

ISAA Sidereal Rising Quarterly Journal Submission Guidelines

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I. Introduction

Welcome, and thank you for your interest in contributing to the ISAA Sidereal Rising Quarterly Journal—the official publication of the International Sidereal Astrology Association (ISAA), and the world’s first astrology journal dedicated to sidereal astrology!

Our quarterly journal showcases original articles, research, essays, horoscopes, and creative works related to Sidereal Astrology. We are committed to promoting diverse voices, innovative ideas, and serious exploration within the sidereal traditions.

Sidereal Rising is published four times a year, aligned with the Solstices and Equinoxes. Contributors are welcome to submit articles with a seasonal or astronomical theme that reflects the energy of each quarter if they’d like.

To maintain consistency, clarity, and the highest editorial standards, please review and follow the contributor guidelines outlined herein.

We look forward to sharing your insights with our growing global audience of astrology enthusiasts, students, and practitioners!

II. Publication and Deadlines

Because the journal follows a strict publication schedule and all articles undergo editing and layout before release, it is essential that submissions are completed well in advance.

If you are planning to submit a seasonally relevant article, such as horoscopes, forecasts, or themed essays tied to a particular time of year, we strongly recommend beginning your work early to ensure you meet the submission deadlines outlined below. Late submissions may not be accepted for the intended issue.

The journal issue publication dates and submission deadlines are as follows:

Journal Issue	Publication Date	Submission Deadline
September Equinox—2025	22-Sep-2025	28-Jul-2025
December Solstice—2025	21-Dec-2025	26-Oct-2025
March Equinox—2025	20-Mar-2026	23-Jan-2026

June Solstice—2025	21-Jun-2026	26-Apr-2026
September Equinox—2025	22-Sep-2026	28-Jul-2026
December Solstice—2025	21-Dec-2026	26-Oct-2026

III. Content Requirements

To ensure consistency and a professional appearance across all submissions, contributors are asked to follow the formatting guidelines outlined below. Adhering to a standard format helps streamline the editorial process and ensures that each article fits seamlessly into the final layout of the journal.

Please review the following requirements carefully before submitting your work.

A. Accepted Article Types

Contributors are welcome to submit any of the following types of articles related to **Sidereal Astrology**:

- **Research Articles:** Original studies, observations, or data-driven analysis related to sidereal astrology, astronomical methods, or historical practices.
- **Essays:** Thoughtful explorations of astrological, philosophical, or metaphysical themes, grounded in personal insight or broader cultural context.
- **Opinion Pieces:** Well-reasoned personal perspectives or arguments on astrological techniques, ethics, emerging trends, or community issues.
- **Horoscopes:** Seasonal, monthly, or event-based horoscopes using sidereal placements, with clear delineations for readers. **We may already have horoscope contributors, so please check with us first before you start writing!**
- **Case Studies:** Detailed examinations of individual charts, events, or patterns demonstrating sidereal principles in action.
- **Instructional Articles:** Educational content such as "how-to" guides, step-by-step techniques, or tutorials for both beginners and advanced practitioners.
- **Historical Reviews:** Analysis of historical texts, figures, or traditions that have influenced the development of sidereal astrology.
- **Creative Works:** Poetry, visual art, fiction, meditations, or other creative expressions inspired by sidereal astrology.
- **Esoteric and Spiritual Submissions:** Explorations of the mystical, symbolic, and metaphysical dimensions of astrology, ritual work, or spiritual traditions connected to the sidereal framework.

B. Originality and Use of AI Tools

All submissions must be the author's original work and must not have been generated, in whole or in part, by artificial intelligence (AI) tools or language models (e.g., ChatGPT, Bard, etc.). Submissions found to include AI-generated content or plagiarized material will be automatically rejected. The editorial board reserves the right to screen all manuscripts using software that detects both plagiarism and AI-generated content.

C. Text, Font, Formatting, & Length

Articles should be written in **Times New Roman, 12-point, double-spaced**.

All articles must be **between 1,000 and 3,000 words**. If you would like to submit a longer article, please contact the editorial team in advance to request approval. Longer pieces may be considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on available space and relevance to the issue's theme.

D. Quotations and Citations

Citations should be in APA (American Psychological Association) Style.

Example 1—Book Citation:

- In-text citation: (Smith, 2021, p. 112)
- Reference list entry: Smith, A. (2021). *The Foundations of Sidereal Astrology: A Comprehensive Guide*. Celestial Insights Publishing.

