



Guidelines for Contributors - LabTalk and Let's Find Out

LabTalk and Let's Find Out are the publications of the Science Teachers Association of Victoria Inc. (STAV). LabTalk is produced for secondary school science teachers, and Let's Find Out is produced for teachers in primary schools. Publications are sent to members and to subscribing institutions, including secondary and primary schools, tertiary education faculties and university and public libraries.

What topics do the Journals contain?

Articles published in Let's Find Out (LFO) and LabTalk can include anything which might be of interest to early childhood, primary, secondary science educators. Within that general principle, articles should not conflict with the goals of the Association and the editors have discretion as to what is published.

What type of articles are published in LabTalk and Let's Find Out?

Typical examples of articles published:

- Material directly applicable to classroom teaching eg. worksheets, classroom management strategies, information on how to use software
- Material useful in preparing school curriculum eg. discussion of curriculum frameworks such as Australian Curriculum, or ideas for excursion sites
- Material relevant to running a science department eg. managing safety issues or laboratory design
- Material relevant to broad understanding of science education eg. summaries of research in learning in science or recent significant science education research
- Material developing knowledge of science & technology eg. new scientific findings, innovative technology or the history of a scientific discovery
- Material reflecting on the interaction of science, society and education eg. the political use and abuse of science, science in different social settings and the place of science in our culture

This list is not intended to be exhaustive. Keep in mind the basic principle: anything which might be of interest to our readers. Articles with an obvious commercial slant will not be considered for publication.

How long can an article be?

From Edition 4 2021 two types of articles will be published in the journals. General articles and Peer reviewed articles. STAV aims to have at least one peer reviewed article in each edition of each journal. The author of the article can nominate which article type they are submitting.

Articles vary in length. Ideally, STAV publishes pieces ranging from 1 to 4 pages (ie 600-2400 words).

Peer reviewed articles can be longer, up to 4,000 words. Your article will be reviewed by at least two members of our editorial committee, with any necessary changes communicated back to you.

What information is included with published articles?

We include with each article:

- Author's name
- Workplace affiliation
- Brief biographical note (100 words or less)
- Thumbnail photo (preferred but optional)

How are articles for STAV Journals submitted?

Email your completed article(s) to:

LabTalk (secondary)

LabTalk Editor

Email: admin@stav.vic.edu.au

Your article will be reviewed by the managing editor and you will receive written notification if STAV wishes to publish your article. If the article is not suitable, we will endeavour to assist you in making the appropriate changes for publication.

Let's Find Out (primary)

Let's Find Out Editor

Email: admin@stav.vic.edu.au

Email articles for either Journal to:

Managing Editor

Email: publications@stav.vic.edu.au

Ph: (03) 9385 3999

Once your article is published, you will receive a printed copy of LabTalk or Let's Find Out.

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Text

- Microsoft Word for text documents.
- Position images in files.

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Article Details

Name of article

Which journal is the article suitable for? Let's Find Out (Primary) LabTalk (Secondary)

Are you submitting this article as a General Article or Peer Review?

General Article (Teacher reflection, Teacher narrative, event reporting, advertorial)

Peer Review Article (Teacher reflection, Teacher narrative, Exemplar practitioner, event reporting, advertorial)

Further information about the article

If the article is a worksheet or other curriculum material, what year level and subject is it suitable for?

Teacher? Yes No Extension Education Provider? Yes No

Commercial? Yes No

Brief Biography: (less than 100 words) Can be emailed to: admin@stav.vic.edu.au

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