Business and Industrial History: Aims, Scope and Submission Requirements

Aims and Scope

This journal accepts submissions in two broad forms: these are 'notes or perspectives', short pieces which may summarise a recent development or discuss an archival collection, and traditional academic research-based articles. Notes and perspective pieces should be a maximum of 3,000 words including references, while articles will be in the range of 6-8,000 words including references. For anything substantially over 8,000 words, we suggest contacting the editorial board *before* submission.

This journal is primarily for historians and archive professionals, and thus *requires* its pieces to be steeped in archival research. In other words, any piece of research should discuss the nature of, or heavily use, historical archival holdings. These need not be physical – digital archive use is encouraged – but we expect an engagement with history via primarily qualitative methods, and thus will **not** accept pieces that use **only** quantitative data gleaned from published material. While we recognise not all potential authors will be working in history departments or as professional archivists, we wish to stress that this is not an economics or management science journal. Thus, while some blend of quantitative and qualitative methods and sources may be permissible, again we strongly suggest discussing your piece with the editors prior to submission if you feel it does not fall neatly into the categories above.

This journal accepts all pieces which pertain to or discuss the history or archives of industries, businesses or sectors in any geographic or time period, so long as such pieces meet the outlines above. We accept that recent periods, including the global financial crisis of 2008, are commonly treated as history, and as such would accept pieces on this nature – though again we stress the need for the usage of archive-based research, which typically preclude research that is exclusively on very recent issues. Thus, while a narrative that runs until the 2010s or later is potentially acceptable, there

should be significant space and effort afforded to a study which utilises archival holdings and thus is likely to begin in earlier periods. As always, however, the editors are happy to field discussions on prospective submissions where the boundaries between history and contemporary studies are blurred.

Submission Requirements

Submissions should be prepared double-spaced in Times New Roman typeface, with the font sized at 12, and left justified. A single space should follow full-stops within paragraphs. Paragraphs of text should be separated by an extra space rather than indented. Sub-sections and sub-headings are permitted, but these should be titled (e.g. 'From Poverty to Progress, 1960-80') and **not** numbered (e.g. 'Section 1.1.2: 1960-80').

This journal uses British English throughout, and the Oxford OSCOLA referencing style. OSCOLA, commonly used in law papers, is a variation of the Oxford which style uses in-text footnotes with a reference list at the end of the document. It is our view that this is the best way to reference when using archival sources.

For more specific information on style, please see our website, which also gives more concrete examples of the style for footnotes and bibliographic references.