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## Instructions for Authors

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The *Journal of the North Atlantic (JONA)* is a multi-disciplinary, peer-reviewed and edited scientific journal focusing on the peoples of the North Atlantic, their expansion into the region over time, and their interactions with their changing environment. Since it is a full-featured online-only journal, articles can be quickly published and made available to researchers worldwide. The journal will publish a wide diversity of research articles, as well as research summaries and general interest articles in closely related disciplines, which, when considered together, will help contribute to a comprehensive multidisciplinary understanding of the historical interplay between cultural and environmental changes in the North Atlantic world. Specifically, the journal's focus will include paleo-environmental reconstruction and modelling, historical ecology, anthropology, ecology of organisms important to humans, archaeology, human/environment/climate interactions, climate history, ethnography, ethnohistory, historical analyses, discussions of cultural heritage, and place-name studies. The journal has no online publication fees, even for large papers. The journal will be indexed in a full range of journal content databases. All manuscripts will be peer-reviewed by a guest editor in collaboration with two reviewers, each of whom will be a subject matter expert and each of whom will make editorial recommendations. Manuscripts will be edited in collaboration with the authors for readability, clarity, accuracy, and brevity. Authors are encouraged to seek outside review of their manuscript before submitting it to the journal. Manuscripts generally fall in the following categories:

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