Example 2—Website Citation:

- In-text citation: (International Astronomical Union, n.d.)
 - (*n.d.* = "no date" if no publication year is listed)
- Reference list entry: International Astronomical Union. (n.d.). *The constellations*. Retrieved April 28, 2025, from <https://www.iau.org/public/themes/constellations/>

When to Cite Sources

Citations are required when you:

- Quote someone directly.
- Summarize or paraphrase someone else's ideas, research, or work.
- Refer to specific historical facts, data, or research findings that are not common knowledge outside of the field.
- Reproduce or adapt charts, figures, tables, or artwork originally created by someone else.
- Use or discuss translations, ancient texts, or manuscripts produced by specific scholars.

When to Cite and Credit Images

You must provide a citation and credit if you:

- Use a photo, diagram, chart, or figure created by someone else.
- Modify an existing image (even if edited, cropped, or altered).
- Reproduce historical images, even from public domain sources.

Image Citation Basics

- In the article's reference list: cite the original source (book, website, archive, etc.).
- On or under the image itself: include a short credit line.

Example 1—Reference List Entry (APA Style):

- Smith, A. (2020). *Astrology symbols and meanings*. Cosmic Press.
- Smith (2020), *Astrology Symbols and Meanings*.

Example 2—Website

- NASA. (n.d.). *Hubble's view of the Horsehead Nebula*. Retrieved April 28, 2025, from <https://www.nasa.gov>
- Image credit: NASA (n.d.)

Example 4—Public Domain and Open License Images

- Image credit: Wikimedia Commons (Public Domain).

IV. Submission Process and Editorial Review

A. Submission

All articles must be submitted in **Word documents** (.docx) format to submissions@siderealinternational.org with the **subject line: Journal Submission**.

Please include the **Journal Edition** you're submitting for (e.g., "June Solstice 2025 Issue"). Please let us know if the article is time-sensitive or seasonal.

Contributors will receive a notification of acceptance, revision requests, or (rarely) non-acceptance within approximately four weeks of submission.

Include with Your Submission

Include the following with your submission:

- **Title** (and subtitles, if applicable)
 - Titles may be adjusted or rewritten by the editorial team
- **Author Name** (minimum first and last—pen names are acceptable)
 - Do not use social media handles or usernames
- **Short Biography** (75-100 words, written in the 3rd person (e.g., Ashley Smith is the founder of....))
- **Contact Information** (email and/or website)

B. Editorial Review

All submissions undergo an editorial review process which includes:

- Checking for alignment with journal themes and standards
- Editing for grammar, clarity, and consistency
- Fact-checking where necessary
- Verifying proper citations and permissions for all quoted materials, images, and data

If substantive changes are recommended, the editorial team will contact you to collaborate on revisions. Minor edits for clarity, grammar, or house style may be made without prior approval.

V. Author Agreement

By submitting an article to the ISAA Sidereal Rising Quarterly Journal, you confirm that the work you are submitting is your original creation and does not infringe on the copyright, trademark, or intellectual property rights of any other party. You affirm that you have properly cited all sources, quotations, and images used within your article, and that you have secured permission for any third-party material not covered under public domain or open licenses.

Upon acceptance for publication, you agree to grant the International Sidereal Astrology Association (ISAA) full ownership of the submitted work, including all rights to publish, distribute, archive, and use the material in print and digital formats. You acknowledge that your work may be edited for style, formatting, or clarity, with substantive changes discussed collaboratively if necessary. Once published, the article may not be republished elsewhere without prior written consent from ISAA.

VI. Submission Checklist

Before submitting your article, please ensure you have included and done the following:

- ✓ **Article** in Word document format (.docx), double-spaced, Times New Roman 12-point font.
- ✓ **Title** (and any requested subtitles).
- ✓ **Author Name** (pen names acceptable; no social media handles or usernames).
- ✓ **Short Biography** (75–100 words, written in the third person).
- ✓ **Contact Information** (email address and/or website).
- ✓ **Reference List** in APA style for all cited sources and images, if applicable.
- ✓ **Image Credits** clearly noted for any third-party images used.
- ✓ **Read** the Author Agreement

Please send your completed submission to submissions@siderealinternational.org with the subject line: **Journal Submission**. Be sure to indicate the Journal Edition you are submitting for (e.g., "June Solstice 2025 Issue").

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