

JRP Call for Extended Abstracts:  
Special Issue on Replication of Critical Findings in Personality Psychology  
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**Important Dates:**

<i>1 July 2015:</i>	Extended abstracts due for proposed papers
<i>15 August 2015:</i>	Authors of selected proposed papers notified
<i>15 March 2016:</i>	Full submissions due for accepted proposals

**Theme:**

The Editors of JRP have taken steps to encourage replication studies of papers published in JRP as part of ongoing changes to editorial policies designed to improve personality science. The goal of this special issue is to extend these efforts by explicitly promoting rigorous replication efforts of important findings in personality research to parallel to similar efforts at other journals. This special issue is intended to represent a concerted effort at large-scale replication of critical findings in personality psychology.

We are open to proposals that summarize replications that have already been conducted, but not yet published, as well as proposals for newly designed replications that could be completed in time for submission. The critical requirements for selection are that: a) the original published findings represent a potentially important contribution to personality science that has not been well replicated; and b) the replication study is well designed and executed such that the results are valuable regardless of the outcome.

**Considerations:**

- All topics in personality science are appropriate including both correlational and experimental research. The original work could have appeared in JRP or elsewhere.
- Direct replications are strongly encouraged but direct replications are not always feasible for many types of studies conducted by personality researchers (e.g., longitudinal research, studies with clinical samples). In these cases, special attention to design differences and operationalization of key variables is critical.
- Pre-registered efforts will be given additional designation in the special issue and adversarial collaborations are especially encouraged. Pre-registration can be coordinated through the Open Science Framework (<https://osf.io>).
- The use of archival data is appropriate for the special issue. However, the editors **MUST** be blind to outcome for the proposal to be considered. This will reduce any bias for or against the reporting of null results. Ideally, authors will be blind to the results of the primary analysis.
- The Editors will carefully evaluate the methodological features of the proposed replication by attending to the nature of the sample(s), research design, statistical power/precision, and measurement reliability and validity.

Submitted abstracts will be evaluated for appropriateness and perceived contribution to the field. Submissions WILL NOT be evaluated based on the outcome of the research. The following criteria will be used to evaluate submissions:

- **Content appropriateness.** Proposals must describe why the topic is of interest to personality researchers.
- **Importance of original work and need for replication.** Proposals must make an explicit case for the value of the proposed replication effort in terms of the importance of the original work and a general lack of high-quality prior replications.
- **Methodological rigor.** Proposals must address issues of power and precision as well as measurement reliability and validity.
- **Approximation to the original.** Proposals must identify relevant discrepancies between the replicating work and the original and consider how any differences may affect the inferences drawn from the new work.
- **Involvement of independent researchers.** Proposed replications should be from independent authors who were uninvolved with the initial study or involve an “adversarial” collaboration whereby new independent investigators work in direct collaboration with the original authors. In all cases, independent researchers are encouraged to contact the original authors regarding the original design and execution.

### **Submission Details:**

Abstracts that report actual results or expected results WILL NOT be considered. Given that selection is blind to outcome, ONLY the following information should be included in the submitted extended abstract:

- Introduction and rationale
- Method (or proposed method) including a clear indication of the total or planned sample size, power, and precision. Significant differences from the original study must be identified and evaluated.
- Detailed analytic plan that specifies the focal variables and analyses. This section should also include a description of how the results of the replication study will be evaluated both in isolation and in the context of prior work.

Extended abstracts should not exceed 2,000 words excluding references. These abstracts can be submitted through the JRP submission portal where there will be a drop-down option for the special issue (<http://ees.elsevier.com/yjrpe/>). Following a review process, authors will be notified whether a full submission is invited. These full submissions must be received by 15 March 2016, to be considered for the special issue. Final submissions will undergo the standard peer review process through JRP. Questions can be directed to Rich Lucas ([lucasri@msu.edu](mailto:lucasri@msu.edu)) or Brent Donnellan ([mbdonnellan@tamu.edu](mailto:mbdonnellan@tamu.edu)).