



The Observatory on Borderless Higher Education: Call for Authors

The Observatory's primary purpose is to provide strategic information to enable policymakers and institutional-organisational leaders to make informed decisions relevant to their existing and future cross-border higher education initiatives.

In addition to producing our own original in-house research, The Observatory commissions external experts from around the world to author reports with specific national, regional and/or international perspectives.

Contribute to The Observatory: Submit a Research Proposal

The Observatory's research agenda focuses on strategic topics that have current or future relevance to transnational higher education. Our Editorial Review Board is particularly interested in receiving proposals for reports addressing the following:

- **quality assurance and regulatory models** at the institutional, regional, and/or international level assessing the effectiveness, efficiencies and academic integrity of transnational higher education programmes;
- **international branch campuses** hosting transnational higher education programmes, particularly their administrative and organisational strategies for planning, design, implementation, management and assessment;
- **distance education and e-learning** best practices and/or delivery models for providing transnational higher education;
- **emerging trends in higher education technology** and their potential to influence borderless educational provision;
- **political, cultural, social and economic perspectives** on the delivery of transnational higher education (e.g., perspectives by host country ministries of education, institutional providers, quality control agencies, economic development agencies, etc.);
- **contractual and financial models** for the delivery of transnational higher education, particularly in regards to private-public partnerships;
- **transnational higher education's cultural and ethical roles** in facilitating the creation of sustainable host country higher education systems and infrastructures;
- **emerging markets**, particularly outside the English-speaking world and in developing countries;
- **student perspectives** from those participating in transnational higher education programmes; and
- **new providers** in transnational higher education from the private and for-profit sectors.

Guidelines for the Submission of Report Proposals

Many of the research reports we publish are solicited by our Editorial Review Board or our Advisory Board, but we welcome unsolicited proposals, which we review quarterly. Deadlines for unsolicited proposal submissions are: **1 February, 1 May, 1 August** and **1 November**. Authors can expect a response within four weeks of these dates.

In general, the reports we publish are **maximum 25 pages** (single-spaced), including all charts, graphs, footnotes, appendices and research sources. We retain all copyright ownership pertaining to the report, but authors may use portions in their own work with prior permission. We pay a maximum of £750 per report at the time of its publication.

Submitting the Initial Proposal

At the initial proposal stage, authors should send:

- **an abstract** of 1,200-1,500 words (maximum) outlining the topic, its relevance to transnational higher education and the report's general approach; and
- **a curriculum vitae** of 2-3 pages (maximum) for each author with name, organisation, title, address, telephone, fax, and email address.

Proposals should be submitted to:

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Timeline for Accepted Proposals

If we accept the proposal, our Editorial Review Board will provide specific editorial, formatting and referencing guidelines as well as a contract for each author to sign. An initial draft of the report should be submitted within 60 days (two months) from acceptance of the proposal and will be returned with editorial suggestions and comments within 30 days (one month). The submission deadline for the final draft of the report is normally 60 days (two months) after the editorial suggestions have been sent.