AIMS AND SCOPE

Craft Research is the first peer-reviewed academic journal dedicated to the development and advance of contemporary craft practice and theory through research. The aim of Craft Research is to elucidate craft as a vital contemporary discipline that offers a creative vision for the future, contributing to the sustainable development of cultural, social, economic and ecological issues. The role of craft is rooted in its flexible nature as a conduit from art at one end to design at the other. It gains its strength from its often experimental and developmental nature, which enables craft to explore and challenge technology, to question and develop cultural and social practices, and to interrogate philosophical and human values.

Craft Research aims actively to promote and strengthen the future-oriented role of craft. In order to do so, it recognizes inter- and cross-disciplinary practices, and it encourages diverse approaches to research arising from practice, theory and philosophy. The journal aims to build and communicate this future vision by bringing together the most advanced thinking in and about contemporary craft and applied arts worldwide. It welcomes contributions from new and established researchers, scholars, and professionals around the world who wish to make a contribution to advancing craft. Contributions may include research into materials, technology, processes, methods, concepts, aesthetics, philosophy and education in any discipline area of craft and applied arts.

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Journal Style

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