



## Writing an article proposal for FMR

Thank you for your interest in writing for Forced Migration Review!

Before you start writing your article, please fill in the 'Call for proposals form' linked to in the relevant call for articles in order to provide details of what you plan to write about in your full article. We know that authors put significant time and effort into writing their articles so we let you know at this initial stage if we think an article on the topic merits being reviewed in full. If we accept your proposal, we may offer feedback to help you shape your article for FMR.

### Step 1: Planning your proposal

Before writing your proposal, we ask you to:

- read the call for articles carefully all the way through (including the final sections)
- consider what aspect/s you have the knowledge and experience to write about in some depth\* and how you will make it useful for our global readership (which includes students, researchers, practitioners, and people with lived experience of displacement)
- ensure that your article is suitable for FMR's audience and purpose
  - FMR is a magazine rather than an academic journal, and aims to publish short, accessible articles oriented towards policy and practice
  - we welcome articles on any aspect of contemporary forced migration – that is, relating to refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), asylum seekers and stateless people
- take note of the deadlines given in the call for articles: for the proposals and the full article submissions
- consider how you will structure your article to provide an introduction, analysis of issues and challenges, discussion of good/poor practice, and presentation of conclusions and recommendations, etc.

*\*It is important that you have considerable prior knowledge or experience of the topic you are proposing to write about. Sometimes authors offer to start researching a topic in order to develop an article for us but it is very unlikely that we would publish this kind of piece*

### Step 2: Writing your email with your article proposal

Please complete the 'Call for proposals form' linked to in the relevant call for articles in

order to provide details of what you propose to write about in your full article.

This form includes details about you and any co-authors, and asks you to outline the structure and main points of your article in a maximum of 250-300 words.

Please **do not** do the following:

- email us with your article proposal
- send us your CV
- send us other articles you have written or links to publications/your thesis
- send us any images

### **Step 3: What happens next**

After we have received your proposal, we will respond by the date given on the call for articles to let you know whether your proposed article is likely to be of interest. If we encourage you to submit a full article, we may also advise you on any ways to improve its suitability and relevance.

If you are invited to submit a full article, please refer to our ['Writing an article for FMR'](#) document for guidance.

We look forward to receiving your proposal.

FMR Editors