Where to Submit Scholarly Articles on Personal Finance, Asset Building, or Financial Literacy?
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This document is intended to help Center for Financial Security affiliates identify peer-reviewed journals for their research. CFS working papers may be a good fit for a number of journals listed in this document. Many of these journals are multidisciplinary and focus on applied research.

The journals are divided into three broad categories: 1) journals indexed in the Journal Citation Rankings® database; 2) journals that are not currently indexed by JCR®; and 3) housing journals (all but one of the housing journals are indexed by JCR®). Housing journals are included in this list because they publish papers on household finance and because some CFS projects examine housing issues. We identified the journals in this document by scanning the literature for articles on topics similar to those researched by CFS affiliates. Please contact Collin O’Rourke (cmorourke@wisc.edu) or Michael Collins (jmcollins@wisc.edu) to suggest other journals for the list, or if you feel a journal is included in this list erroneously.

Each journal entry links to the journal’s homepage, lists the journal’s editor, lists citation data from the Journal Citation Reports® (JCR) Social Sciences Edition 2011, contains a brief description of the journal, links to the author guidelines, and lists representative publications from the journal. Not all of this information is available for each journal.

Please note that the JCR citation data is the industry standard source of data on citations—if a journal’s homepage lists citation data, it is almost certainly from JCR.

Key for the JCR data:
- **IF** = Impact factor: average number of times articles from the journal published in the past two years have been cited in the JCR year.
- **5YIF** = 5-year impact factor: average number of times articles from the journal published in the past five years have been cited in the JCR year.
- **II** = Immediacy index: how quickly articles in a journal are cited.
- **CHL** = Cited Half-Life
- **AIS** = Article Influence Score: average influence of a journal's articles over the first five years after publication.

The journal descriptions are copied and pasted from each journal’s website (in the interest of time). Thus, some of the descriptions try to “sell” the journal while others use more mundane language and therefore sound more objective. Please be aware of this difference as you read the descriptions.
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(listed in descending order by impact factor)

1) **Review of Financial Studies**
Editor: David Hirshleifer
[IF: 4.748; 5YIF: 5.178; II: 0.750; CHL: 7.4; AIS: 6.443]

Description: “The Review of Financial Studies is a major forum for the promotion and wide dissemination of significant new research in financial economics. As reflected by its broadly based editorial board, the Review balances theoretical and empirical contributions. The primary criteria for publishing a paper are its quality and importance to the field of finance, without undue regard to its technical difficulty. Finance is interpreted broadly to include the interface between finance and…”

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Representative Publications:

2) **Journal of Finance**
Editor: Kenneth J. Singleton
[IF: 4.218; 5YIF: 6.333; II: 0.983; CHL: >10; AIS: 7.456]

Description: “The Journal of Finance publishes leading research across all the major fields of financial research. It is the most widely cited academic journal on finance…”

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Representative Publications:

3) **Journal of Economic Perspectives**
Editor: David Autor
[IF: 4.211; 5YIF: 5.865; II: 0.512; CHL: >10; AIS: 6.799]

Description: “The Journal of Economic Perspectives (JEP) attempts to fill a gap between the general interest press and most other academic economics journals. The journal aims to publish articles that will
serve several goals: to synthesize and integrate lessons learned from active lines of economic research; to provide economic analysis of public policy issues; to encourage cross-fertilization of ideas among the fields of thinking; to offer readers an accessible source for state-of-the-art economic thinking; to suggest directions for future research; to provide insights and readings for classroom use; and to address issues relating to the economics profession. Articles appearing in the journal are normally solicited by the editors and associate editors. Proposals for topics and authors should be directed to the journal office.”

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Representative publications:


4) **Journal of Consumer Research**  
Editors: Mary Frances Luce, Ann McGill, and Laura Peracchio  
[IF: 3.101; 5YIF: 3.960; II: 0.466; CHL: >10; AIS: 1.897]

Description: “the Journal of Consumer Research publishes scholarly research that describes and explains consumer behavior. Empirical, theoretical, and methodological articles spanning fields such as psychology, marketing, sociology, economics, communications, and anthropology are featured in this interdisciplinary journal. The primary thrust of JCR is academic, rather than managerial, with topics ranging from micro-level processes (such as brand choice) to more macro-level issues (such as the development of materialistic values).”

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Representative Publications:


5) **American Economic Journal: Applied Economics**  
Editor: Esther Duflo  
[IF: 2.757; 5YIF: 2.811; II: 1.444; CHL: 2.0; AIS: 4.423]

Description: “American Economic Journal: Applied Economics publishes papers covering a range of topics in applied economics, with a focus on empirical microeconomic issues. In particular, we welcome papers on labor economics, development microeconomics, health, education, demography, empirical corporate finance, empirical studies of trade, and empirical behavioral economics.”

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Representative publications:

6) **Review of Economics and Statistics**
Editors: Philippe Aghion, Amitabh Chandra, Gordon Hanson, Asim Ijaz Khwaja, David S. Lee, and Mark W. Watson (Chair)
[IF: 2.664; 5YIF: 3.812; II: 0.465; CHL: >10; AIS: 4.388]

Description: “*The Review of Economics and Statistics* is a general journal of applied (especially quantitative) economics. Edited at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, The Review has published some of the most important articles in empirical economics. From time to time, The Review also publishes collections of papers or symposia devoted to a single topic of methodological or empirical interest.”

