

Editorial: Welcoming Innovation, efficiency and Inclusivity in Scientific Publishing

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Cavendish International Journal for Science and Technology (CIJST). It is with immense pride and excitement that we launch this unique platform, designed to redefine the landscape of scientific publishing by embracing innovation, inclusivity, and efficiency.

In today's rapidly evolving scientific environment, timely dissemination of research is crucial. Recognizing this, CIJST is committed to offering an exceptionally short article processing time of just four months! This expedited process by our enthusiastic but highly committed team of reviewers and editors ensures that groundbreaking research reaches the scientific community swiftly, facilitating faster progress and innovation across all fields of science and technology.

CIJST is distinguished by its inclusive approach, welcoming contributions from both seasoned researchers and early career researchers (ECRs). We understand that the future of science depends on nurturing the talents of emerging scientists, and CIJST provides an ideal platform for graduate students to publish their work. Whether publishing independently or in collaboration with their supervisors, young researchers will find in CIJST an encouraging and supportive environment to share their insights and discoveries.

The landscape of academic publishing can often seem daunting for new researchers. Barriers such as lengthy review processes, high rejection rates, and the difficulty of navigating the publishing ecosystem can discourage even the most promising scientists. At CIJST, we aim to break down these barriers. Our streamlined submission and review process, coupled with training sessions that the journal will periodically conduct to develop the aspiring authors, ensures that the voices of early career researchers are heard and valued.

CIJST will be an open-access journal, available for free and accessible online through the Cavendish University Uganda website. This commitment to open access ensures that research published in CIJST reaches a broad and diverse audience, enhancing visibility and readership. By removing financial and access barriers, we aim to democratize scientific knowledge, making it available to researchers, practitioners, and the general public worldwide.

CIJST's commitment to quality and integrity in scientific publishing is reflected in our rigorous peer-review process. We have assembled a diverse and esteemed editorial board comprising experts from various disciplines, ensuring that each submission is evaluated thoroughly and fairly. Our reviewers are dedicated to providing constructive feedback, helping authors refine their work and achieve the highest standards of scientific

excellence. Moreover, the Journal has a unique team of Editorial Board members comprising seasoned authors and academics in diverse field of Science and Technology.

In addition to original research articles, CIJST will be featuring a unique section dedicated to recent topical research published in other leading journals. This section, curated with explicit permission from both the authors and publishers, will highlight significant advancements and trends in science and technology. By presenting these curated pieces, we aim to provide our readers with a comprehensive overview of the latest developments and foster a deeper understanding of emerging research directions.

Our maiden issue showcases a rich array of articles spanning multiple disciplines. From cutting-edge developments in broiler chicken feeding to cancer predisposing factors among chicken and adolescents, memory effects and non-locality of Covid-19, neuro networks, sustainability of mobile money and student class attendance face recognition technology, just to mention a few. We are particularly proud to feature several contributions from early career researchers, whose innovative approaches and fresh perspectives promise to shape the future of their respective fields.

As we embark on this exciting journey, we invite you to join us in our mission to advance science and technology through rapid, inclusive, and high-quality publishing. Whether you are a seasoned researcher or an aspiring scientist, CIJST offers a platform where your work can make a meaningful impact. Above all, it is perhaps the only journal promising to train you and build your capacity in research and publishing. Together, we can push the boundaries of knowledge and contribute to a better, more scientifically informed world.

Thank you for being part of the CIJST community. We look forward to your contributions and to sharing in the collective success of our authors, reviewers, and readers. Welcome to the Cavendish International Journal for Science and Technology – where innovation meets efficiency and inclusivity.

Sincerely,

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