Call for Papers

Digital Innovation in Inclusive Education (DISIE)

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ABOUT THE INAUGURAL ISSUE

DISIE invites contributions for the inaugural issue of this new peer-reviewed open-access journal. The journal publishes empirical, theoretical, and methodological work on the role of digital technologies in special education and inclusive learning settings.

The journal focuses on research questions with concrete applied relevance: How do digital tools change instruction, assessment, intervention, and participation? Which technologies genuinely support learners with disabilities or with special educational needs, and which do not? Which digital solutions fail in everyday school practice, and why? Contributions from special and rehabilitation education, educational research, educational technology, human-computer interaction, and accessibility research are equally welcome, as are international and comparative perspectives.

KEY FACTS

Inaugural issue	Publication late December 2026 / early 2027
Submissions open	from 01 June 2026
Submission deadline	01 September 2026
Languages	English (primary), German (secondary)
Peer review	Double-anonymous, two independent reviewers
Licence	Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 (CC BY 4.0)
Citation style	APA 7
APC	€380 upon acceptance; waivers available
Submission	https://www.disie.online

THEMATIC FOCUS AREAS

We particularly welcome contributions on the following topics:

- Digital support and communication systems (AAC, assistive technologies)
- AI-supported assessment and learning support
- Digital interventions in special educational support
- Learning platforms, digital learning environments, and accessibility
- Digital progress data, progress monitoring, and curriculum-based measurement
- Replications of classic intervention studies with digital components
- Null and negative findings as well as non-confirmatory results
- Ethical, data-protection, and infrastructural questions of digital education

ARTICLE FORMATS

Empirical research

Quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods studies. We expect transparent methodology, reproducible analyses, information on research ethics, and a data availability statement.
Length: 35,000 to 55,000 characters including references.

Theoretical contributions

Conceptual or theory-developing work with an independent analytical contribution.
Length: 30,000 to 50,000 characters.

Systematic reviews and meta-analyses

PRISMA 2020 compliant reporting is required; for meta-analyses we expect preregistration and open analysis scripts.
Length: approximately 50,000 characters of running text (excluding tables and references).

Viewpoints and short articles

Pilot studies, methodological commentaries, replications, practice reports with a research orientation, and null and negative findings.
Length: 18,000 to 28,000 characters.

EDITORIAL STANDARDS

All submissions undergo double-anonymous peer review by two independent reviewers. DISIE follows the Code of Conduct of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). Manuscripts must be submitted fully anonymised.

AI policy

The general use of AI tools during manuscript preparation is permitted, provided that the model, version, and exact area of use are transparently disclosed. Responsibility for content, originality, and scientific integrity lies entirely with the authors. Manuscripts that are purely AI-generated without substantial authorial contribution will not be accepted.

COSTS AND WAIVERS

Submission and peer review are free of charge. The Article Processing Charge (APC) upon acceptance is €380. Automatic waivers apply to:

- Authors from Research4Life countries
- Preregistered replications and Registered Reports
- Null and negative findings
- Doctoral candidates without third-party funding

Additional waivers can be considered upon brief, informal request.

SUBMISSION

Please prepare your manuscript with the DISIE Word template. It ships every paragraph style the DISIE review software expects, so the format check runs cleanly. After registering on review.disie.online, upload the finished DOCX and step through the guided check of formatting, manuscript structure, and metadata; concrete suggestions appear whenever something needs fixing. You can follow the status in your author dashboard at any time, and a confirmation lands in your inbox.

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Detailed author guidelines and the submission portal will be available on the website no later than 01 June 2026.