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Representative publications:

7) **Journal of Human Resources**
Editor: Sandra E. Black
[IF: 2.371; 5YIF: 3.162; II: 0.500; CHL: >10; AIS: 3.405]

Description: “The Journal of Human Resources is a quarterly journal that publishes academic papers using the best available empirical methods, principally in the field of economics. It is not a management journal” (emphasis added).

**Author guidelines**

Representative Publications:

8) **American Economic Journal: Economic Policy**  
Editor: Alan Auerbach  
[IF: 1.939; 5YIF: 1.980; II: 0.933; CHL: 1.7; AIS: 2.626]

**Description:** “American Economic Journal: Economic Policy publishes papers covering a range of topics, the common theme being the role of economic policy in economic outcomes. Subject areas include public economics; urban and regional economics; public policy aspects of health, education, welfare and political institutions; law and economics; economic regulation; and environmental and natural resource economics.”  
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Representative publication:  

9) **Journal of Business Research**  
Editor: A. Woodside  
[IF: 1.872; 5YIF: 2.473; II: 0.236; CHL: 7.3; AIS: 0.631]

**Description:** “The Journal of Business Research applies theory developed from business research to actual business situations. Recognizing the intricate relationships between the many areas of business activity, JBR examines a wide variety of business decisions, processes and activities within the actual business setting. Theoretical and empirical advances in buyer behavior, finance, organizational theory and behavior, marketing, risk and insurance and international business are evaluated on a regular basis. Published for executives, researchers and scholars alike, the Journal aids the application of empirical research to practical situations and theoretical findings to the reality of the business world.”  
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Representative Publications:  

10) **Policy Studies Journal**  
Editor: Chris Weible  
[IF: 1.791; 5YIF: 1.302; II: 1.463; CHL: 6.3; AIS: 0.496]

**Description:** “PSJ is best characterized as an outlet for theoretically and empirically grounded research on policy process and policy analysis. More specifically, the goal is to publish articles that advance public
policy theory, explicitly articulate its methods of data collection and analysis, and provide clear
descriptions of how their work advances the literature” … accepts manuscripts on “public policy theory,
policy analysis and evaluation, methodological approaches to policy research, synthetic reviews,
point/counterpoints, and public policy founders. Although I emphasize empirical analysis, I also wish to
encourage submissions from authors whose current work might be more theoretical.”

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Representative Publications:

11) Journal of Public Policy & Marketing
Editor: David W. Stewart
[IF: 1.595 5YIF: 2.364; II: 0.040; CHL: >10; AIS: 0.972]

Description: “JPP&M … illustrates the contribution that marketing plays in the legal and regulatory venue.
Published every six months, JPP&M’s peer-reviewed articles help marketing professionals, professors, and
students keep abreast of the latest government regulations and legal standards regarding marketing
practices. Every article, written by scholars from fields such as economics, consumer affairs, government,
marketing, and public policy, contains new perspectives, empirical results, and research methods. JPP&M
also seeks to publish careful analyses of how well consumers’ needs are being met as they strive to
improve the quality of their lives and make efficient choices against a backdrop of sophisticated and
innovative marketing activity.”

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Representative publications:
Burgess, Deanna O., Todd M. Shank, Daniel Borgia, and Ronald Paul Hill. 2001. Consumer Lending and
Lee, Jinkook, and Jeanne M. Hogarth. 1999. The Price of Money: Consumers' Understanding of APRs and

12) Journal of Public Economics
Editor: R. Chetty
[IF: 1.459; 5YIF: 2.196; II: 0.213; CHL: 9.6; AIS: 2.145]

Description: “The aim of the Journal of Public Economics is to encourage original scientific contributions
on the problems of public economics, with particular emphasis on the application of modern economic
theory and methods of quantitative analysis. It provides a forum for discussion of public policy of interest
to an international readership.”

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Representative publications:

13) *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*
Editors: Dominic Brewer, Bruce Fuller, and Susanna Loeb
[IF: 1.378; 5YIF: 1.811; II: 0.042; CHL: >10; AIS: 1.410]

Description: “Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis (EEPA) publishes manuscripts of theoretical or practical interest to those engaged in educational evaluation or policy analysis, including economics, demographic, financial, and political analyses of education policies; syntheses of previously completed policy studies, evaluation theories, and methodologies; results of significant evaluation efforts; retrospective views of evaluation studies, and book reviews related to educational evaluation and policy issues.”
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14) *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*
Editors: Robert DeYoung, Paul Evans, Pok-sang Lam, and Kenneth D. West
[IF: 1.093; 5YIF: 1.724; II: 0.352; CHL: 9.1; AIS: 1.865]

Description: “Journal of Money, Credit and Banking (JMCB) is a leading professional journal read and referred to by scholars, researchers, and policymakers in the areas of money and banking, credit markets, regulation of financial institutions, international payments, portfolio management, and monetary and fiscal policy. The JMCB represents a wide spectrum of viewpoints and specializations in its fields through its advisory board, associate editors, and referees from academic, financial, and governmental institutions around the world.”
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Representative publications:

15) **Journal of Economic Psychology**
Editors: Erik Hölzl and Erich Kirchler
[IF: 1.069; 5YIF: 1.617; II: 0.176; CHL: 9.0; AIS: 0.975]

Description: “The Journal aims to present research that will improve understanding of behavioral, especially socio-psychological, aspects of economic phenomena and processes. The Journal seeks to be a channel for the increased interest in using behavioral science methods for the study of economic behavior, and so to contribute to better solutions of societal problems, by stimulating new approaches and new theorizing about economic affairs. Economic psychology as a discipline studies the psychological mechanisms that underlie consumption and other economic behavior. It deals with preferences, choices, decisions, and factors influencing these, as well as the consequences of decisions and choices with respect to the satisfaction of needs. This includes the impact of external economic phenomena upon human behavior and well-being. Studies in economic psychology may relate to different levels of aggregation, from the household and the individual consumer to the macro level of whole nations. Economic behavior in connection with inflation, unemployment, taxation, economic development, as well as consumer information and economic behavior in the marketplace are thus the major fields of interest.”

