# CALL FOR PAPERS

## Special issue of *Psychological Reports* on Guns and Gun Violence

### Call for Papers: Guns and Gun Violence

The use and ownership of guns is a hotly debated topic worldwide. With increasing rates of gun violence, it has become a pressing issue that requires interdisciplinary attention. This call for papers invites submissions that explore guns and gun violence from various angles including, but not limited to, the following topics:

* The historical and cultural significance of guns and gun ownership
* The legal and policy frameworks surrounding guns and gun violence
* The psychological and sociological impacts of gun ownership and gun violence
* The relationship between guns and crime, including homicides, suicides, and mass shootings
* The role of media and popular culture in shaping attitudes towards guns and gun violence
* The impact of gun violence on public health, including mental health
* The impact of gun violence on marginalized communities, including women, children, and people of color
* The role of technology in gun manufacturing and distribution, including 3D printing

We welcome papers that utilize a range of methodologies, including quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research. Papers may also be theoretical in nature or may report on practical interventions aimed at reducing gun violence.

Authors are encouraged to submit original research, review articles, and commentaries. All papers will undergo a rigorous peer-review process. Accepted papers will be published in a special issue of *Psychological Reports*.

### Submission Guidelines:

Please follow the submission guidelines for *Psychological Reports* as detailed under "Instructions to Authors" on the SAGE Website (<https://journals.sagepub.com/author-instructions/PRX>). Submissions should include a cover letter indicating that it is for the special issue on Guns and Gun Violence, as well as a brief abstract of the paper. The paper should be prepared according to the author guidelines of the journal.

### Important Dates:

* Deadline for submission – October 31, 2023
* Notification of acceptance – December 15
* Reviews and revisions – October 31-December 10
* Deadline for final revised papers in Sage Track - January 20
* Deadline for papers exported to SMART – this will be the deadline when Production can start importing articles into SMART - February 1, 2024
* Publication – about 3 months from production deadline

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We look forward to your contributions to this important and timely issue.