



Call for Papers

Special Topic of Journal of Forensic Accounting Research

Qualitative Research in Forensic Accounting

The *Journal of Forensic Accounting Research (JFAR)* promotes excellence in the research, teaching, and practice of forensic accounting, with a balance among basic research, practice, and education. In addition, forensic accounting research is to be broadly conceived and not limited to fraud research. The editors invite submissions of original unpublished work for this special topic section.

Forensic accounting is a growing field of accounting with significant opportunities for advancement in all areas of financial and non-financial disclosures. This special topic section of the *JFAR* focuses on qualitative studies of forensic accounting in its international context. The editors welcome rigorous methodological approaches using primary or secondary data sources, including case studies, interview and focus group analysis, meta-analysis, literature review, visual and media analysis, communication analysis and other qualitative methods. Forensic accountants are well-trained to provide accounting, risk assessment, auditing, valuation, expert witness and assurance sustainability-related services. The Special Topic is open to all researchers in this field, and we particularly invite papers from countries outside North America, with this special topic being led by international members of the Editorial Board.

The submitted manuscripts for this Special Topic are expected to address the following or related topics of interest but those listed below are not intended to be exhaustive:

- Professional practice in forensic accounting
- Fraud and Forensic Accounting in the Not for Profit Sector
- Education and Training
- Expert witnessing
- Barriers and enablers in forensic accounting work
- Depictions of forensic accounting in media, including images
- Public understanding of forensic accounting
- Fraud and other investigative work
- Use of AI and other technologies in forensic accounting
- Debates around use of forensic accounting techniques in audit practice
- Role of forensic accountants in risk management
- Cybercrime and cybersecurity issues

Manuscript Idea and Document Mentorship

As part of the manuscript and acceptance process, topic editors offer manuscript mentorship. The mentorship will proceed in multiple phases:

Phase 1 – The Idea Stage: Interested author(s) submit by email a two-page initial proposal to the editor for the special forum, who evaluates the proposal and may request additional updates or preliminary findings. If approved, the special section editor makes a recommendation to the journal co-editors with an outline of the conditions and deliverables. The co-editors then notify the authors to proceed with the paper as outlined.

Phase 2 – The Submission Phase: Author submits the completed paper through the American Accounting Association's Editorial Manager system (<https://www.editorialmanager.com/aaajfar/default2.aspx>). The editors determine if the author(s) have sufficiently completed the paper according to the outline and then send it to peer review, as needed.

Manuscript Submission Information

We will entertain papers using a variety of methodologies that appropriately address the theme of the special topic. Authors may consider previously published research in the *JFAR* as a possible direction for their work. Submitted manuscripts should not have been published previously, nor be under consideration for publication elsewhere (except conference proceedings papers). Each submission for this special topic will go through the normal review process for *JFAR* and should conform to the appropriate style and submission guidelines. Please clearly state in your cover letter or author comments that your submission is for consideration for publication in the Qualitative Research in Forensic Accounting special topic..

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