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**Representative Publications:**

16) **Journal of Consumer Affairs**
Editor: Sharon Tennyson
[IF: 1.032; 5YIF: 1.395; II: 0.321; CHL: >10; AIS 0.484]

Description: The Journal of Consumer Affairs publishes “multidisciplinary research on the interests of consumers in the marketplace. JCA publishes high quality research on consumer behavior, consumer and household decision making, and the implications of private business practices and government policies for consumers’ wellbeing. Consumer markets are broadly conceived to include durable and nondurable goods and services, financial products, health and medical care, food, entertainment, energy, and housing. Consistent with the journal’s affiliation with the American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI) and its origins in the consumer movement, research published in the journal focuses on protecting consumers’ interests and is addressed from the consumers’ point of view.”

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**Representative publications:**

17) **Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization**

Editor: Pablo T. Spiller  
[IF: 1.023; 5YIF: 1.672; II: 0.273; CHL: >10; AIS: 1.784]  

Description: “The Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization is an interdisciplinary journal which promotes an understanding of many complex phenomena by examining such matters from a combined law, economics, and organization perspective. It includes scholarship which draws upon political science, psychology, and sociology, among other fields. The journal also holds the study of institutions - especially economic, legal, and political institutions - to be specifically important and greatly in need of careful analytic study.”  
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Representative Publication:  

18) **Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization**

Editor: W.S. Neilson  
[IF: 1.006; 5YIF: 1.439; II: 0.195; CHL: 9.1; AIS: 1.161]  

Description: “The Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization is devoted to theoretical and empirical research concerning economic decision, organization and behavior and to economic change in all its aspects. Its specific purposes are to foster an improved understanding of how human cognitive, computational and informational characteristics influence the working of economic organizations and market economies and how an economy's structural features lead to various types of micro and macro behavior, to changing patterns of development and to institutional evolution. Research with these purposes that explore the interrelations of economics with other disciplines such as biology, psychology, law, anthropology, sociology and mathematics is particularly welcome.”  
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Representative Publications:  
In the summer of 2010, JEBO released a call for papers for a special issue titled “Consumer Decisionmaking: Insights from Behavioral Economics”

19) **Economic Inquiry**

Editor: Wesley W. Wilson  
[IF: 0.984; 5YIF: 1.254; II: 0.211; CHL: >10; AIS: 1.165]  

Description: “Besides containing research on all economics topic areas, a principal objective is to make each article understandable to economists who are not necessarily specialists in the article's topic area”  
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Representative Publications:

20) Journal of Policy Analysis and Management
Editor: Maureen Pirog
[IF: 0.932; 5YIF: 1.683; II: 0.269; CHL: 8.4; AIS: 1.125]

Description: “This journal encompasses issues and practices in policy analysis and public management. Listed among the contributors are economists, public managers, and operations researchers. Featured regularly are book reviews and a department devoted to discussing ideas and issues of importance to practitioners, researchers, and academics.”

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Representative publications:

21) Public Choice
Editor: William F. Shughart II
[IF: 0.913; 5YIF: 1.250; II: 0.162; CHL: >10; AIS: 0.795]

Description: “Public Choice deals with the intersection between economics and political science. The journal was founded at a time when economists and political scientists became interested in the application of essentially economic methods to problems normally dealt with by political scientists. It has always retained strong traces of economic methodology, but new and fruitful techniques have been developed which are not recognizable by economists. Public Choice therefore remains central in its chosen role of introducing the two groups to each other, and allowing them to explain themselves through the medium of its pages.”

Author guidelines are embedded in the journal’s homepage.

Representative Publications:

22) **Journal of Law and Economics**
Editors: Dennis W. Carlton, John P. Gould, Richard Holden, Anup Malani, and Sam Peltzman
[IF: 0.891; 5YIF: 1.890; II: 0.438; CHL: >10; AIS: 1.807]

Description: “The Journal of Law and Economics publishes research on a broad range of topics including the economic analysis of regulation and the behavior of regulated firms, the political economy of legislation and legislative processes, law and finance, corporate finance and governance, and industrial organization. The journal has published some of the most influential and widely cited articles in these areas. It is an invaluable resource for academics as well as those interested in cutting-edge analysis of current public policy issues.”

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23) **Journal of Regulatory Economics**
Editor: Michael A. Crew
[IF: 0.836; 5YIF: 1.034; II: 0.179; CHL: 9.0; AIS: 0.705]

Description: “This journal publishes both theoretical and applied works, including experimental research. It addresses research on all aspects of regulation, including traditional problems of natural monopoly, antitrust and competition policy, incentive regulation, deregulation, auction theory, new policy instruments, health and safety regulation, environmental regulation, insurance and financial regulation, hazardous and solid waste regulation, universal service obligation, and consumer product regulation.”

