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**1. INTRODUCTION**

The following guidelines will enable you to properly prepare your accepted manuscript for publication in the ***Journal of Information Systems Education* (JISE)**.

**2. PREPARATION OF MANUSCRIPTS**

**2.1 General Information**

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While every manuscript is different, most manuscripts will have a sub-set of the following sections: Introduction, Literature Review or Prior Research, Research Questions and Hypotheses, Methodology, Results, Discussion, and Conclusions. Do NOT repeat the abstract in your conclusion.

**5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

If you wish to include Acknowledgements, they should appear in their own section immediately before the References.

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