Style Guidelines for the
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Manuscripts should be submitted in Microsoft Word (PC) ONLY and should not normally exceed 8000 words and should contain an abstract of approximately 150 words.

Times New Roman TEXT 12pt.

Title Heading Century Gothic 14pt BOLD lower case.

Double spacing and margins justified on left and right sides.

Author(s) contact details and acknowledgement (author’s discretion) to be placed at bottom of title page in 10pt.

Please also include, at least, three EconLit Subject Descriptors http://www.aeaweb.org/jel/guide/jel.php on title page with at least three keywords.


No headers or footers to be included.

No double comment marks only single (i.e., ‘economics’ instead of “economics”).
All footnote marks to be placed at the end of the sentence immediately after a full-stop.

Use “per cent” (not percent or %) with text. Use “i.e.,” and “e.g.,”. Use words rather than figures in the body of the paper up to 10 (i.e., ‘one’ instead of ‘1’).

In the text italicize as in “et al.” (Make sure that there is a full stop for al. as it is short for alia). In the text use “et al.” when there are more than three authors and just use the first author followed by the et al. In the reference list the full set of authors must be listed.

Australian English spelling throughout. Use ‘programs’ and not ‘programmes’. Use ‘randomised’ and not ‘randomized’. All references in the reference list shall use the spelling of the original (e.g., if U.S. spelling is used in the original title of an article then it should be used in the reference list).

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James (1989) models the ....

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