Author guidelines are embedded in the journal’s homepage.

Representative publication:

24) **Review of Income and Wealth**
Editors: Conchita D'Ambrosio and Robert J. Hill
[IF: 0.805; 5YIF: 1.103 II: 0.205 CHL: 8.6; AIS: 0.848]

Description: “The Review of Income and Wealth is the official journal of the International Association of Research in Income and Wealth, which has as its objective the furthering of research on national and economic and social accounting, including the development of concepts and definitions for the measurement and analysis of income and wealth; the development and further integration of systems of economic and social statistics, and related problems of statistical methodology. As a journal with an international readership, preference is given to studies of methodological interest and comparative analyses of more than one country.”

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Representative publications:

25) Journal of Financial Services Research
Editor: H. Unal
[IF: 0.750; II: 0.118; CHL: 7.9]

Description: “The Journal of Financial Services Research publishes high quality empirical and theoretical research on the demand, supply, regulation, and pricing of financial services. Financial services are broadly defined to include banking, risk management, capital markets, mutual funds, insurance, venture capital, consumer and corporate finance, and the technologies used to produce, distribute, and regulate these services. Macro-financial policy issues, including comparative financial systems, the globalization of financial services, and the impact of these phenomena on economic growth and financial stability, are also within the JFSR’s scope of interest. The Journal seeks to promote research that enriches the profession’s understanding of financial services industries, to elevate industry and product efficiencies, as well as to inform the debate and promote the formulation of sound public policies.”

Author guidelines are embedded in the journal’s homepage.

Representative Publications:

26) Social Service Review
Editor: Michael R. Sosin
[IF: 0.721; 5YIF: 1.318; CHL: >10; AIS: 0.610]

Description: “The Review features balanced, scholarly contributions from social work and social welfare scholars, as well as from members of the various allied disciplines engaged in research on human behavior, social systems, history, public policy, and social services. The journal welcomes contributions on a wide range of topics, such as child welfare, poverty, homelessness, community intervention, race and ethnicity, clinical practice, and mental health. The Review also features discerning essays and substantive, critical book reviews.”

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Representative Publications:

27) Family Relations
Editor: Ronald Sabatelli
[IF: 0.680; 5YIF: 1.444; II: 0.022; CHL: >10; AIS: 0.582]

Description: The journal's content emphasizes family research with implications for intervention, education, and public policy, publishing: Empirical Studies, Literature Reviews, and Conceptual Analyses

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Representative Publications:

28) International Journal of Consumer Studies
Editor: Katherine Hughes
[IF: 0.661; II: 0.062; CHL: 4.5]

Description: “The International Journal of Consumer Studies provides an international forum for academic and research papers with a focus on how consumers can enhance their security and well being. It publishes articles of interest to an international audience and at the leading edge of consumer research throughout the world. The scope of the Journal includes: Consumer sciences and their application; Consumer policy; & Consumer education. The journal publishes articles about consumer protection, consumer behavior, the consumer ecosystem, and family and household studies.”

Author guidelines

Representative publications:
29) Review of Economics of the Household
Editor: Shoshana Grossbard
[IF: 0.643; II: 0.037; CHL: 5.4]

Description: “The Review of Economics of the Household publishes empirical and theoretical research on the economic behavior and decision-making processes of single and multi-person households. The journal emphasizes economic analyses on the effects of policy instruments on household decisions, macroeconomic applications, and research on economic development. Not wedded to particular models nor methods, the journal fosters high quality research using a variety of approaches. Household decisions analyzed in the journal include consumption, labor supply and other uses of time, household formation and dissolution, demand for health and other forms of human capital, fertility and investment in children’s human capital, demand for environmental and other public goods, migration, demand for religiosity, and decisions by agricultural households.”

Author guidelines are embedded in the journal’s homepage.

Representative Publications:

30) Public Money & Management
Editor: Jane Broadbent
[IF: 0.598; 5YIF: 0.821; II: 0.216; CHL: 6.5; AIS: 0.249]

Description: “Public Money & Management (PMM) publishes articles which contribute new knowledge as a basis for policy or management improvements, or which reflect on evidence from public service management and finance. The journal does not accept literature reviews. PMM has a multidisciplinary and international readership, including practitioners and policy-makers in all types of public service organizations, academics, consultants and advisers working with the public services, politicians, journalists, and students on both academic and professional courses. The editors welcome articles from a broad international perspective, which offer critical examinations or undertake comparative analyses.”

Author guidelines

Representative Publications:
31) *Contemporary Economic Policy*
Editor: Brad R. Humphreys
[IF: 0.595; 5YIF: 0.826; II: 0.022 CHL: 8.5; AIS 0.517]

Description: “First published in 1982 as Contemporary Policy Issues, Contemporary Economic Policy publishes scholarly economic research and analysis on issues of vital concern to economists, government, business, and other decision makers. Leading western scholars, including three Nobel laureates, are among CEP's authors. The objectives are to communicate results of high quality economic analysis to policymakers, focus high quality research and analysis on current policy issues of widespread concern, increase knowledge among economists of features of the economy key to understanding the impact of policy, and to advance methods of policy analysis. CEP publishes economic analysis of policy issues, methods and results for policy analysis, and surveys."

