

What is JOE?

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JOE is the acronym for the **Journal of Extension**, the official refereed journal of the Cooperative Extension System, which has been continuously published since 1963. Articles and material published in JOE carry significant weight in promotion and tenure processes at land-grant institutions. The journal is also required reading in many graduate-level courses in Extension education programs.

What's in it for peer reviewers?

- **Being a JOE peer reviewer** is one of the most straight forward opportunities for national service.
- **Being a JOE peer reviewer** is a vehicle to use your extension experience to mentor colleagues.
- **Being a JOE peer reviewer** is an opportunity for national collaboration.

JOE peer reviewers are appointed for 3-year terms (renewable once) and review approximately 6 to 10 submissions per year. They must meet high standards and:

- exhibit breadth and depth of subject-area expertise,
- recognize the difference between quantitative and qualitative research methodologies and value the unique contribution each makes to Extension scholarship,
- have published in JOE and/or other refereed journals or published works of similar rigor (e.g., book chapters, reviewed curricula),
- demonstrate excellent English grammar and writing skills, and
- be active Extension professionals or retired but still active/current in Extension.

JOE peer reviewers are expected to:

- be committed to maintaining and enhancing JOE's level of rigor by helping authors to strengthen their articles,
- complete their reviews in a timely manner, and
- be willing to participate in the review process via an electronic format.

How do I become a JOE Peer Reviewer?

JOE is always ready to admit good reviewers to the JOE Peer Review Committee.

You can apply to become a JOE reviewer by sending the name and e-mail address of a reference who can speak to your ability to serve as a reviewer and a file containing your curriculum vitae to JOE Editorial Committee Chair Robert Ricard (robert.ricard@uconn.edu).

The Editorial Committee Chair appoints a subcommittee, always including the Editor, to select JOE reviewers from among the candidates. They'll make their selections based on the degree to which candidates meet the criteria for reviewers and on balance in terms of subject-matter expertise and geographical representation.