

CALL FOR PAPERS

Call for Abstracts: Special Edition on Social Prescribing 2026

The *Pakistan Journal of Social Issues* (PJSI), a multidisciplinary, double-blind peer-reviewed journal published by the University of Gujrat, invites abstract for a forthcoming special edition on social prescribing. This special issue aims to provide a dynamic forum for discourse on social prescribing with potential for application in Pakistan. Emergent and challenging social science research and policy issues, broadly defined under the theme of "Significant Social Issues in Contemporary Pakistan and Beyond."

SCOPE AND THEMES

We welcome original research articles, scoping reviews, rapid reviews, systematic reviews, randomized controlled trials, metaanalysis, meta synthesis, empirical reports, conceptual reviews, opinion pieces, and policy debates from the fields of:

- Social Prescribing in and connected to Pakistan (or the people of Pakistan in any country internationally).
- Social Prescribing and Mental Health in Low-Resource Settings
- Community Health Workers as Link Workers in Social Prescribing
- Social Prescribing for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)
- Cultural Adaptation of Social Prescribing Models
- Youth and Social Prescribing: Education, Employment, and Mental Wellbeing
- Social Prescribing for Older Adults and Social Isolation
- Digital and Mobile Health in Social Prescribing
- Policy, Governance, and Integration into Primary Healthcare
- Gender and Social Prescribing

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submissions should address critical questions of social prescribing, social justice, policy alternatives, and the evolving landscape of social sciences and humanities. Authors are encouraged to reflect on their research experiences and discuss how these contribute to a deeper understanding of social prescribing and social issues for the people of Pakistan (or with Pakistan heritage).

Submission Guidelines

- Abstracts should not exceed 300 words and must clearly state the research question, methodology, key findings, and relevance to the special edition's theme.
- All submissions must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration elsewhere.
- Manuscripts must adhere to the journal's formatting and ethical standards.
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Abstract submission deadline:

September 30, 2025

Notification of acceptance:

October 31, 2025

Full paper submission deadline:

December 31, 2025

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Please submit your abstract electronically in MS-Word format to the editorial office via the PJSI submission portal

[<https://pjsi.uog.edu.pk/>] or email at pjsi@uog.edu.pk

REVIEW PROCESS

All submissions undergo an initial editorial screening for length, clarity, presentation, and scholarly merit. Abstracts and subsequent full manuscripts passing this stage will be sent for double-blind peer review by experts in the relevant fields.

We look forward to your valuable contributions to this special edition, advancing scholarly dialogue on pressing social prescribing and social issues in Pakistan.

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