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Representative publications:

32) *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*
Editor: Iris Geva-May
[IF: 0.510; II: 0.655; CHL: 4.8]

Description: “The Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice aims to stimulate the further intellectual development of comparative policy studies and the growth of an international community of scholars in the field. It gives priority to comparative studies that: 1) Contribute to comparative theory development; 2) Present theory-based empirical research; 3) Offer comparative evaluations of research methods; 4) Derive the practice implications of theory-based research; 5) Use conceptual heuristics to interpret practice; and 6) Draw lessons based on circumstances in which the domains compared have certain manipulable policy, program or institutional variables in common. It invites manuscripts that address public policy analysis and related public administration and management in this unique manner. The JCPA encourages the submission of articles advancing the comparative dialogue on policy disciplines such as immigration, health care, environmental protection, education, security or human rights, and functionally, technology transfer, public finance and budgeting, administrative reform, performance measurement and others."

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Representative publications:

33) **Public Performance & Management Review**
Editor: Marc Holzer
[IF: 0.500; CHL: 6.7]

Description: “Public Performance & Management Review is a scholarly forum that addresses a broad range of factors influencing the performance of public and nonprofit organizations and agencies. Its objectives are to facilitate the development of innovative techniques and encourage a wider application of those already established; stimulate research and critical thinking about the relationship between public and private management theories; present integrated analyses of theories, concepts, strategies and techniques dealing with productivity, measurement and related questions of performance improvement; and provide a forum for practitioner-academic exchange. Continuing themes include managing for productivity, measuring and evaluating performance, improving budget strategies, managing human resources, building partnerships, and applying new technologies.”

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34) **Journal of Social Service Research**
Editor: Sophia F. Dziegielewsk
[IF: 0.439; 5YIF: 0.551; II: 0.023; CHL: 9.6; AIS: 0.147]

Description: “The Journal of Social Service Research is exclusively devoted to empirical research and its application to the design, delivery, and management of the new social services. The Journal focuses on outcomes-based research and practice, and clearly presents the different types of funded and non-funded state-of-the-art research being carried out in the field. Each issue effectively highlights both the quantitative and qualitative methodologies. Contributors from the national and international social service arenas provide an important and critical basis for management and policy decisions in a wide variety of social service settings.”

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Representative Publications:

35) **National Tax Journal**
Editors: William M. Gentry and George R. Zodrow
[IF: 0.373; 5YIF: 0.634; II: 0.300 CHL: >10; AIS 0.492]

Description: “The goal of the National Tax Journal (NTJ) is to encourage and disseminate high quality original research on governmental tax and expenditure policies. The focus of the NTJ is economic, theoretical, and empirical analysis of tax and expenditure issues, with an emphasis on policy implications."
The NTJ is published quarterly under the auspices of the National Tax Association (NTA). Articles published in the regular March, June and September issues of the journal as well as articles accepted for publication in special issues of the journal are subject to professional peer review. Most regular issues include an NTJ Forum, which consists of invited papers by leading scholars that examine in depth a single current tax or expenditure policy issue. The December issue is devoted to publishing papers presented at the NTA’s annual spring symposium. Forum papers and the articles in the December issue are not subject to peer review.”

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Representative publications:

36) Families in Society
[IF: 0.286; 5YIF: 0.467; II: 0.069; CHL: 9.3; AIS: 0.123]

Description: “Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services is a core publication in social work scholarship and is a trusted forum for social service professionals to explore and share ideas and concepts in the fields of social work and human services. Published by the Alliance for Children and Families, the articles in the journal represent the art and science of social work, and are at the forefront of emerging issues and trends in the field. Those that can benefit from Families in Society are practitioners, clinicians, administrators, researchers, policy analysts, health professionals, educators, and students.”

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Representative Publications:

37) Journal of Pension Economics & Finance
Editors: Lans Bovenburg, Olivia S. Mitchell, and J. Michael Orszag
[IF: 0.250; II: 0.367]

Description: “JPEF publishes original research papers, covering a variety of topics, including pension fund management, the regulation of pensions, and pensions and labour markets. There is also an Issues & Policy section which includes papers reviewing the state of debate on current public policies and other major aspects of the pensions debate.”

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Representative Publications:


38) *Journal of Behavioral Finance*

Editor: Brian Bruce
[IF: 0.143]

Description: “The journal is intended to foster debate among groups who have keen insights into the behavioral patterns of markets but have not historically published in the more traditional financial and economic journals. Further, it is designed to stimulate new interdisciplinary research and theory that will build a body of knowledge about the psychological influences on market fluctuations. The most obvious benefit is a new understanding of markets that can greatly improve investment decision making. Another benefit is the opportunity for behavioral scientists to expand the scope of their studies via the use of the enormous databases that document behavior in markets. The journal’s audience includes practitioners and investment professionals; personality, social, and organizational psychologists; clinical and cognitive psychologists, psychiatrists, and other mental health professionals; specialists in consumer behavior and marketing; specialists in the multidisciplinary study of judgment and decision making; researchers in finance and accounting; specialists in behavioral economics; and economic sociologists and anthropologists.”

