that UDA is inherently multidisciplinary, requiring contributions from diverse fields to address the complex challenges of understanding, monitoring, and managing underwater environments.

The journal welcomes contributions from a broad range of disciplines—including oceanography, engineering, computer science, environmental science, maritime studies, and policy—**provided that the research is clearly and directly connected to underwater domain awareness.**

The scope of the journal is strictly focused on **issues related to UDA**, including but not limited to:

- Underwater sensing, detection, and surveillance
- Maritime security and underwater threat assessment
- Underwater communication and signal processing
- Autonomous underwater systems and robotics
- Marine environmental monitoring and sustainability
- Data analytics, artificial intelligence, and modelling for UDA
- Policy, governance, and strategic aspects of underwater awareness

Manuscripts must explicitly address underwater domain awareness. Submissions that do not demonstrate a clear and substantial connection to UDA—regardless of their academic quality—will be **rejected at the initial screening stage.**

The International Journal of *Underwater Domain Awareness (IJUDA)* is committed to publishing **high-quality, original, and impactful research** that demonstrates:

- Clear relevance to underwater domain awareness
- Interdisciplinary integration where appropriate
- Methodological rigor and scientific validity
- Innovation and practical or policy significance

All submissions must adhere to the highest standards of **academic integrity and ethical publishing practices**. Manuscripts must be original, free from plagiarism, and not under consideration elsewhere. Each submission undergoes a rigorous peer-review process to ensure scholarly quality, credibility, and relevance to the journal's scope.

In addition to original research articles, the journal welcomes review papers, case studies, and technical contributions that provide meaningful insights into UDA-related challenges and advancements.

By maintaining a strong and focused scope, the *UDA Journal* aims to serve as a specialized and authoritative platform for advancing research and collaboration in underwater domain awareness.

2. Types of Manuscripts Accepted

Authors may submit:

- Original Research Articles
- Review Articles
- Case Studies / Case Reports
- Book Reviews (if invited)

3. General Submission Requirements

3.1 Originality

- Manuscripts must be **original and unpublished**.
- Submissions must not be under consideration elsewhere.

3.2 Language

- All manuscripts must be written in **clear, concise English**.
- Authors are responsible for language accuracy.

3.3 Submission Format

- Submit manuscripts in **Word (.doc/.docx)** format.
- Use a standard font (Times New Roman, size 12).
- Line spacing: **1.5**

- Font Colour - Black
- Margins: **1 inch (2.54 cm)** on all sides.

4. Manuscript Structure

4.1 Title Page

Include:

- Full title of the manuscript
- Author names and affiliations
- Corresponding author details (email, phone)
- ORCID ID (if available)

4.2 Abstract

- 150–250 words
- Clearly state:
 - Objective
 - Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusion

4.3 Keywords

- 4–6 keywords
- Avoid repeating words from the title

4.4 Main Text

For Research Articles:

1. Introduction
2. Literature Review (optional but recommended)
3. Methodology
4. Results
5. Discussion
6. Conclusion

For Review Articles:

- Introduction
- Thematic sections
- Critical analysis
- Conclusion

4.5 Tables and Figures

- Number sequentially (Table 1, Figure 1, etc.)
- Provide captions and sources (if applicable)
- Ensure high-resolution images

4.6 References

- Follow the prescribed citation style (e.g., APA/MLA/Chicago – specify for UDA)
- Ensure:
 - All references cited in text are listed
 - No missing or incomplete references

5. Ethical Guidelines

5.1 Plagiarism Policy

- Similarity index must be **below 15–20%** (excluding references)
- Plagiarism, including self-plagiarism, will result in **immediate rejection**

5.2 Authorship Criteria

All authors must:

- Have made significant contributions
- Approve the final manuscript
- Agree to submission

5.3 Conflict of Interest

- Authors must disclose any financial or personal conflicts

5.4 Ethical Approval

- Required for studies involving:
 - Human participants
 - Animals
- Include approval details in the manuscript

5.5 Data Integrity

- Fabrication or falsification of data is strictly prohibited

6. Submission Process

Step 1: Prepare Manuscript

- Ensure compliance with formatting and structure

Step 2: Submit Manuscript

- Submit via:
 - Journal submission portal OR
 - Official journal email

Step 3: Acknowledgment

- Authors receive confirmation within **48 hours**

7. Peer Review Process

- Double-blind peer review (recommended)
- Minimum **2 reviewers**
- Review timeline: **2–3 weeks**

8. Editorial Decisions

Possible outcomes:

- Accept
- Minor Revision
- Major Revision
- Reject

9. Revision Guidelines

- Submit:
 - Revised manuscript
 - Point-by-point response to reviewer comments
- Highlight changes clearly (track changes preferred)

10. Publication Process

- Accepted manuscripts undergo:
 - Copyediting
 - Proofreading
- Authors must approve final proofs before publication

11. Copyright Policy

- Authors retain copyright OR transfer rights (specify)
- Journal may publish under:
 - Open Access OR Subscription model

12. Important Reasons for Rejection

Manuscripts may be rejected if:

- Out of journal scope
- Poor quality or lack of novelty
- Plagiarism detected
- Non-compliance with guidelines
- Ethical violations
- Inadequate revisions

13. Contact Information

editor.journal@udafoundation.in

14. Final Checklist for Authors

Before submission, ensure:

- Manuscript follows journal format
- Abstract and keywords included
- References properly formatted
- Plagiarism checked
- Ethical statements included
- Figures and tables properly labelled