

White Paper Guidelines

Introduction

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- Authors should write clearly and concisely, keeping the intended audience(s) in mind. Generally, the third person should be used.
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 - Before submission, consider having your article reviewed by a peer, another experienced writer, an English professor, or another trusted professional.
- Include references to your sources at the end of the White Paper, using a generally accepted format, e.g., the current edition of the American Psychological Association Publication Manual, or the Chicago Manual of Style, or the like; and
- Authors should describe their own expertise, knowledge, and/or interest in the topic in two or three sentences at the end of the paper
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