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Representative Publications:


Journals that are not currently indexed in the JCR® database
(listed alphabetically)

1) **Business Economics**
Editor: Robert Thomas Crow

*Description:* “Business Economics is a refereed journal that serves as an essential resource and provides practical information for people who apply economics in their jobs. It fulfills this purpose by: providing a leading forum for debating solutions to critical business problems or the analysis of key business issues; providing best-practice models, tools and hands-on techniques from professionals in business; representing an important channel for summaries of action-oriented analysis aimed at solving business problems; giving insight into how to apply economics within business and how economic professionals respond to challenges in the workplace; representing and interpreting current economic information and issues that are educational and useful on the job.”

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**Representative publications:**

2) **Economic Letters**
Editors: Badi H. Baltagi, Andrew Samwick, Pierre-Daniel Sarte, and Roberto Serrano

*Description:* “Economics Letters aims to be a valuable addition to the specialist literature, offering quick dissemination and easy accessibility of new results, models and methods in all fields of economic research… The ‘letter’ format consists of concise communications, which are a vehicle to quickly communicate important pieces of new research. For instance, … an experimentalist or an empirical researcher could submit to Economics Letters some important preliminary results, where perhaps the threshold for robustness, thoroughness or completeness of the analysis is not as high as it would be for a complete paper.”

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3) **Education Economics**
Editor: Steve Bradley

*Description:* Education Economics is a peer-reviewed journal serving as a forum for debate in all areas of the economics and management of education. Particular emphasis is given to the ‘quantitative’ aspects of educational management which involve numerate disciplines such as economics and operational research. The content is of international appeal and is not limited to material of a technical nature. Applied work with clear policy implications is especially encouraged. Readership of the journal includes academics in the field of education, economics and management; civil servants and local government officials responsible
for education and manpower planning; educational managers at the level of the individual school or college.”

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4) Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal
Editor: Sharon A. DeVaney

Description: “The Family & Consumer Sciences Research Journal covers the richness, diversity and interdisciplinarity that characterize family and consumer sciences today. From consumerism, human development, and family studies to housing, technology, nutrition, and textiles, the FCSRJ keeps you up-to-date on this complex and vital field. Each refereed article in the FCSRJ includes cutting-edge research relevant for the family and consumer sciences professionals and practitioners. And whether you’re a researcher, scholar, student, or professional, you’ll appreciate the scope and depth of current research in such areas as Family Financial Management; FCS Education; Food and Nutrition; Housing and Equipment; Human Development and Family Studies; Professional Issues; and Textiles, Apparel, and Merchandising.”

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Representative publications:

5) Financial Services Review
Editor: Stuart E. Michelson

Description: “FSR is the official publication of the Academy of Financial Services (AFS meets before the annual CFP meetings). The purpose of this refereed academic journal is to encourage research that examines the impact of financial issues on individuals. In contrast to the many corporate or institutional journals that are available in finance, the focus of this journal is on individual financial management. The FSR journal provides a forum for those who are interested in the individual perspective on issues in the areas of Banking/Banking Services, Education in Financial Services, Employee Benefits, Estate and Tax Planning, Financial Counseling, Financial Planning, Insurance, Investments, Mutual Funds, Non-bank Financial Institutions, Pension and Retirement, Planning, and Real Estate. To encourage the development of curricula in financial services at the university level, appropriate pedagogical papers are accepted for publication.”

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Representative publications:

6) **The Forum for Family and Consumer Issues**  
*Editor:* Jacquelyn W. McClelland

**Description:** “The Forum for Family and Consumer Issues (FFCI) is a refereed e-journal that is designed to enhance knowledge about matters of current interest to professionals in the fields of family and consumer sciences and 4-H youth development. In addition to Extension professionals, our readers include practitioners in health care, dietetics, nursing home administration, other service agencies, students, the general public, and others. Articles published in FFCI further the mission of Cooperative Extension by facilitating the transfer and application of research/evidence-based knowledge to bring impact beyond the profession.”  
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**Representative publications:**

7) **Journal of Community Practice**  
*Editors:* Alice K. Johnson Butterfield, Scott Harding, Louise Simmons, and Tracy M. Soska

**Description:** The Journal of Community Practice is an interdisciplinary journal grounded in social work. It is designed to provide a forum for community practice, including community organizing, planning, social administration, organizational development, community development, and social change. The journal contributes to the advancement of knowledge related to numerous disciplines, including social work and the social sciences, urban planning, social and economic development, community organizing, policy analysis, urban and rural sociology, community health, public administration, and nonprofit management … As the only journal focusing on community practice, it covers research, theory, practice, and curriculum strategies for the full range of work with communities and organizations … This unique interdisciplinary journal utilizes a range of research methods, including: case studies, curriculum development, historical studies, participatory research, program evaluation, qualitative and quantitative methods, theory and model development”  
**Author Guidelines**

**Representative publications:**
8) **Journal of Consumer Education**  
**Editors:** Helen Roberts and Maude Toussaint-Comeau  

**Description:** “JCE is a refereed academic journal that promotes research ‘dedicated to the advancement of consumer education for all members of society.’ The purpose of JCE is to facilitate communication among researchers, consumer educators, and practitioners. JCE publishes original applied research papers and other manuscripts related to consumer and financial education such as conceptual and theoretical essays, position papers, reports of innovative educational practices, and literature reviews. Papers published in JCE have strong implications for consumer educators and financial practitioners and offer practical insight into how consumer research can be used to improve the teaching of consumer and financial education. Published papers also have direct implications for public policy, especially as it relates to major economic and financial challenges facing consumers.”  
**Author Guidelines**

