

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### *Journal of Student Affairs in Africa, 2023, JSAA 11(1)*

## Ten Years of Research on Student Affairs in Africa – scholarship, theory, practice and reflection

In 2013, the *Journal of Student Affairs in Africa* launched with the double issue “The professionalization of Student Affairs in Africa”. Three years later *JSAA* became formally accredited by the South African Department of Higher Education and Training as a subsidy-generating journal. Over the last ten years, the Journal has published ten volumes, twenty issues, and over 200 research articles, reflective practice articles, campus reports, and book reviews, which have been cited over 1275 times (as per Google Scholar, October 2022).

To commemorate the Journal’s achievements and the decadal milestone, the Editorial Executive of the *JSAA* calls for papers that take stock of the last ten years of research, scholarship, theory and practice reflection, and publication on Student Affairs in Africa. Through the tenth anniversary we seek papers that will analyse changes in the profession and its professionalization in Africa; and reflect on the emergence of this domain. In essence, we ask the question, where is African Student Affairs in 2023?

Articles for this commemorative anniversary issue of *JSAA* may be theoretical, empirical and case studies, or practice-relevant reflective contributions. They may deal with Student Affairs in Africa or beyond, Student Affairs as a profession in Africa or in a comparative framework, and with any specific aspect related to the profession, professionalization, and professionalism. Contributions may want to engage with the ten-year theme particularly by referring to trends over time, the status quo, or compare developments in different contexts over time. More particularly, we invite articles on the following:

- Critical contributions engaging with the notions of profession, professionalization, and professionalism, their meanings in relation to the practice of Student Affairs, changes thereof, and related processes and developments within Africa
- Explorations of the nexus of Student Affairs theory, policy and practice in the African context
- Explorations of professional trends, professional development and academic programmes and qualifications related to Student Affairs in Africa and beyond
- Critical analyses of the Student Affairs profession in the African context, including critical contributions that employ decolonial, intersectional, and Fallist lenses
- High level reflective practitioner accounts that make a contribution to understanding the profession within the African context

We also welcome papers that specifically deal with *JSAA* per se such as articles that examine the articles published in the *JSAA* over the last ten years and analyse them thematically or in terms of the services and functions they refer to, their scope, theoretical framework, methodology, and so forth, or their authorship, use/citations, and references. The Editors will be able to provide full datasets of the articles to interested researchers.

### *About JSAA*

*JSAA* is an independent, peer-reviewed, multi-disciplinary, open access academic journal that publishes scholarly research and reflective discussions about the theory and practice of Student Affairs in African higher education. *JSAA* is published twice a year by the *JSAA* Editorial Executive in collaboration with the University of Pretoria and African Minds (publisher). The journal is full-text hosted on the website of the University of Pretoria at <https://upjournals.up.ac.za/index.php/jsaa>, as well as co-hosted by AJOL, DOAJ, and ERIC, and indexed in international indices including BASE, InfoBase Index, WorldCat Libraries, Sherpa/Romeo, and Google Scholar. *JSAA* has an IBI Factor of 2.2 (2019).

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### *Submission process and important dates*

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Response from editors/vetting process to authors:	28 February 2023
Submission of revisions 1 from authors:	31 March 2023
Peer review process:	April 2023
Submission of final corrected manuscripts (revisions 2) from authors:	31 May 2023
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