

Author Declaration and Copyright Agreement Form

(Submit this form along with your manuscript)

Manuscript Title:

Author(s): [List all authors in the order they appear in the manuscript]

1. Declaration of Originality and Responsibility

We, the undersigned author(s), hereby declare that:

- The submitted manuscript is **original**, has **not been published before**, and is **not under consideration** elsewhere.
- All authors have **contributed significantly** to the manuscript and have agreed to its submission to *Synergy: International Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies.*
- I/We consent to the publication of the manuscript in Synergy Int. J. Multidiscip. Stud.
- The manuscript contains no plagiarism, no fabricated or falsified data, and all references are verifiable and accurately cited using APA 7th Edition.
- All in-text citations are included in the reference list, and all references listed are cited in the text.
- The article complies with all applicable ethical standards, including the disclosure of conflicts of interest and funding sources, if applicable.
- If any Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools were used in manuscript preparation, they have been disclosed appropriately, in accordance with the journal's AI Usage Policy.
- I/We confirm that the manuscript does **not infringe upon the academic property rights** of any third party and agree to **indemnify and hold harmless** *Synergy Int. J. Multidiscip. Stud.* from any claims related to such violations.
- I/We declare that there are **no conflicts of interest** (financial or otherwise) beyond those disclosed in the manuscript.
- I/We have reviewed and approved the **final version** of the manuscript and take **full responsibility** for its content.
- The work presented in the manuscript is **original to us**, and our individual contributions are **substantial** enough to qualify for authorship.
- All individuals who have made **substantial contributions** have been appropriately acknowledged, and **no one who qualifies for authorship has been omitted**.

2. Copyright and Licensing

Upon acceptance of the manuscript, the author(s):

- **Retain full copyright** of the article.
- Grant *Synergy: International Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies (SIJMDS)* the **exclusive right** to publish the article, under the terms of the **Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License** (CC BY 4.0).
 - The article may be freely shared, reproduced, and adapted by others, provided appropriate **attribution** to the author(s) is given.
- Exclusive Publishing Rights: After publication in *Synergy: International Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies (SIJMDS)*, the author(s) agree **not to submit** the article or any **final version** of it to another journal or publication outlet without obtaining **prior permission** from SIJMDS.

3. APC and Refund Acknowledgement

We understand and accept the journal's Article Processing Charges (APC) policy: The APC is collected in two parts:

• Initial Payment: A non-refundable fee of USD 5 for international author(s) or INR 500 for Indian author(s), payable at the time of submission.

Note:

The *initial payment* serves as a *processing fee* and helps ensure that only *genuine and serious authors* submit their work. Authors who are committed to publishing their research typically prepare their manuscripts carefully, following the journal's guidelines.

This step is also necessary to discourage the submission of low-quality or AI-generated content submitted solely for the purpose of obtaining publication, without regard for scholarly standards.

Synergy: International Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies (ISSN: 3048-7005)



- Final Payment: A fee of USD 45 for international author(s) or INR 2000 for international author(s), payable upon acceptance and before final publication.
- The initial APC payment is non-refundable, regardless of the outcome of the review process.
- If the manuscript is found to violate journal policies (e.g., ethical breaches, missing references, fake citations, improper formatting), it may be **rejected without refund**.

4. Author Contributions and Consent

Each author confirms that:

- They have read the final version of the manuscript.
- They approve of its submission to *SIJMDS*.
- They accept accountability for the content and integrity of the manuscript.

5. Author Information and Signatures

| S No. | Full Name | Affiliation | Email | Signature | Date |
|----------|-----------|-------------|-------|-----------|------|
| 1 | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | |

Corresponding Author Declaration

I, the corresponding author, confirm that:

- All listed authors have agreed to the submission and content of the manuscript.
- I am responsible for communication with the journal throughout the submission, peer review, and publication process.

Corresponding Author Name:

Signature:

Date:

Important Notes

- 1. All authors **must sign** this form.
- 2. No changes to authorship (including order or addition/removal of authors) are allowed after submission without a valid written justification and approval from the editorial board.
- 3. If authorship is disputed or challenged, the manuscript may be held or returned until the issue is resolved.
- 4. This form may be **photocopied or scanned** as needed for multiple signatures.

Submit this completed and signed form as a PDF along with your manuscript submission via <u>https://sijmds.com/index.php/pub/about/submissions</u> or email it to <u>editor@sijmds.com</u>