**Representative publications:**  

9) **Journal of Consumer Marketing**  
**Editor:** Richard C Leventhal  

**Description:** “Journal of Consumer Marketing is a journal written by practitioners, consultants and marketing academics and is edited for marketers who desire further insight into how people behave as consumers worldwide. Consumption is a key element of much of human behaviour. Understanding consumer behaviour is the key to creating effective marketing strategies. We are committed to publishing not only research, but cases, new concepts and/or practices, as well as commentary which reflect personal opinion. JCM seeks to blend both theory and practice.”  
**Author Guidelines**

**Representative publications:**  

10) **Journal of Consumer Psychology**  
**Editor:** Connie Pechmann  

**Description:** “The Journal of Consumer Psychology is devoted to psychological perspectives on the study of the consumer. It publishes articles that contribute both theoretically and empirically to an understanding
of psychological processes underlying consumers' thoughts, feelings, decisions, and behaviors. Areas of emphasis include, but are not limited to, consumer judgment and decision processes, attitude formation and change, reactions to persuasive communications, affective experiences, consumer information processing, consumer-brand relationships, affective, cognitive, and motivational determinants of consumer behavior, family and group decision processes, and cultural and individual differences in consumer behavior.”

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Representative publications:

11) Journal of Family and Economic Issues
Editor: Elizabeth M. Dolan

Description: “Journal of Family and Economic Issues is an interdisciplinary publication that explores the intricate relationship between the family and its economic environment. Peer-reviewed contributions address important issues in family management, household division of labor and productivity, relationships between economic and non-economic decisions, and interrelations between work and family life, among others. The journal features: original and applied research; critical reviews; integrative theoretical articles; and reviews of significant books on the field.”

Author guidelines are embedded in the journal’s homepage.

Representative publications:

12) Journal of Financial Counseling and Planning
Editor: Frances C. Lawrence

Description: “The JFCP is a peer-reviewed journal published two times a year by the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education®. JFCP features original research and descriptions of effective approaches to education and practice concerning all aspects of financial counseling and planning. Readers expect to find detailed recommendations for education and practice in journal articles. Article topics concern financial management subject matter and counseling techniques and tools.”

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Representative publications:

13) *Journal of Financial Education / Advances in Financial Education*
Editor: Jean Heck

Description: “The Journal of Financial Education, published quarterly, is devoted to promoting financial education through publication of articles that focus on: 1) Educational research, 2) Creative pedagogy, and 3) Curriculum development. We seek articles that help improve the delivery of financial education through research that tests hypotheses regarding all aspects of the educational process, pedagogical papers that offer interesting or unique approaches to teaching, case studies, and literature reviews. … Advances in Financial Education is published once annually and has the same mission and the Journal of Financial Education. Advances is intended to provide an additional outlet for papers in financial education so authors have the opportunity for some diversity in their publication records. All papers are submitted to the Journal of Financial Education and, upon acceptance, the editor will decide in which publication the article will appear.”

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Representative publications:
James E. Mallett, Lawrence J. Belcher and G. Michael Boyd. “Experiment No More: The Long-Term Effectiveness of a Student-Managed Investments Program.”
Joseph C. Smolira and Denver H. Travis. “Applying Options in the Classroom: Selling Calls and Puts on Grades.”

14) *Journal of Financial Planning*
Managing Editor: Christina Nelson

Description: “The mission of the Journal of Financial Planning is to expand the body of knowledge of the financial planning profession. With monthly feature articles, interviews, columns, and peer-reviewed technical contributions, the Journal's content is dynamic, innovative, thought-provoking, and directly beneficial to financial planners in their work. Suggested topics include life or senior settlements, pension plan stability, lump sum pensions, health savings accounts, new guidance for separately managed accounts, max out or not max out 401(k) plans, auto leasing, combination long-term care insurance policies, advance medical directives, interest-only mortgages, and market-weighted indexes versus alternative weightings.”

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Representative publications:
15) **Journal of Financial Services Marketing**

**Editor:** Tina Harrison

**Description:** “Under the guidance of its expert Editors and an eminent international Editorial Board, Journal of Financial Services Marketing has become one of the world's leading forums for the latest thinking, techniques and developments in marketing financial services. The Journal has established itself as a key bridge between applied academic research and commercial best practice, globally. The Journal covers: marketing banking services, pension plans, insurance, saving schemes, investment finance, personal finance, mortgages and credit and debit cards; loyalty plans; brand management; cross-selling products and services; customer relationship management; online services; customer profiling; targeting; product positioning; pricing; distribution management; consumer finance; and pooled investment funds.”

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**Representative publications:**


16) **Journal of Financial Therapy**

**Editors:** John Grable and Kristy Archuleta

**Description:** “The Journal of Financial Therapy is the leading peer-reviewed journal dedicated to the dissemination of clinical, experimental, survey, and qualitative research that explores the interconnections between and among personal financial planning, financial counseling, marriage and family therapy, psychology, social work, and other helping professional fields. The Journal of Financial Therapy primarily publishes clinical, experimental, and survey research that examines the empirical link between personal financial knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors and personal and family well-being. The journal also accepts cross-sectional survey research, longitudinal and panel study research, case studies, financial therapy practice management tutorials, and literature reviews. Articles from financial therapists, both those working in academia and in practice, are welcomed.”

