

## Guidelines for Submission

1. Describe and reflect on classroom methods and activities (use articles in the NSTA journals *College Science Teaching*, *The Science Teacher*, *Science Scope*, and *Science and Children* as models for these articles). We are looking for the lesson and, in addition, background information, a rationale, connections to the curriculum, correlations to *Virginia Standards of Learning* and the *National Science Education Standards*, and education research that supports the approach.
2. Examine current issues in science education.
3. Describe original research related to science education (e.g., classroom-based research, university-based research).
4. Describe a science education project going on in Virginia of interest to other science educators in the state.
5. Address the theme of the issue.

Manuscripts are accepted in four formats: articles (full length), notes (limited to two printed pages), letters to the editor for comments on previously published articles, and book reviews on topics of interest to science educators.

Papers are sought that have the potential to strengthen science education at all levels. Your paper(s) should be original, clearly written and organized logically. It must not have been submitted or be in submission for any other publication. Be sure to give credit to others for ideas you've used in APA (5th edition) format. A good APA reference can be found at: [owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/). Any illustrations must be copyright free. Manuscript length can vary but should include an abstract. Submit your document as a Word© or text document.

On the title page provide each author's name, current position, mailing address, e-mail address, home and work telephone numbers and fax number. Cite only direct sources, and use the author date reference style (e.g., Smith, 1996) in the text. Bibliographies and resource lists should be alphabetized and limited to current, readily available items. Check the accuracy of your items carefully. When in doubt, use NSTA journals for reference.

Photographic images can be in color or black and white, and should be submitted electronically in jpg or gif format. If submitting as a text document, attach images separately. Students in lab must be shown following appropriate safety guidelines and wearing proper safety attire, including splash-proof goggles. Their faces can be visible, but they should not look directly at the camera. If the image is used, a signed release form will be required of each student pictured.