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- **Applied Linguistics**
- **Literary Studies**
- **Translation Studies**

Manuscript Preparation

Feature articles include theoretical analyses and reports of original research. All the articles should connect theory, research, and practice. Submissions are evaluated along the following criteria:

- Relevance and importance to *RALS* readers
- Adequacy of conceptual framework
- Appropriateness and competence of method
- Reasonableness of interpretations and conclusions
- Links between theory, research, or policy and practice
- Clarity of organization and vigor of style
- Originality of contribution

A manuscript must follow the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA)*, fifth edition. It should be about 2,500 to 7,000 words in length, including references and an abstract of 100 to 150 words. Manuscripts should not have been submitted to another journal or published elsewhere.

Writing Style

RALS follows the writing style recommendations of chapters 2 and 3 in the *APA Manual*, fifth edition. Manuscripts should be written for clarity so that implications are comprehensible to practitioners as well as to researchers.

Manuscript Submission

Two copies of the manuscript should be submitted as file attachments to an e-mail message. One copy should include the cover page and author information, and one copy (for review) should have no cover page or author information. If the reviewer functions have been used in manuscript preparation, all tracked changes should be accepted before the file is submitted electronically.

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Inquiries and submissions should be directed to the Editor in Chief of RALS: rals@scu.ac.ir

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Accepted manuscripts should comply with the following formatting for publication:

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- Margins on all sides: 2.5 cm
- Font type: Times New Roman
- Font size: 10 pt.
- Line spacing: 1.15 (Multiple)
- Space before paragraph: 0 pt.
- Space after paragraph: 6 pt.
- First line indentation for all paragraphs: 1.27 cm

Paragraph headings should be numbered and made bold.