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**Representative publications (note this journal is new in 2010):**


17) **Journal of Personal Finance**
Editor: Michael Finke

**Description:** “The Journal of Personal Finance (JPF) publishes empirical and theoretical research on topics related to household financial decision making. JFP encourages submission of both normative and empirical research on topics including household portfolio choice, retirement planning and income distribution, individual financial decision making, household risk management, life cycle consumption and asset allocation, investment research relevant to individual portfolios, household credit use, professional financial advice and its regulation, behavioral factors related to financial decisions, financial education and literacy, and other topics that are of interest to scholars and practitioners in the field of personal finance.”

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**Representative publications:**

18) **Social Security Bulletin**
Editor: Michael V. Leonesio

**Description:** “The Social Security Bulletin is the quarterly research journal of the Social Security Administration. It has a diverse readership of policymakers, government officials, academics, graduate and undergraduate students, business people, and other interested parties. To promote the discussion of research questions and policy issues related to Social Security and the economic well being of the aged, the Bulletin welcomes submissions from researchers and analysts outside the agency for publication in its Perspectives section. We are particularly interested in papers that: assess the Social Security retirement, survivors, and disability programs and the economic security of the aged; evaluate changing economic, demographic, health, and social factors affecting work/retirement decisions and retirement savings; consider the uncertainties that individuals and households face in preparing for and during retirement and the tools available to manage such uncertainties; and measure the changing characteristics and economic circumstances of SSI beneficiaries.”

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**Representative publications:**
Housing Journals (all are indexed by JCR® except Cityscape) listed in descending order of their impact factors.

1) **Journal of Urban Economics**
Editors: Stuart Rosenthal and William Strange
[IF: 1.892; 5YIF: 2.629; II: 0.500; CHL: 9.7; AIS: 1.778]

Description: “The Journal of Urban Economics provides a focal point for the publication of research papers in the rapidly expanding field of urban economics. It publishes papers of great scholarly merit on a wide range of topics and employing a wide range of approaches to urban economics. The Journal welcomes papers that are theoretical or empirical, positive or normative. Although the Journal is not intended to be multidisciplinary, papers by noneconomists are welcome if they are of interest to economists. Brief Notes are also published if they lie within the purview of the Journal and if they contain new information, comment on published work, or new theoretical suggestions.”

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Representative publications:

2) **Real Estate Economics**
Editors: Crocker Liu, N. Edward Coulson & Walter Torous
[IF: 1.020; 5YIF: 1.355; II: 0.160; CHL: 9.0; AIS: 1.002]

Description: “As the official journal of the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, Real Estate Economics is the premier journal on real estate topics. Since 1973, Real Estate Economics has been facilitating communication among academic researchers and industry professionals and improving the analysis of real estate decisions. Articles span a wide range of issues, from tax rules to brokers' commissions to corporate real estate including housing and urban economics, and the financial economics of real estate development and investment.”

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Representative publications:


3) **Housing Studies**
Editor: Alex F. Schwartz
[IF: 0.663; 5YIF: 1.117; II: 0.339; CHL: 7.5; AIS: 0.397]

**Description:** “Housing Studies is the essential international forum for academic debate in the housing field. Since its establishment in 1986, Housing Studies has become the leading housing journal and has played a major role in theoretical and analytical developments within this area of study. Topics include linkages between housing and other areas of social and economic policy; the role of housing in everyday life and in gender, class and age relationships; the economics of housing expenditure and housing finance; international comparisons and developments; issues of sustainability and housing development; demographic and social trends and the changing role of housing tenures; theoretical and conceptual frameworks for housing studies.”

**Author guidelines**

**Representative publications (note this journal publishes many international studies):**

4) **Journal of Housing Economics**
Editors: T. Davidoff, H.O. Pollakowski, and A. Saiz
[IF: 0.556; 5YIF: 0.891; II: 0.273; CHL: 8.8; AIS: 0.506]

**Description:** “The Journal of Housing Economics provides a focal point for the publication of economic research related to housing and encourages papers that bring to bear careful analytical technique on important housing-related questions. The journal covers the broad spectrum of topics and approaches that constitute housing economics, including analysis of important public policy issues. Topics include Housing markets, Public policy, Real estate, Finance, International studies, spatial models, Demographics and mobility, Law and regulation.”

**Author guidelines**

**Representative publications:**
5) **Housing Policy Debate**

Editor: Thomas Sanchez

[IF: 0.480; 5YIF: 1.394; II: 0.115; CHL: >10; AIS: 0.723]

**Description:** “Housing Policy Debate provides a venue for original research on U.S. housing policy. Subjects include affordable housing policy, fair housing policy, land use regulations influencing housing affordability, metropolitan development trends, and linkages among housing policy and energy, environmental, and transportation policy.”

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**Representative publications:**


6) **Cityscape**

[Not indexed by JCR®]

**Description:** “The goal of Cityscape is to bring high-quality original research on housing and community development issues to scholars, government officials, and practitioners. Cityscape is open to all relevant disciplines, including architecture, consumer research, demography, economics, engineering, ethnography, finance, geography, law, planning, political science, public policy, regional science, sociology, statistics, and urban studies. Cityscape is published three times a year by the Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.”

This journal technically follows the Government Printing Office guidelines but in practice standard publishing conventions are sufficient.

**Representative publications:**

See Volume 9, Num. 2 (2007) issue on Low-Income and Minority Homeownership