
PJPA CRITERIA IN ACCEPTING ARTICLES

Originality

Is it innovative or creative in terms of its topic, approach, method, evidence or conclusion?
Does it tackle an emerging interest in the field?

Methodological Appropriateness

Are the methods described? Does it use the methods appropriate to the content, scope and context of the subject matter? Are the methods used to gather the data and to arrive at the conclusions?

Clarity

Is the research question/problem well formulated? Is it precise? Is the question/problem being addressed consistent throughout the article? Are key concepts clearly defined?

Literature Review

Is it clearly grounded on theory? Does it cite and build upon relevant previous studies on the subject? Does it state the place of the work in the existing literature? Has the literature been reviewed and not merely annotated? Does the literature inform the framework and/or the analysis? Are proper citations made?

Analysis

Does the analysis refer to the data? Are the information gathered and presented assembled and processed to address the subject and objectives of the study? Is the analysis or the emerging theory clearly stated and coherent and not a mere enumeration or description of data/ information?

Organization

Is it logically structured? Does the presentation of the data and analysis support the development of the thesis/argument? Is the framework used to guide the organization of the paper?

Writing style

Is it concise? Is the tone academic? Have proper citations been made for unoriginal ideas or facts? Do the citations have complete details?

Relevance to Public Administration and Governance

Will the article interest policymakers, Public Administration academics and practitioners?
Are the implications of its findings to the field of Public Administration clearly stated and examined?

Conclusion(s) based squarely on the findings of the paper

Does it have conclusions? Are the conclusions consistent with the theoretical premises, key findings and analysis? Are recommendations, if there are, warranted and/or logical?

Overall Article Quality

Is it a significant, fundamental article for its field?