

LUCERNA 2026 Call for Papers

All UMKC undergraduates are invited to submit scholarship to the Lucerna research journal for possible publication in Volume 20 in 2026.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

GENERAL

We accept submissions from currently enrolled UMKC undergraduates.

Your submission must have been completed during your undergraduate studies under the supervision of a UMKC faculty member or for a course/lab at UMKC.

You may submit one article or essay per year.

Previously published or simultaneously submitted work will not be considered for publication in Lucerna.

For more information, contact Editor-in-Chief Theo Raitzer at umkclucerna@umkc.edu.

FORMATTING

Articles should be between 2,000-6,000 words, MLA or APA style, 12-point font, double-spaced, and include a works cited or reference page.

Include a cover page with your name and phone number, as well as your instructor/PI/faculty mentor's name and email address.

Submissions should be sent as Word documents to umkclucerna@umkc.edu. PDFs are acceptable if needed to maintain text formatting.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

The priority deadline for submission is **December 13, 2024**, and the authors of articles that require revision for final consideration will receive advice from *Lucerna* student reviewers. Authors will then be encouraged to resubmit their work by **May 23, 2025**.

The final deadline for submission is May 23, 2025, and submissions will be accepted or declined without detailed response.

SELECTION PROCESS

Each submission will be evaluated as an anonymous review by at least two volunteer Honors Program student reviewers. Submissions are judged for clarity, originality, organization, and argumentative qualities, and a numerical score is assigned to each category. The submissions that receive the highest scores will be considered for publication.

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