

## FAQs for Contributors to *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*

### 1. What makes a good paper for *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*?

*Names*, as the title implies, is a journal which is dedicated to the investigation of onomastic data. For that reason, papers accepted for publication must not only have a strong onomastic focus, but also make a substantive, innovative contribution to the field. In addition, all papers are expected to fulfil the following textual expectations: contain a thesis/hypothesis and study design that are novel and strong; offer methods that are validated and properly described; present data in a clear and concise fashion; use figures that can stand alone without explanatory text; give a signposted discussion that is balanced and not selective; and provide a conclusion that is accurate and non-repetitive.

### 2. What are some common errors in submitting an article to *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*?

The two biggest mistakes which authors make are neglecting to consult the official *Names* Style Sheet to ensure that their work conforms to the stylistic and grammatical regulations of the Journal; and failing to properly proof-read their paper before submission. Both of these errors are sufficient grounds for an immediate rejection by the Editorial Board.

### 3. Why was my submission to *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* rejected?

One of the most common reasons for having a paper rejected is that the submission did not conform to the regulations presented in the official *Names* Style Sheet. Aside from that mistake, papers are rejected if the research does not sufficiently advance knowledge in the field of onomastics; the paper demonstrates a lack of expertise in onomastic research and theory; the research findings lack novelty and only confirm what is already well-established; the study is methodologically flawed in either design or execution; the paper is badly written or poorly organized; the subject-matter is inappropriate for a linguistics journal specialized in onomastic research.

### 4. What do I do if my submission to *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* requires revision or is rejected?

The *Names* Editorial Board devotes a great deal of time to give detailed feedback to authors regarding their submissions. If revisions are requested, please take the time to read and address all of the comments provided. Failure to make the recommended revisions will be considered grounds for rejection. If a paper is entirely rejected, it is recommended that another, more appropriate, publication venue be sought.

### 5. What are some resources to consult before I submit my article to *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*?

#### **Proof-reading and Editing**

The *Names* Publisher, Taylor & Francis, offers editing services for a fee. The link for this editing service is: <http://www.tandfeditingservices.com/en/>.

Taylor & Francis points out that:

We are confident that our services (English Language Editing, Translation, Manuscript Formatting, and Figure Preparation) will improve the quality of your work. We cannot guarantee acceptance of your paper. However, if your paper is rejected for English-language reasons, we will re-edit it for free.

**Paragraph Writing**

<http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/arts/writcent/hypergrammar/paragrph.html>

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/606/01/>

**Academic English**

<http://www.uefap.com/writing/writfram.htm>

**Scientific Abstracts**

<http://www.kumj.com.np/issue/43/262-265.pdf>

**6. Whom do I contact if I have further questions?**

If you have any further questions about the submission, revision, or publication process, please contact our Journal Editor, Professor Frank Nuessel (frank.nuessel@louisville.edu)